

## **Regular Meeting**

Town of Cooleemee

April 15, 2024

### Minutes

(open session)

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Mayor Smith gave the Invocation.

Mayor Smith led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Smith welcomed a room full of attendees.

Motion made by Commissioner Tippet to add a budget amendment to New Business line D.  
Seconded by Commissioner Reavis; motion carried (4-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to adopt the amended agenda and consent agenda which only includes financials.

Second by Commissioner Tippet; motion carried (4-0)

Public comments have 2 participants.

Teresa Bivins spoke on CHA updates new porch had been added using cypris wood they felt this would last many years, new furniture had been added to the living area of the Zachary House she hoped all like and felt looks fit the criteria. Thanked the Davie Foundation for approving a Grant to assist with the purchaser of a new commercial handicap ramp that looks to be installed on April 22. Replacing the old rotting wooden ramp.

Lela Ijames spoke on the Cooleemee Action committee and Plawking. They are planning upcoming meetings and dates for walking and cleaning. A planned Plawk is set for Tuesday April 23 at 6 PM meeting behind Fire Dept. Cooleemee Action plans a meeting at the Bridge May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM then each second Tuesday thereafter.

Davie Respect Initiative came to give updated and informative information about who they are and what they have been accomplishing throughout Davie County. They have been working on this for 6 years and their goals are to increase respect in the County through patrons aged 12-21 years. They have 3 winners each quarter that submit their respect project and are then interviewed by the board and get a chance to put their plan to use. The 3 winners receive \$1000 each if selected and they encourage all who are within their age diagram to participate. 2 recent winners from Cooleemee came to talk about their project that was awarded and recognized. Check out their website and contact them for any assistance needed spreading the word or signing up for a project.

Ron Bivins gave an update to where the River Park was currently, they are beginning to be in full swing preparing for the peak season they are open Wed-Sund 10AM- 6PM currently with no charge until the first weekend in May. Received multiple grants this year for trails, signs, grill, and changing tables.

Law Enforcement update from Sgt. Crotts the Town got 465 hours of the 400 contracted coverage averaging about 15 hours a day with a designated officer in the town limits. 110 calls including traffic, paper served, and random checks. Did receive a report of a possible prowler on Center St. knocking on windows but they have found no one at the time but asked the public to stay focus and pay attention and report any suspicious activity so they can hopefully catch this person.

Mayor reported on updating Codes and finding a potential Code Officer or company to handle this area. Would like a list of property owners in town to better suit the needs and education of Nuisance violations. Met with Little House folks and most of their houses were 400-600 sq/ft but still cost more than most houses in this area. Has been in talks with the Postmaster about automated service to get mail flowing to houses better and more efficient. But that could potentially raise the current cost. Mediation in the Civil Case had been recessed until Aug. Needs Commissioner and public input on Community Center rather new build repurpose what we have what are our ideas?

Commissioner Tippett and Reavis agreed to work on this and get moving.  
It's time to begin to post about the committee and what do we expect from them.  
Recreation/Activities and Beautification are the first 2 the Town looks to feel.

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to allow up to \$4000.00 for new street name signs as presented to the board by the Clerk.  
Seconded by Commissioner Tippett; motion carried (4-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to purchase new Toilet Paper holders and soap dispensers for the restrooms at the park as presented by the Clerk.  
Seconded by Commissioner Tippett; motion carried (4-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Ferrel to adopt a resolution accepting Davier County's Comprehensive Plan as its own for temporary use as read by Mayor Smith.  
Seconded by Commissioner Reavis; motion carried (4-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to nominate Fran Parker to full fill the vacant seat of Grimes Parker on the ABC board which expires July 2026.  
Seconded by Commissioner Ferrell; motion carried (4-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to approve a budget amendment to allow funding to cover the cost of the Nuisance Code book of \$6000.00 from the General Fund as presented by the Finance Officer.  
Seconded by Commissioner Reavis; motion carried (4-0)

Commissioner Almond spoke of concerns with potential lead paint at Zachary House testing may need to be complete before painting can be performed.

Commissioner Ferrell thanked the Citizens for being engaged and involved with the Town hopes that will continue for the future.

Commissioner Tippett had been reaching out to local grant minded folks about further funding for town projects, and asked the clerk if he had a desire to take training in grant writing.

Mayor Smith agrees the energy from the Town is great, he understands and hopes they do as well. We are taking baby steps to get to better places, but we are moving.

Mayor Smith wants to begin getting to the meeting room around 4:30 PM on meeting evenings to make sure he is available if folks wish to speak to him outside a meeting setting.

Commissioner Tippett asked us to consider a Date for further Community Input Sessions.

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to adjourn the Meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Ferrell; motion carried (4-0)

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Mayor, Jeff Smith

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Clerk, Steven Corriher