

Regular Meeting

Town of Cooleemee

June 26, 2023

6:00 pm

Minutes

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

Town Clerk, Absent Commissioner Almond & Attorney Wendy Terry.

Mayor Jessica Almond called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Commissioner Fleming

Pledge to the US Flag led by The Mayor

Visitors were welcomed.

Motion to adopt agenda and consent agenda of the financial report and May 15th meeting by Commissioner Reavis Second by Commissioner Fleming Favor 3-0

Public Comment

Ron Bivens came to give some intel on the request for the river parks fund request. He gave the board some information on how they use the funds and how some of the grants they receive is a restricted to one item only.

Public Hearing – Budget

The Finance Officer presents the 2023/2024 budget to the board in the amount of \$435,325.00. The tax rate remains at .42 cents per \$100 while ABC and code violations stay around the same as previously. Sale tax is being cut again down to 30% this year. Looking at roughly \$15000 decrease the upcoming year. The Finance Officer gave a quick rundown of the departments. Governing body increase by \$100,000 for the DCSO payment, all remaining departments remain the same or see a slight increase. Far as revenue there are a few new lines breakdown just help to better see the breakdown of revenue coming in. The Finance Officer asked if anyone had questions and if not, a motion would be needed to approve the upcoming budget.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to accept and approve the 2023/2024 budget. Second by Commissioner Reavis 3-0

Old Business

The Finance Officer stated that loose ends were just to cover any last-minute things to cover.

Mayor Almond asked Commissioner Reavis if he found out about the end of Junction Rd. He replied that it was the states, and they would handle upkeep of the islands.

Commissioner Reavis asked if ARP funds would cover a sidewalk to the shelter. Aaron said that it would cover the cost. Mayor Almond said she will have Commissioner Almond reach out to one that has done work for them in the past. Commissioner Reavis said he will reach out as well to someone he knew.

Lastly The Finance Officer said that he had a conversation with a representative of the bank over our accounts. The interest rate has changed from .01% to 3.2%. Once the bank reports for June come out and see how much interest comes out would the board be ok with moving money from the deposit account over to the old police account to gain the interest one. Everyone liked the idea and The Finance Officer said once numbers are seen an email will be sent out to update board.

Board Comments

Mayor Almond reminded everyone on the 4th of July event that Civitan was doing hot dogs this year.

Mayor Almond asked if anyone else had anything if not a motion to adjourn was needed.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Fleming Second by Commissioner Reavis 3-0

1 hour 3 minutes

Mayor, Jessica Almond

Interim Clerk, Steven Corriher