

**TOWN OF COWPENS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
5330 N. Main St.  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

The Town of Cowpens held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, and Council Member Erin P. Wofford. Absent: Council Members Pam Camp and Thomas Voelker. Staff present included: Steve Bolin, Town Administrator, Teresa Carter, Town Clerk, and Fire Chief Tony Blanton. Mayor Michael D. Hamrick called the meeting to order, and Jarred S. Spencer held prayer, including a moment of silence for families who lost their loved ones during the month.

**Approval of Agenda**

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda for January 17, 2023, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

**Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements**

Council reviewed the minutes, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2022, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the purchase journals, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the December 2022 bank statements as presented, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

**Department Reports**

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 72 citations and 38 warnings during the month of December 2022. Fines collected totaled \$6,770.75. The town's portion was \$2,564.54.

The fire department responded to 27 calls during December 2022. Seven calls were in the Town of Cowpens, six in the Cowpens Fire District, six in Spartanburg County Mutual Aid District, and eight in Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

Mileage for each department was 10,278 in the police department, 2,047 in the fire department, and 1,059 in the street department.

Fire Chief Blanton would like to have a workshop with town council. The workshop is scheduled for January 30, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Timken Community Center Parking Lot Repair**

Mr. Bolin informed council of the damage to the parking lot at the Timken Community Center. The damage runs in front of the waste container area. It is a 14' x 28' area and will need approximately 9 yards of concrete, with wire reinforcement. Mr. Bolin will continue to receive bids for the repairs and present them once available.

**B. Events 2023**

Mr. Bolin stated that the Cowpens Event Team met on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and will be meeting again on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. He updated council on the information received from John Coates, of Operation Grow Spartanburg (OGS). The first event will be March 18, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Food trucks, music, and a cruise-in are scheduled. More information will be provided during the next meeting.

**C. Miss Cowpens**

Mayor Hamrick presented information to town council regarding the Miss Spartanburg Scholarship Organization. This organization is asking the Town of Cowpens to provide scholarships for the runners up of the Miss Spartanburg Pageant. A \$500.00 scholarship for Miss Cowpens and \$250.00 scholarship for Miss Teen Cowpens. These participants would attend various events, including any Cowpens events. This will give Cowpens additional exposure throughout the state. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the scholarships, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Foster Street Parking**

Information was provided to council, from Summit Engineering Group (SEG), which included a conceptual layout of 29 parking spaces, and two entrances. SEG is waiting on a survey, which could be completed by the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Updates will be provided when they are made available.

**B. Streetscape Updates**

Mr. Bolin updated council on the signed easements for the Streetscape Project. More information will be made available soon.

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**Executive Session**

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters related to salary, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to amend the current budget in administrative salaries and include retroactive pay as discussed, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Pam Camp

Attest:

Council Member Thomas Voelker

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Erin P. Wofford