

Regular Meeting

Town of Cooleemee

February 20, 2023

6:00 pm

Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Jessica Almond, Commissioners: Almond, Taylor, Reavis

Town Clerk Aaron Thies, Attorney Wendy Terry.

Mayor Jessica Almond called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Commissioner Reavis

Pledge to the US Flag led by The Mayor

Visitors were welcomed.

Motion to enter close session at 6:03 by Commissioner Almond Second by Commissioner Reavis 3-0

Motion to enter open session at 6:13 by Commissioner Reavis and second by Commissioner Taylor 3-0

Motion to add public comments as 6A and Zoning under old business as 8A by Commissioner Reavis and second by Commissioner Almond 3-0

Motion to approve agenda and financial report by Commissioner Taylor Second by Commissioner Reavis 3-0

Public Comment

KC Smith asked whatever happen to the remodel of the cookshack that was voted on while she was a commissioner. She claimed that money was set aside for to update the shack with new windows and place ac units in the window to cool the building down as well as fix up the outside.

Sue Steel Correll started off with the cookshack should be last thing anyone worry about that the Zachary House need more attention than the little building. She then stated that the town board is doing a wonderful job and that more people needed to get behind the board and support them.

Josh Ijames gave an updated on the property on 801. He is talking with other business owners in other areas to get a plan together to get something started on the property. Plan is still to have the business on the bottom with apartments over the business.

Updates

Officer Crotts gave a update on hours for the month of January and up to February 17th. For January 490 hours and 39 minutes and for February already had 324 hours and 49 minutes. He also added if anyone needed anything feel free to reach out and be help where needed.

Aaron gave a quick update on town hall items. Parks and Rec grant was submitted for \$24,000.00 to cover cost of 3 new items to bring park up to date. State funding for has been submitted under H118 to receive funds for a community center where the pool is located. New signs with the rules for the park

are here and ready to go up. Police department is roughly 65% cleaned out. The town is down a seat on the river park board and they board is asking who the town is going to place in the spot.

Mayor Almond asked if everyone wanted to do like the other spots and post for two weeks and pick form applications. Everyone was good with that.

Old Business

Aaron gave everyone a copy of the dimensional standards from the zoning book. He stated that the RS line is the line in refence to on the lot split if the Joyner/Marginal lot for Mr. Ijames request. Attorney Terry suggested that the matter be table and she would do some research at the courthouse on the property deed.

Motion to table zoning request for Terry to review deed made by Commissioner Reavis seconded by Commissioner Almond 3-0

New business

Mayor Almond present Chris Fleming and Jeff Smith for the open commissioner seat to serve out the remaining term as they were the only two turn in applications.

Commissioner Reavis made a motion for Jeff Smith.

Commissioner Almond made a motion for Chris Fleming

Commissioner Taylor second motion for Chris Fleming 2-1 (Reavis against)

Mayor Almond open and read allowed all bids for the three cop cars. 2013 V6 went to Sam Baily for \$3,300 with the 2013 and 2016 V8s going to Ted Smith for total of \$11,500.00. Mayor Almond said they had till end of day Thursday 2/23 to pay be for going to next high bid. Commissioner Reavis look over all bids as a second set of eye asked by Attorney Terry. Aaron stepped out to call the winners.

Aaron presented to the board the Southern Software's software support agreement for 23/24. He stated that it was same as last year and nothing has changed from the last agreement.

Motion to approve Southern Software's software support agreement made by Commissioner Almond seconded by Commissioner Reavis 3-0

Mayor Almond handed everyone a packet with all new submitted mowing bids. Six bids were submitted with one being removed from the start due to not turning in all required documents.

Motion by Commissioner Reavis to take out Advance Property Solutions due to owner not having license in his name. – Motion failed

Motion by Commissioner Reavis to award mowing contact to O'Neal's Lawncare. – motion failed

Motion by Commissioner Almond to accept the lowest bid of Advance Property Solutions. – Motion failed

Commissioner Taylor asked for clarification on the two for better understanding.

Motion by Commissioner Reavis to award mowing contact to O'Neal's Lawncare. – motion failed

Motion by Commissioner Reavis to disqualify Advance Property Solutions. – motion failed

Motion by Commissioner Almond to go with Advance Property Solutions as the lowest bid for the mowing contract. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor 2-1 (Reavis against)

Commissioner Reavis slams paper and made motion to adjourn meeting and no second was received.

Commissioner Taylor wanted to clear her mind in board comment that if someone had a issue or question anything they heard that someone has said she said to reach out to her. She stated that she did not like all this he said she said going round.

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 by Commissioner Almond Second by Commissioner Taylor 3-0

1-hour 32minutes Meeting Time

Mayor, Jessica Almond

Clerk, Aaron Thies