

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2020**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan, and Jarred S. Spencer. Thomas Voelker was absent.

Mayor Hamrick called the meeting to order and Jarred S. Spencer held prayer and included a moment of silence for the families of area residents who had lost loved ones and those who have sickness in their families.

Approval of Agenda

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda for January 21, 2020 adding a concert and movie series to the agenda, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of December 16, 2019, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements. Roy Logan made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Roy Logan made a motion to approve the purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements as presented, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 51 citations during the month of December and 58 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$3,678.00. The town's portion was \$1,403.84.

The fire department answered 38 calls for the month of December 2019. Seven calls were in the town, 13 calls in the fire district, 12 calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and six in Cherokee County.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 8,044 Street Department –1,038 and Fire Department – 2,051.

Chief Swofford informed council that the 2020 Explorer was assigned to Officer Ray Mullinax. Steve Bolin updated council on the police department fleet.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Second Reading – Vacant Property Registration

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to continue discussion until the next workshop in order to hold a public hearing, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Steve Bolin updated council on some situations that the Board of Zoning Appeals did not approve. Michael and Tina Johnson bought Patrick Sherman's building. Gwen Clary bought Gwen Shoneke's building.

Spot of Pride

Steve Bolin presented a design conception cost from Summit Engineering for the Spot of Pride. The cost for the design for the Spot of Pride is \$3,500.00. Council discussed the Spot of Pride project for the intersection of Highway 29 and Old Pacolet Road. Mayor Hamrick asked council if we needed to get the design ready to present to the prospective donors. Brenda J. Adair asked if there were any grants available to assist with this project. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the contract cost of \$3,500 to Summit Engineering, paying the cost from Hospitality Tax Funds, second by Roy Logan. Three in favor (Michael D. Hamrick, Brenda J. Adair, and Roy Logan) and one opposed (Jarred S. Spencer). Motion carried.

Main Street Pedestrian Crossing

Steve Bolin reported that the pedestrian crossing was approved, and he has not received a date for installation. This will be a solar powered pedestrian crossing with lights.

NEW BUSINESS

Umbrella Insurance Policy

George Johnson Insurance has reviewed the town's liability insurance and feels that the town needs an additional \$1,000,000 in coverage. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to continue and consider the additional coverage at the next workshop, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Use of Marquee

Discussion was held regarding the use of the marquee in front of town hall. It was decided to use the marquee as we currently do. Only town events, school events, library events, and youth sports activities will be allowed to be posted on the sign.

Purchase of Street Department Equipment

Steve Bolin discussed the purchase of a new truck to replace the F550. He also discussed replacing the 2003 Cub Cadet. After reviewing their options town council instructed Steve Bolin to check with BB&T regarding their financing options and it will be addressed at the meeting on February 3, 2020. The truck will be a F450 with an aluminum bed for collecting leaves & chipping limbs. The cost of the truck will be less than \$50,000.00 and the mower will be approximately \$9,000.00. Mr. Bolin informed council that a citizen had donated \$5,000.00 toward the purchase of a truck. The cost to repair the mower will be over \$9,000.00 without labor cost.

Comprehensive Plan Proposal

Council reviewed the proposal from ACOG to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The cost of the project is \$10,000.00. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to contract with ACOG to review and complete the Town of Cowpens Comprehensive Plan, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried. Jarred S. Spencer commented that we need to complete the comprehensive plan in order to get assistance from other entities, which would be important for the economic growth of the town.

Concert and Movie Series

Council discussed a concert and movie series for the spring. Mayor Hamrick will get with Council Member Thomas Voelker about planning and scheduling the events. Steve Bolin will check with other towns to see when their events are being held.

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

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair

Council Member Roy Logan

Attest:

Council Member Jarred S. Spencer

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Thomas Voelker