

**Regular Meeting**  
Town of Cooleemee  
September 16, 2024

**Absent:**  
Comm. Allmond (work)

Minutes

(open session)

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

Comm. Reavis 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 Tippett to add Josh Ijames to the agenda under Old Business to propose his Billboard Sign request. Also to add a Budget Amendment and Transfer to the addenda at the request of the Finance Officer.

Seconded by Commissioner Reavis, motion carried (3-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to move forward with the updated agenda along with the Consent Agenda with the Financial Report and Minutes from 8/19 & 8/28/24 meetings.

Seconded by Commissioner Tippett, motion carried (3-0)

Public Comment.

Cathy Marshbanks spoke on the disappointment of the taking down of the Bathhouse at the old pool site, she wished the Town could have waited 2-3 months to see if there was a way to save and incorporate it into use.

River Park seen massive flooding over the past month or so with hurricanes coming through they dealt with it the best they could had to close a few days prevent swimming other days but managed to get by safely. Duck Race was a success even though postponed, was not well attended but we got it complete, and it went well. Thanked the Oneal's for their continued support with the event over the years. 650 Ducks was set in the River 3 winners from those.

Law Enforcement saw 443 hours logged in Town, 73 incidents recorded, got some tools coming soon to aid with speeders, and other areas Main St has been mostly clear lately looks like most road work in the area is complete.

Town Hall, looking at a debit/credit card reader we don't take much cash or checks in the office but everyone that comes in tries to use a card first, the bank gave 2 options they will be sending over quotes soon for those options, one is their terminal another is purchasing a tablet and getting their card reader that will plug in to that.

Audit is complete and we can expect the Preliminary Report at any time.

Been in contact with In The Paint about getting the painting of courts complete meeting set with him next week.

The mayor updated he attended a Child Care meeting with other County and Town officials recently, gave a Code Enforcement Update 55 cases had been open since the start 17 had been abated 10 were set for hearings others are newer and still in progress.

Motion made by Commissioner Tippett to nominate Lela Ijames, Heather Cline, & John Chandler to 3-year terms for the Planning Board, Karen Trexler & Daphne Beck to 2-year terms to the Planning Board.

Seconded by Commissioner Ferrell, motion carried (3-0)

Motion by Commissioner Tippett to move forward with the bidding process of the Construction Management @ Risk method.

Seconded by Commissioner Reavis, motion carried (3-0)

Josh Ijames presented the Board with his proposed sign for the property below Dollar General with an 8ftx16ft sign 10-12ft high staying below the current tree line. Mayor asked about the new Planning Board to discuss this and coming back with a recommendation. Mr. Ijames was asked what he planned to use this sign for he replied to advertise his Real Estate business in hopes of generating interest in buying a home in Cooleemee. The agreement of the Board is to let the new Planning Board visit and discuss this item since current zoning is not allowed.

Motion made by Commissioner Revis to allow a Budget Transfer to increase line 10-420-54 \$500.00 & 10-420-55 \$750.00 to cover Insurance Liability and Workers Comp. Transferring from 10-999-01 Contingency.

Seconded by Commissioner Tippett, motion carried (3-0)

Motion by Commissioner Tippett to allow a Budget Amendment to increase line 10-420-74 \$157,000 to pay for demo of pool and bathhouse. Amending revenue line 10-399-02 by \$157,000 and leaving the original \$5000.00 budgeted in place.

Seconded by Commissioner Tippett, motion carried (3-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Tippett to the newly agreed upon agreement with the Town of Mocksville for a 60-40 profit split to keep Cooleemee on tract for years to come with what they currently make each year from the split.

Seconded by Commissioner Ferrell, motion carried (3-0)

The Board elected not to have a Halloween event this year.

The Board elected to move forward with the Christmas Parade and combine that with the CHA Christmas event on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

Commissioner Reavis stated he was getting prices together for 3 streets to get paved that were in dire need, hoped to have all that together by next meeting. Wants to check on the sewer taps that were made on Ruffin St. at the new houses and see why those have not been paved.

Seeing no other board comment,

Motion mad by Commissioner Reavis to Adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Tippett, motion carried (3-0)

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Mayor, Jeff Smith

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Clerk, Steven Corriher