

Regular Meeting

Town of Cooleemee

March 20, 2023

6:00 pm

Minutes

In attendance were Commissioners: Almond, Taylor, Reavis
Town Clerk Aaron Thies, Attorney Wendy Terry. Mayor Jessica Almond absent

Mayor Pro Term Reavis called the meeting to order

Invocation: Commissioner Reavis

Pledge to the US Flag led by The Mayor

Visitors were welcomed.

Magistrate swore Christopher Fleming in as the new town commissioner.

Aaron stated that a motion would be needed to the attorney part of the close session in the form of removal.

Commissioner Almond made the motion to remove the line item under close session. Second by Commissioner Taylor. 3-0

Motion to adopt agenda and consent agenda of the financial report and Feb 20th meeting by Commissioner Almond Second by Commissioner Taylor Favor 3-0

Motion to enter close session was made by Commissioner Almond at 6:08 pm, Second by Commissioner Taylor 3-0

Motion to return to the regular meeting by Commissioner Almond, Second by Commissioner Taylor.

Public Comment

Jonathan Vizard voice is concerned about the code enforcement of some of the properties around his home. Feels like it's a lot for Aaron to handle with it just being him running everything for the town.

Sue Correll spoke on the concern that the historical association is not holding up the full contract agreement to keep the Zachary House up. She presented the board with photos of issues to the building circled.

Tronia Gibson and Teresa Bivins both came to speak for Joey Shore for River Park Board appointment.

Updates

Aaron gave a quick update on town hall. Senior games opening being 3/21 with leading of the pledge. Groundbreaking of the new water plant is at 2:00 pm on 3/21.

Town Easter is 4/8 starting at 10:00 am.

SAM.gov is inactive and has been since 2018 working on getting it back active and the ARPA report is to start in April.

Aaron also states that code enforcement was going to return to normal weekly runs.

Officer Crotts updated the hours in the town for February with 482 hours and for March already 268 hours with 92 calls. He said if anyone needed anything to let him know if no one has any questions.

Old Business

Aaron informed the board that he received a call from Davie Parks and Rec that we were not going to be receiving the full \$24,000 that was requested on the next grant 23/24 year. We would be only getting \$13,000 and they were only giving the funds for two of the three items that were picked for the grant. He also stated that even with the \$13,000 the town would have to pick up the offset cost but ARPA fund would be able to use just like with this past grant year. With the full amount not being received the arch climber was not an item they picked to give the grant funding to. Aaron said that the board can vote to go ahead and purchase the arch climber with the fund from ARPA outright and get it ordered and on its way to updating the park. Commissioner Fleming made the motion to go forward with the order of the arch climber, seconded by Commissioner Taylor 3-0

New business

Mayor Pro Term Reavis said that we had discussed the applications for the river park board in close session at the start of the meeting. He asked the board to make a motion to select either Jonathan Vizard or Joey Shore to fill the town's open spot on the board.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor for Joey Shore to fill the town's open spot, Second was made by Commissioner Fleming.

Aaron stated that it was simpler to place grounds and then list the items needed to talk about. The first item is getting new tables needed for the shelter and benches needed for the park. The current tables at the shelter are having to be stored in the cook shack now due to some being destroyed or broken. Getting tables inside the park will allow the tables to stay out fully. At the same time, another bench or two for the park will help with seating. The long bench has been moved to the back of the bathrooms due to kids dragging it all over the park. All board members like the idea of getting new tables and adding benches. MPT Reavis asked if ARPA funds could be used. Aaron said he would investigate it.

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to table the item to find out about funding, Second by Commissioner Fleming 3-0

The second item Aaron said is the horseshoe pits need sand. The senior games are hosted here for the event first of May and there is no hope of making the sand last any longer. The question for the board Aaron asked is what they felt was the best plan of action, purchase from Lowes or if someone knows a different option. MPT Reavis suggested reaching out to Shoafs in Mocksville about just getting a load that way which could be cheaper.

Lastly is pressure washing shelters. A quote has been submitted for \$350.00 which is also anchoring the tables down and supplying all the materials needed to do so. All board members said that they needed it. MPT Reavis said we should check around and see if we get some other quotes.

Aaron presented the first run down of the 23/24 budget. The revenues right now Aaron said look to be around \$422,325.00 but could change before final approval in June. Aaron then gave a rundown of numbers for both revenues and expenditures for the next budget year. Aaron said if no one had questions now to look over and we could revisit it at the next meeting in April.

Motion to adjoin by Commissioner Almond Second by Commissioner Fleming 3-0

1 hour 22 minutes

Mayor, Jessica Almond

Clerk, Aaron Thies