

**Town of Cowpens  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 16, 2016**

The Town of Cowpens held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Present were, Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Bobby Dowis, Roy Logan and Jarred S. Spencer.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick called the meeting to order and opened the floor for prayer request or mention of families who may have had a death during the last month. Prayer was held by Bobby Dowis and included a moment of silence in memory of those citizens of Cowpens.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda for February 16, 2016, second by Roy Logan and carried.

**PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Gary Johnson, Norman, Johnson, and Co.**

Gary Johnson, of Norman, Johnson, & Company, P.A., presented the 2014-2015 audit report. Mr. Johnson reported that the assets of the Town of Cowpens exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year. At the end of the current fiscal year, assigned and unassigned fund balances for the General Fund totaled \$524,381 or 48.2 percent of total general fund expenditures and others uses for the fiscal year. This represents approximately a five-month reserve balance.

Mr. Johnson continued to review the major details of the financial statements, which included comparisons from the previous year. Mr. Johnson brought council up to date on the total depreciation and long term debt. Long term debt decreased by \$78,790.

Gary Johnson updated council on the new reporting requirements for GASB 68. He commended council for doing a good job and having a positive ending balance. Council thanked Mr. Johnson for the presentation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Roy Logan made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 and January 25, 2016, second by Bobby Dowis and carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCES**

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

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Police Department**

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve a resolution for financing terms for the purchase of a 2016 Ford Taurus, at a cost of \$24,321 and an interest rate of 1.77% on a three year term, second by Roy Logan and carried.

The police department answered 127 calls for service and issued 35 citations during the month of January. Six of these citations were for speeding. Total fines collected \$2,684.00 and the town's portion was \$913.50. A total of 8,061 miles were accumulated on seven vehicles.

Mr. Bolin reported that Chief Makupson has submitted the guidelines for the body-worn cameras. Chief Makupson is also working on funding and training.

### **Fire Department**

Steve Bolin reported that the fire department had 28 fire calls during the month of January. Five calls were in the town, 14 calls in the fire district, four in Spartanburg County, and five in Cherokee County. A total of 2,109 miles were accumulated on seven vehicles.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Farmer's Market Flooding**

Steve Bolin presented quotes for making repairs to the Farmer's Market. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to table the quotes for the repairs until further information is received, second by Roy Logan and carried.

### **Ordinance Violations/Property Issues**

Mr. Bolin updated council on contact with several property owners.

Bobby Dowis made a motion to table discussion on the former Bunche Street School property until the next meeting in order to obtain information from Ronnie Pettit, Chairman of the Zoning Board and our town attorney, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

David Peeler received a letter from Steve Bolin and came to council regarding the letter. Council spoke with Mr. Peeler about ordinance compliance and wanted to make some type of agreement to get into compliance. Mr. Peeler agreed to meet with Mr. Bolin and work out details for cleaning portions of the property.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Adjustments – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the general fund budget adjustments for the second quarter, ending 12/31/2015, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the fire department budget adjustments, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

**Computer Services**

Steve Bolin presented two options from Beowulf Services for computer storage and repairs. Mr. Bolin was advised to complete a formal agreement before engaging with Beowulf Services.

**Waste Management Contract**

The contract is coming up for renewal. Mr. Bolin needed to know if council wanted to extend the contract with a 3% increase. Fuel charges were discussed.

**Resolution for Naming Bridge**

Bobby Dowis made a motion to adopt a Resolution to name the Old Pacolet Road Bridge as “Representative Eddie Tallon and Councilman Roy Logan Bridge”, second by Roy Logan. Three in favor and two opposed (Jarred S. Spencer and Brenda J. Adair).

**Resolution for Memorial Name – Old Pacolet Road**

Rev. Macomson spoke on behalf of naming Old Pacolet Road the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway. Doug Brackett also spoke requesting the road be memorialized for Dr. King.

Mr. Lewis Dawkins asked if there would be a stop sign or red light on Highway 29 and Old Pacolet Road. Mr. Bolin will request a traffic study from SC DOT.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to table the resolution until the March council meeting, second by Michael D. Hamrick, two in favor and three opposed (Brenda J. Adair, Bobby Dowis and Roy Logan), motion failed.

Bobby Dowis made a motion to approve the resolution naming Old Pacolet Road as “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway” as presented, second by Roy Logan and carried.

**Agreement with Spartanburg County to Provide Storm Water Permit Services**

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the agreement with Spartanburg County to provide Storm Water Permit Services, second by Bobby Dowis and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made to enter executive session, as allowed by SC Code of Laws 30-4-70 (a) 1-5, to discuss fire department personnel issues and possible litigation regarding the same, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Bobby Dowis and carried.

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Jarred S. Spencer made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor

Brenda J. Adair, Mayor Pro-Tem

Bobby Dowis, Council Member

Attest:

Roy Logan, Council Member

Teresa Chadwick, Town Clerk

Jarred S. Spencer, Council Member