

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 22, 2018**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018, at 7:00 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 Hamrick called the meeting to order and Brenda J. Adair 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 approve the agenda for January 22, 2018, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council discussed the minutes of December 18, 2017. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the purchase journals, account registers, and monthly bank statements, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Department Reports

The police department issued 39 citations during the month of December 2017. Fines collected totaled \$3,299.00. The town's portion was \$1,103.83. Mileage for the police department was 10,240.

Mr. Bolin reported the number of fire calls for the fire department, as well as, mileage for other departments. The fire department answered 33 calls for the month of December 2017. Seven calls were in the Town, 12 calls in the fire district, 13 calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and one call in Cherokee County.

Old Business (none)

New Business

A. Brenda J. Adair

- 1. Visitors Guide** – Kathy Biltoft, of the Spartanburg Herald Journal, sent an email to inform us that they were working on the Visitor's Guide. The guide focuses on things to do, places to go, where to shop, where to eat and stay in our community not only for the visitor coming to our area, but for our local community as well. Town Council reviewed the information and Brenda J. Adair made a motion to purchase a full-page ad at a cost of \$880.00, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.
- 2. Christmas Lighting** – Council discussed commercial garland and other decorations for the Christmas season. Jarred S. Spencer wants to see what Brenda J. Adair proposes before council makes a final decision. No decision was made during this meeting. More information will be made available during another meeting.
- 3. District Three Booklet** – District Three wants a synopsis of where we work play, live, library, and information included on the police department, depot/museum, Mighty Moo Festival, Arts & Antiques on Main, Boo Fest, fire department, etc. This information will be added to the District Three Booklet.

4. **Clean Up** – Brenda J. Adair mention several properties in town that needed attention. Steve Bolin will send letters to the property owners and continue to work on the trailer situation at Denero Textile and Bunche Street.
5. **Mighty Moo Request** – Brenda J. Adair received an email from Jan Humphries about receiving items on loan from a navy museum to display during our festival. Brenda J. Adair is trying to contact the museum.
- B. **Parking Lot Lease** – Mayor Hamrick stated that the Farmer’s Market is closed and the parking lot lease is not being utilized. Council discussed options and will come to a decision at a later meeting.
- C. **Budget Comparison** – Mayor Hamrick stated that Steve Bolin and Teresa Carter did a great job with the cash flow analysis. Council also reviewed the budget comparison for the second quarter, ending December 31, 2017.

Council also discussed the accumulated road funds from Spartanburg County. The engineering studies require at least a 50% need before repairs could be made.

Mayor Hamrick mentioned new sidewalks in some areas of town. He will bring more information to council.

The American Legion requested that they be allowed to hang an original painting of the USS Cowpens, which was donated by a local veteran and his family. Brenda J. Adair, of the Historical Committee, will work with the American Legion to find a location to display the painting.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, second by Brenda J. Adair 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