

**TOWN OF COWPENS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
5330 N. Main St.  
January 18, 2022**

The Town of Cowpens held a special meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, Council Members Pam Camp, Thomas Voelker, and Erin P. Wofford. Hamrick called the meeting to order, and Jarred S. Spencer held prayer.

**Approval of Agenda**

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda for January 18, 2022, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried. Thomas Voelker made a motion to amend the agenda by adding ARPA contract information in executive session, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

**Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements**

Council reviewed the minutes of December 21, 2021, and January 11, 2022, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2021, and January 11, 2022, seconded by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly 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 40 citations during the month of December and 10 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$3,796.50. The town's portion was \$1,216.12.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 6,408 Street Department –777 and Fire Department – 2,341.

The fire department responded to twenty-two calls during December. Eight calls were in the Town of Cowpens, seven in the Cowpens Fire District, six in Spartanburg County Mutual Aid District, and one in Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Wrecker Ordinance – Update Fees**

Steve Bolin presented the first reading of an ordinance to update and change the towing fees to fall in line with the fees set by the State of South Carolina. The State of South Carolina updates these fees each year. Council reviewed the ordinance and asked questions to the towing owners that are on the Town of Cowpens list (Chester Woodfin and Joe Uldrickd). Pam Camp made a motion to approve the first reading of this ordinance, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

**B. Street Department Equipment**

Steve Bolin presented quotes to town council for a leaf vacuum and a limb chipper. After reviewing the quotes, town council requested that Mr. Bolin send the demo model from Southern Vac (has 22 hours on the engine) to J. P. Carlton for inspection.

In considering a limb chipper, council would like to go with a local dealer and chose J. P. Carlton, who also repairs the same equipment. Pam Camp made a motion to follow through with the purchase of both pieces of equipment, after J. P. Carlton inspects the vacuum, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

**C. Police Department Interviews**

Steve Bolin informed council that interviews for the chief of police position would begin on Thursday, January 20, 2022. Eleven candidates have applied for the position. A professional panel will interview candidates prior to submitting recommendations to town council.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters related to the parking lot lease with C & A Maintenance (Teresa Cantrell), and to discuss contractual matters related to the ARPA Funds, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Parking Lot Lease – C & A Maintenance**

Town Council considered the parking lot lease with C & A Maintenance. Pam Camp made a motion to withdraw negotiations with C & A Maintenance, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

**B. ARPA Contract Information**

Council discussed contract information to administer the ARPA Funds. No action <sup>1</sup>taken.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thom 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

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<sup>1</sup> Guest Present: Fire Chief Tony Blanton, Police Chief Danny Swofford, Dale Horton, Leighton Woodfin, Chester Woodfin, Joe Uldrick, John Caddell, Linda Caddell, Sasha Comer, Kevin Comer