

## **Regular Meeting**

Town of Cooleemee

April 17, 2023

6:00 pm

### Minutes

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

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 was made by Commissioner Almond to remove line c under updates, Second by Commissioner Reavis.

Motion to add close session under new business 10c made commissioner Reavis, Second by Commissioner Almond

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

Aaron gave a quick run down of town hall business. The sand was donated by Shoafs for the horseshoe pits just in time for senior games on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Received email from state saying that never received the audit but after getting in touch with the state they did have the audit. In the process of getting the insurance renewal started and finished soon as possible to update budget line items dealing with insurance. ARP funding reporting is taking longer this year since we have spent some of the funding. Last year it was simple with the town hasn't using any funding, but this year we have. At end march a glitch in the back up caused the system to delete all data back to the end of November. Everything had to be reentered into the system and still in the process of getting everything completed. Lastly at the meeting with the county and other towns, a new bill is in the NC Congress that would override any local building setbacks. If it makes it was to law, then someone could come in and place a house on top of another one and not have to follow any local governments setbacks.

Three permit violations have been sent out alone with 55 code at this time. Also been reviewing a new business plan making sure they are meeting the setbacks.

Sgt. Crotts reported that for the month of March there was a total of 533.29 Hours with 96 reports in the city limits. Also stated that the radar trailer was set up on Center St and gave great details to when the speeders are going up and down the road.

Old Business

Aaron updated the board on the finding of the tables and if ARP funds could be used. Aaron stated that nowhere in the ruling does it allow the funds to be used for purchase of tables and benches. However, we do have funds set aside in the contingency pot that can be used to cover the cost of the purchase. Six 6ft tables are best fit for the shelter.

The motion was made if Powell Bill will cover the cost of repairs to park entrance to then move money from contingency to cover the cost of tables by Commissioner Reavis Second by Commissioner Almond4-0

Aaron asked if anyone had any changes they seen needed to be done to the budget. Aaron stated that he is still looking into the revenue amounts to see if anything is going to change.

Commissioner Almond said he took on the task of getting quotes to see what it would cost to replace the windows. Aaron said he met with two companies, and one would not quote the project saying they knew it would be close to \$200,000 with number of windows. The second one gave two options of going with out gids or going back with gids with about \$6,000 cost difference. Mayor Almond said they spent almost two hours with Yost measuring every window in the building. They quoted two different ways with one going back with windows like in the building now or switch out and combining windows into sliders to save some cost. They also gave a quote to placing vinyl siding in on the areas where the paint needs painting already.

Board moved to table and see what funding Aaron could find and have a talk with the historical association on the matter.

Aaron stated the audit contract was ready to be signed. Same amount as last year in the amount of \$6,800.00.

Motion to approve Commissioner Fleming Second by Commissioner Taylor 4-0

Motion for close session at 6:48 by Commissioner Reavis Second by Commissioner Fleming 4-0

Motion for open session at 7:23 by Commissioner Taylor Second by Commissioner Almond 4-0

Commissioner Reavis discuss the need to fix Yadkin st where the road was falling about due to the trash truck running off the road. Said the NCDOT can fix the end of Yadkin st. and Cross st. and the area at Erwin st. and Cross st. for round \$6,000 on high side.

Motion to have NCDOT make necessary road repairs made by Commissioner Fleming and Second By Commissioner Taylor 4-0

Motion to adjoin by Commissioner Almond Second by Commissioner Fleming 4-0

1 hour 43 minutes

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Mayor, Jessica Almond

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Clerk, Aaron Thies