

Regular Meeting
Town of Cooleemee
September 18, 2023

Absent: Commissioner Fleming
Attorney Wendy Terry

Minutes

Mayor Almond called the meeting to order at 6:00PM
Commissioner Reavis led the room in the Invocation.
Mayor Almond led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Almond welcomed a room full of guests.

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to add a RiverPark update to the agenda in updates Line 8 section C.
Seconded by Commissioner Reavis; motion carried (3-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to adopt the agenda as well as consent agenda which includes the monthly financial report and minutes from regular meetings 6-26, 7-17, & 8-21-23.
Seconded by Commissioner Almond; motion carried (3-0)

The Public Comment period saw 4 participants this month.

Tronia Gibson noted she had not said much under the current circumstances and had listened a lot. Also noted she would like to simply give the mayor her opportunity to speak on her own behalf.

Teresa Bivens, spoke of events to be held by the Davie Co. Library in conjunction with the CHA here at the Zacary House on Sept 29 from 6-9PM for snacks fellowship and a movie for the kids. Also stated CHA was bringing back a former traditional Chicken Stew this year on November 2nd. She also mentioned the CHA had given a tour to the Davie Co Library, who stated this was a wonderful Museum, perhaps one of the best in such a small town.

Jonathan Vizard spoke on how great it was to see so many people attending and hoped this would continue in the future. He also spoke on a neighboring house and piles of waste and trash that he and other neighbors are subject to look at daily. Hopes that soon the Town can get back to working on code enforcement to begin to resolve these issues.

Bobby Rycroft spoke of missing City Limit sign and Sped Limit sign on Gladstone Rd. The Island area of Junction Rd. is becoming overgrown making it difficult to see traffic. Trash behind the bathroom at the park was becoming a concern for most that enjoy the Park. Cars being parked overnight at the shopping center was becoming a concern questioned if there was an ordinance that would help resolve those issues. Lastly hope to soon get an update on the situation concerning past employee and questions why no arrest have been made in the case. Is the Town going to have a new press release any time soon?

Commissioner Almond stated that 48 total officers were utilized during the month of August for police coverage within Town Limits, logging 473 total hours, with 101 reported incidents within Town Limits during the Month.

Ron Bivens came to give updates to the RiverPark September has seen 8000 visitors so far and new ¼ mile trail is about 90% complete should be complete in the coming weeks. Working with Grants specific to trails has helped these projects along. A new shelter coming will be similar in appearance to existing shelter only smaller at around 16x24 in size.

Park hours are set to change Oct 1, 2023, as well as no charge entrance on open days during winter hours. Current rate is \$5 per car \$1 per walk in during week \$10 per car on Holidays and Weekends which include Friday Saturday Sunday.

Commissioner Almond stated that a termination letter had been written and sent to Advance Property Solutions and they would no longer be handling the Towns mowing contract effective September 30, 2023. In respond to this the next acceptable contract would be O'Neal's Lawn Care to finish out the remaining months on the current contract.

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to award the above contract to O'neal Lawn Care beginning October 1, 2023 and ending February 29, 2024. To finish out the current agreed contract at the rate they had bid during the bidding process.
Seconded by Commissioner Almond; motion carried (3-0)

No new Business for the board tonight.

Commissioner Alomd spoke on potentially receiving grant soon for new community center in Town ask for a small committee be formed to get some ideas for this center before the grant is received and past a paper around the room for folks to sign up.

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to enter closed session.
Seconded by Commissioner Almond; motion caried (3-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to enter open session.
Seconded by Commissioner Reavis; motion carried (3-0)

The clerk did give a brief update at the request of the board to those who remained. That insurance had been notified and filed. And at this time the main hope was to recover as much as physically possible.

Time 55 minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem, Andrew Reavis

Interim Clerk, Steven Corriher