Regular Meeting Absent: Comm Tippet
Town of Cooleemee
August 18, 2025

Minutes

(open session)

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
Comm. Reavis stated the invocation.;pl43ezx
Mayor Smith led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Smith welcomed attendees.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to adopt the agenda, consent agenda, including the minutes of June 23 and July 21 and the July 31 financial report and bank recons. Second, by Commissioner Ferrell, the motion carried (3-0).

Public comments; Dean Spillman, representing Joyce Spillman, Joyner St. He is concerned with water running through her back yard and washing out the concrete slab. Mayor is meeting with him on Tuesday to observe the situation

Silas Johnson spoke on two ordinances that are outdated. Outdated blanket curfew concerns.

Jonathan Vizard spoke about neighbors that have a camper in yard and dogs caged.

Fran Parker and Josh Nail presented the board a quarterly check from ABC Board for $51,600.

Ron Bivens presented information on River Park. July 4, 5 and 6th 3380 attended. For the month of July 9,952 total. Most of the summer help is gone. A kiosk will be installed to give information on the park. Hours will remain the same throughout the month of September. Carolina Bible Camp are volunteering to help at park.

Officer Joe Crotts reported they had logged 432 hours over 31 days. There were 66 calls which is around 2.1 calls/day. The call volume has dropped.

Mayor Smith suggested checking insurance quotes.

Code Enforcement: Riverside Drive house is falling in.
Ordinance of two properties on removal. Two quotes $2211 and $2436. These would be for 112 Yadkin St and 208 Center St. Liens will be looked into to put on property taxes.

Old Business:

A: Mayor Smith met with John Fuller and Brad Chapman to discuss the community center project. Project is on track for groundbreaking September 2025. Project should be completed by June 30th, 2026. Community Center will be 5,100 square feet which will include a 1,400 sq ft Library, recreation equipment and conference rooms for examples such as birthday rentals, meetings and other events. A wall will be taken out to use for extra storge. Two windows will be utilized for serving windows. Maybe paved parking lot in the future.

New Business:

A: Hirring two part time clerks. Steve Corriher will still be over finances. 3-0

B: Andy Reavis motion Shirley Jacobs 3-0 town P.T. assistant clerk

C: Stacey Gilbert 3-0 P.T. assistant clerk

D: Tippett got a promotion and cannot make it to the meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month. She would like to change meeting to another time if possible. Sandra Ferrell made motion to change the meeting to the 2nd Monday of the month. There was no 2nd motion.

Board Comments:

Paving on Ruffin Street is completed. Yadkin/Cross street to be paved next. Erwin Street has huge potholes that are in the works for repair. Speed limit sign is down on Center Street. Someone stated that it had been run over. Harris Street sign is down and needs a replacement sign.

August 23rd Back to school bash located at Zachary House on 131 Church Street. The event was from 4 p.m. until 7p.m. put on by the Cooleemee Historical Association.

Adjournment motion was made by Sandra Ferrell 2nd Andy Reavis

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Clerk, Shirley Jacobs Mayor, Jeff Smith