

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 19, 2019**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan, Jarred S. Spencer and Thomas Voelker. Absent: Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, due to illness.

Brenda J. Adair 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 February 19, 2019, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of January 22, 2019, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements. Roy Logan made a motion to approve the minutes, purchase journals, account registers, and monthly bank statements, second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Department Reports

The police department issued 44 citations during the month of January 2019 and 52 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$4,470.88. The town's portion was \$1,512.10.

Mileage for each department for the month of January 2019 is:

Police Department – 8,630

Fire Department – 1,119

Street Department – 1,041

Steve Bolin reported the number of fire calls for the fire department. The fire department answered 25 calls for the month of January 2019. Five calls were in the Town, eight calls in the fire district, nine calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and three calls in Cherokee County.

The wood chipper had to have the bearings in the engine replaced and the leaf vacuum is in the shop having the fuel pump replaced.

Chief Swofford commended Officer Kenneth Ettlemeyer for responding to a welfare check on Mr. Willie Boyd. Chief Swofford iterated that other responders may have left because they couldn't get him to the door, but Officer Ettlemeyer was persistent and proceeded to get into the home where he found Mr. Boyd in dire need of medical attention. EMS was contacted and Mr. Boyd was transported to the hospital. Roy Logan also thanked Officer Ettlemeyer on behalf of the citizens in the neighborhood.

Old Business

The second reading on an Ordinance to repeal Chapter 13, Article VII (Drug Paraphernalia and Counterfeit Drugs), was presented to town council. As Chief Swofford stated in the previous meeting this ordinance conflicted with State Law and he requested that it be removed from the Town of Cowpens Ordinances. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance Repealing the Drug Paraphernalia and Counterfeit Drug Ordinance, second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

New Business

Town Council reviewed a grant application for Hospitality Tax Funds from the Cowpens Mighty Moo Committee, in the amount of \$2,500.00. Funds will be used to support the Mighty Moo Adopt-A-Crew Dinner. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the grant application in the amount of \$2,500.00, second by Roy Logan, and carried.

Town Council reviewed a grant application for Hospitality Tax Funds from the Cowpens Area Merchants, in the amount of \$1,500.00. Funds will be used to support the Spring Arts and Antiques on Main. Roy Logan made a motion to approve the grant application in the amount of \$1,500.00, second by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss police department personnel related to Chief Swofford, second by Roy Logan and carried. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to move Danny Swofford from Interim Chief of Police to a position as permanent Chief of Police with an increase in salary as determined by council, second by Roy Logan and carried.

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