

Regular Meeting

Town of Cooleemee

June 17, 2024

Absent: Attorney Terry
Meeting on 24th with Clerk

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.

Seeing no necessary changes to the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to adopt the Agenda along with the Consent Agenda which includes Minutes from May 20 regular meeting and May 6th & 28th Special Called & Budget Meetings.

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

Public Comment had no one sign up:

Ron Bivins updated the Town on the River Park seeing 5800+ goers just in May expecting a big year once again at the Park it just seems to grow each year.

Sgt. Crotts gave a report on Law Enforcement seeing 121 checks mostly school or traffic checks nothing to serious to be concerned about, he did mention they would up the patrol on Golf Carts making sure they were staying off State Maintained Roads such as Center St., Marginal St., and 801 except for designated crossing paths.

The Clerk gave a brief update on Town Hall a lot was happening at the moment but not many updates as we are in so many waiting patterns currently but did notify the board the all insurance claims involving the embezzlement had now been filed and approved with the Audit being complete and Approved he was able to take that next step.

Mayor Smith has gained a list of all actual property owners even for all rentals in town so to be able to include them in all newsletters and updates moving forward. Working to get an employee evaluation form to be able to properly evaluate employees moving forward, met with Flood Management of NC with the Clerk we do not have much in flood plains but we now have a contact if someone were to want to build in one of those areas, he and the Clerk met with the Postmaster at the Cooleemee Office recently they are working to sort out a plan to aid in solving issues with PO Box delivery, They are following policy just as everyone expects from the Town and other leaders, we may not like those policies but there in place and need to be respected and followed until changed. Wants to start a tracking method of projects to see how long certain items are taking and why such as anything that needs to be addressed but then is passed over

until the following meeting and the why that needed to be. Just a way of tracking how long projects big and small are taking and are we postponing those for good reason.

Motion made by Commissioner Tippett to accept the contract from ACE Code Enforcement, the only change from the previous contract was an auto renew was removed. This contract will allow 10 hrs/wk to get things started.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to allow up to \$4000 to install the new Welcome Sign at Watt St. and 801 with brick columns and no base.

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

Mayor Smith asked that 2 volunteers start up 2 separate committees one for Beautification one for Events the Clerk has a list of willing hands to work with Commissioner Ferrell agreed to work with the Events Committee and Commissioner Tippett agreed to work with the Beautification Committee (at least while she can due to pregnancy)

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to award CrottsCo the pool demolition contract #1 for pool and water heater shed based on many metrics of criteria the board sorted through feeling they were the most fit based on Licensing, Bonding, Hazardous Material Certifications, location, and pricing.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Ferrell to move forward currently on demo option #1 of pool and water heater shed to allow more discussion and full decision on the Bathhouse before the pool demo is set to be complete given a 45–60-day window to decide.

Seconded by Commissioner Tippett; motion carried (3-1) Almond being opposed

Motion made by Commissioner Tippett to move forward with the RFQ presented for posting to get a designer and overseer of the Community Center site underway.

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

Ideas were discussed what a new Newsletter should look like and include, perhaps a RiverPark update, CHA updates, Code updates, Town updates, and Events for sure, Possibly place the ideas that Postmaster gave the Mayor and Clerk in the first publishing to alert folks of easy methods to work their PO Box number into their Mailing Address.

Items for the July 4th Parade have been under way, looking for someone to cook hotdogs is about the last thing to work out.

The board did not vote on the Mailbox Requests one request was not within the standards that the Town is said to allow to consider a curbside mailbox under their own ordinances so therefore felt a vote was not necessary at this time. The second requests the board wanted to meet with the individual as his request may have to do with an ailing Parent.

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to enter into a Public Hearing for the purposes of discussing that 25/25 budget.

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

No one spoke during the Public Hearing the board has had several meetings leading up to the budget meeting and was comfortably satisfied with where we were at this time.

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to adopt the 24/25 budget for the Town of Cooleemee.

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

Commissioner Tippett mentioned she has spoken with DOT teams to get ideas on Beatification and other Matching Grants to work on or add sidewalks, plantings, and other items spruce up Town and perhaps give pedestrians and safe place to get off roadways.

Commissioner Reavis wants to investigate more No Trucks Thru signs at Junction Rd and Main St. and Perhaps a sign pointing out Jockey around Junction Rd to avoid larger trucks coming up our small narrow and thinly paved streets.

Motion made by Commissioner Ferrell to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:15PM

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

Mayor, Jeff Smith

Clerk, Steven Corriher