

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main St.
Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jarred S. Spencer, Council Members Lesa C. Bolin, Pam Camp, and Erin P. Wofford. Mayor Jarred S. Spencer called the meeting to order, and Pam Camp held prayer.

The agenda for the January 16, 2024, meeting was presented to the town council. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to amend and approve the agenda, adding Virginia Russell to make public comments, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried. (Virginia Russell did not appear at this meeting.)

Minutes of the December 18, 2023, meeting was presented to the Town Council. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

The purchase journal for December 2023 was presented to the Town Council. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to accept the purchase journal as presented, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

Bank Statements for December 2023 were presented to the Town Council. Lesa C. Bolin made a motion to approve the Bank Statements as presented, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Steve Bolin presented the department reports as follows:

The police department issued 23 warnings during December 2023 and 94 citations. Total fines collected were \$6,560.00 and \$2,240.85 was the town's portion.

Mileage for each department – Police Department 7,525 miles, Fire Department 1,708 miles, and Street Department 720 miles.

CC&I Services – One building permit was issued for a home at the corner of Lynch and Brown Streets.

New Business

A. Lumos Fibers – Ordinance Authorizing Execution and Delivery of a Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement – 1st Reading

Mr. Ben Breazeale, of Lumos Fibers and provided information about Lumos Fibers. Lumos Fibers is a telecommunications provider, offering landline and cellular telephone, residential and business optical fiber services, web hosting, yellow pages, and digital television. Lumos will begin engineering and construction in the Cowpens area during the next month for the development of optical fiber services. Upon completion, services will be available to all homes in the Cowpens area. They will be providing a Wi-Fi service in Veterans Park, which will increase the productivity of cell service and card readers during special events.

An ordinance was presented for first reading to authorize execution and delivery of a non-exclusive Franchise Agreement. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the first reading of this ordinance, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

B. Zoning Board Recommendation

The Cowpens Zoning Board made a recommendation to the town council to deny a request by Derrick Foster to change the zoning for his property on Dean Street. Pam Camp made a motion to accept the recommendation of the zoning board, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

C. ARPA FUNDS – Road Repairs, Fire Department Doors, Truck Pad at Timken Community Center

1. The garbage trucks have damaged the area in front of the garbage dumpsters. A dumpster pad (6" thick, 16'x36', reinforced) is needed to prevent further damage. The cost will be approximately \$15,000.00. Lesa C. Bolin made a motion to make the repairs using ARPA funds, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

2. Steve Bolin presented several issues that are in need of repairs (Carver Street ditching; Santee & Savannah Streets tree stumps and paving the cut through area; Poplar & Branch Streets drainage issues; N. Oakland Street ditching). Repairs are estimated to be about \$8,000.00. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the repairs using ARPA Funds, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

Guest Present: Randy Goode, Danyelle Dowis Goode, Derrick Foster, Norma Foster, Mark Voelker, and Ben Breazeale.

3. The bay doors at the Cowpens Fire Department are 30 years old. The electronics, sensors and remotes are no longer available. An estimate of \$9,450.00 was received to replace the electronics, sensors, and remotes. Pam Camp made a motion to make the needed upgrades using ARPA Funds, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Old Business - None

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin and carried.

Mayor Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Lesa Bolin

Attest:

Council Member Pam Camp

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Erin P. Wofford