

**Town of Cowpens
Special Council Meeting
January 3, 2019**

The Town of Cowpens held a special council meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan, Jarred S. Spencer, and Thomas Voelker. Mayor Michael D. Hamrick called the meeting to order and Jarred S. Spencer held prayer.

Steve Bolin submitted paving requests to Spartanburg County and has received information on which roads qualified for paving. Council discussed the conditions of the roads and which roads qualified under SCDOT regulations. Nine roads were submitted and three are under the 50% threshold on the Overall Condition Index (OCI). Qualifying roads are Mosely Street, Kasler Road and S. Linda Street.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to proceed with paving on Kasler Road, at a cost of \$17,222.40, second by Roy Logan. The motion carried four in favor, one abstention (Thomas Voelker, personal residence on Kasler Road).

. Kasler Road is a dead-end street and there is a possibility of creating a turn around at the end of the road. This will be considered and brought to council later for approval.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to proceed with paving on Mosely Street, at a cost of \$16,127.07, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve rebuilding/paving of S. Linda Street, at a cost of \$150,320.58, with the possible sharing of the cost with SCDOT and subject to continued negotiations with Spartanburg Water Systems. Motion was second by Roy Logan and carried.

Steve Bolin has been in contact with William Jeter who wants to donate property he owns behind town hall to the Town of Cowpens (formerly the old NAPA building). The building is basically a block building with concrete flooring. The wooden ceiling is falling and in poor condition. This building could be used for storage if it was cleared and gutted inside. Town Council will consider accepting the donation and instructed Mr. Bolin to contact a contractor to retrieve more information on possible renovations, roofing, etc. Lawrence Flynn, Jr., the town attorney, suggested a simple contract to acquire the property, an environmental evaluation, and a title search.

Jarred S. Spencer mentioned the progressive club building that is currently being used for storage. He would like to see the town sell this building to acquire another building. Mayor Hamrick asked Mr. Bolin to contact a realtor to get a possible drive by appraisal of the progressive club building.

Mr. Bolin submitted information to town council regarding solar farms and residential solar panels. No towns in this area or Spartanburg County have an ordinance in place for solar farms. Steve Bolin has worked with Jeff Shacker, of the SC Municipal Association, to locate information. Greenwood County and the City of Greenwood are the only areas that have an ordinance in place.

Council discussed the information presented to them and asked Steve Bolin to pursue, with the town attorney, setting guidelines in our zoning ordinances for solar farms. The Planning Committee will need to meet, have a public hearing, and make recommendations to town council, as well.

Town Council's concerns included:

- ❖ Protecting citizens of the town
- ❖ Companies funding the decommissioning of solar farms upon closure
- ❖ How to enforce guidelines
- ❖ Buffers, vegetation, etc.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, second by Roy Logan and carried.

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Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair

Council Member Roy Logan

Council Member Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Thomas Voelker

Attest:

Teresa Carter, Clerk