

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 22, 2019**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan, and Jarred S. Spencer and Thomas Voelker.

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 approve the agenda for January 22, 2019, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of December 17, 2018 and January 3, 2019. 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 30 citations during the month of December 2018 and 34 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$905.50. The town's portion was \$325.87.

Mileage for each department for the month of December 2018 is:

Police Department - 5,707

Fire Department - 1,689

Street Department - 945

Steve Bolin reported the number of fire calls for the fire department. The fire department answered 47 calls for the month of December 2018. Fifteen calls were in the Town, 15 calls in the fire district, 12 calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and five calls in Cherokee County.

Old Business

Steve Bolin updated council on the solar farm cleanup between Highway 110 and Waters Road. There are new interests for additional solar farms in the area. Our town attorney is working on an ordinance for solar farms within the towns limit.

Mr. Bolin updated council on the donated property and a drive by appraisal for the progressive club building.

New Business

K-9 Policy

Chief Swofford provided information on a K-9 program that would provide the town with a K-9 at no cost to the town. He also has the opportunity to obtain a K-9 vehicle for the town at no additional cost. He would like for town council to review the policy provided and approve the policy.

Jarred S. Spencer is all for getting drugs off of the streets and making our community safer. He also is pleased that the policy and vehicle are being put in place.

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the K-9 Policy, second by Roy Logan and carried.

First reading on an Ordinance to repeal Chapter 13, Article VII (Drug Paraphernalia and Counterfeit Drugs), was presented to town council. Chief Swofford informed council that this ordinance conflicted with State Law and requested that it be removed from the Town of Cowpens Ordinances. He also explained the difficulties enforcing the ordinance. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance Repealing the Drug Paraphernalia and Counterfeit Drug Ordinance, second by Roy Logan and carried. Council members were encouraged to speak with Chief Swofford for additional clarification prior to the second reading.

Investment Program

Mayor Hamrick provided council with information for an investment program with First Citizens Bank. He has been working with Mr. Brett Blankenship and inquiring about T Bills with a yield of 2.399%. Council discussed the information provided. Teresa Carter, Town Clerk, presented council with facts that recently benefited the town and gave a positive outlook for cash flow during the current fiscal year. Mayor Hamrick will pursue additional information and have Mr. Blankenship attend a meeting with town council.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters related to real estate, second by Roy Logan and carried. Roy Logan made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried. No action was taken in the real estate matters related to the Farmer's Market and proposed donated property.

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