Regular Meeting
June 8, 2026

Absent: Commissioner Ferrell

Minutes

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

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

Mayor Smith led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for coming and to Chairman Benita Finney of Davie County.

Commissioner Reavis made a motion to add under new business (B) to add Fran Parker for ABC Board. Commissioner Corriher seconded and motion carried.

Mayor Smith read the conflict-of-interest statement. There were no conflicts.

Commissioner Corriher made the motion to accept the Financial Report of 5/31/2026 Budget Report & Bank Reconciliations; also, minutes from the regular meeting of 5/11/2026 and budget work session of 5/26/2026. Commissioner Reavis seconded the motion and motion carried.

Public Comments:
Linda Bourne noted that the Town of Mocksville had a lower tax rate than Cooleemee. She would like commissioners to investigate lowering Cooleemee's tax rate.

Jonathan Vizard asked what was going on at 208 Center Street. Several people had looked at the house but backed out.

Ron Bivens gave an update to River Park. From the last meeting to Sunday there were 2,465 visitors to the park. They are currently working on a master plan. More information will be available later.

Sergent Crotts received a report from the Sheriff's office. In May they had 438 hours per month, which is 141/day. CAD is 103 (EMS, Fire) equals 3 calls/day or 59 per month. He gave an update on the traffic on Center Street. From March 7 to today there were 29,936 vehicles (13,394 were going 25 or below; 14,401 were going 25 to 35 and 2,124 were going over 35).
On Marginal Street there were 163,011 vehicles (76,694 going 25 or below; 81,053 going 25 to 35).

Captain Ryan Hall, from the Cooleemee Fire Department, gave an update on what the fire department has been doing. Three new people were hired last year. They have 1020 hours of in-house training. They will start training on the river. The Fire Marshall received a grant for

smoke detectors. Last weekend they installed ten free smoke detectors. If anyone needs a smoke detector, contact the fire department.

Old Business:
Mayor Smith received email from the budget office extending our grant till June 2027. He attended the PTRC meeting and they talked about the weatherization project with a budget of $4 million dollars. He is going to check into how the town can apply. Tomorrow, the plumber will be at the community center with an electrician to follow. Around June 22nd, they should start framing the building.

Tonight is Attorney Wendy Terry's last meeting. She has been an asset to our town. After the meeting, refreshments were served and a gift from the town was presented to her.

Mayor Smith and Commissioner Corriher met with Code Enforcement Isaiah on Friday. Commissioner Corriher and Commissioner Tippett will be working with him on enforcing the nuisances.

Plans have been made for the town's 4th of July celebration. Mr. Dude Jordan will be the Grand Marshall. First Baptist youth will be cooking the hot dogs. There will be free hot dogs, chips, watermelons, and popsicles. An 18 ft water slide and a small water slide will be rented. Benita Finney will be singing the National Anthem. Don Cover will be dressed as a Revolutionary War character, Gary LeBlanc will be Uncle Sam. He has bought 100 American and 100 250-year celebration flags. A new 4' x 6' American flag will be raised.

Commissioner Ferrell is waiting for a quote to paint around the tennis courts. Also looking into painting the lines for pickle ball.

Commissioner Reavis reported that he cannot find any locks for the fences. Suggestion was to apply for a grant next year for the locks and possibly new fencing.

Commissioner Tippett made the motion to approve the change from .org to .gov for our website upgrade. Commissioner Corriher seconded and motion carried.

The budget hearing is scheduled for June 22 at 6:00 PM. Comments will be welcomed. Copies of the budget will be at the town hall. All residents have a $150 solid waste fee on their tax bills. The proposal is to cut the fee in half. This is the last year for collecting sales taxes from the county. The new budget is reflecting an increase for the auditor and newsletter going electronically and using the $1000 for fire department for smoke detectors and fall festival.

Commissioner Reavis made motion to appoint Fran Parker to ABC Board for three years. Commissioner Tippett seconded and motion carried.

Commissioner Corriher reported that the fish fry is coming back. It will be the first Saturday of October from 11 to 2.

Commissioner Corriher made the motion that DOT be hired to come into town and trim the trees off the roadway. Commissioner Tippett seconded and motion passed.

The hole on Hickory Street needs to be fixed. Suggested, we fixed the hole and sent the owner the bill.

Commissioner Tippett made motion that meeting adjourn. Commissioner Reavis seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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Shirley Jacobs, Town Clerk Jeff Smith, Mayor