

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main St.
Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jarred S. Spencer, Council Members Lesa C. Bolin, Pam Camp, and Danyelle D. Goode. Council Member Erin P. Wofford was absent. Mayor Jarred S. Spencer called the meeting to order, and Pam Camp held prayer.

Danyelle D. Goode was sworn in as council member, filling the unexpired term of Thomas Voelker.

The agenda for the February 20, 2024, meeting was presented to the town council. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

Minutes of the January 4, 2024, and January 16, 2024, meetings were presented to the Town Council. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

The purchase journal for January 2024 was presented to the Town Council. Pam Camp made a motion to accept the purchase journal as presented, seconded by Danyelle D. Goode, and carried.

Bank Statements for January 2024 were presented to the Town Council. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the Bank Statements as presented, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin presented the department reports as follows:

The police department issued 14 warnings during January 2024 and 62 citations. Total fines collected were \$9,267.50 and \$3,305.69 was the town's portion.

Mileage for each department – Police Department 8,554 miles, Fire Department 2,911 miles, and Street Department 918 miles.

The fire department responded to 32 calls during the month of January 2024. Eight were in the Town of Cowpens, 7 were in the fire district, 9 were in the Spartanburg Mutual Aid District, and 8 were in the Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

CC&I Services – A permit was issued for 107 Love Springs Road, and 242 Maple Street is changing hands, with the financial institution paying for the cleanup.

Public Comments

Mayor Spencer recognized Richard Hyder. Mr. Hyder is requesting that bark collars be required for dogs that continuously bark. Mr. Hyder has been instructed to make recordings and make a timely report with the police department in order for the current ordinances to be enforced.

New Business

A. Hospitality Tax Grant Application

A Hospitality Grant Application requested funds for the Adopt a Crewman Dinner was presented in the amount of \$2,500.00. Funds will be used to provide food, rental of tables and chairs, and gifts for the crew members of the USS Cowpens CVL-25 and CG-63. Lesa C. Bolin made a motion to approve the application and funding, seconded by Danyelle D. Goode.

B. Elect Mayor Pro-Tem

Lesla C. Bolin made a motion to nominate Erin P. Wofford as mayor pro-tem, seconded by Danyelle D. Goode, and carried.

Old Business

A. Lumos Fibers – Ordinance Authorizing Execution and Delivery of a Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement – 2ND Reading.

Lumos Fibers is a telecommunications provider, offering landline and cellular telephone, residential and business optical fiber services, web hosting, yellow pages, and digital television. Lumos will begin engineering and construction in the Cowpens area during the next month for the development of optical fiber services. Upon completion, services will be available to all homes in the Cowpens area. They will be providing a Wi-Fi service in Veterans Park, which will increase the productivity of cell service and card readers during dedicated events.

Guest Present: Randy Goode, Tina Gilbert, Jackie Martinez, Blake Threadgill, Amanda Burnette, Brenda Dowis, Michelle McKinney, Richard Hyder, Tim Dempsey, and Tony Makupson (Mr. Makupson arrived at 6:18 p.m.)

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An ordinance was presented for second reading to authorize execution and delivery of a non-exclusive Franchise Agreement. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the second reading of this ordinance, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

B. Farmers' Market

Steve Bolin reported that he will be meeting with Ray Rogers who will return to provide a RFQ for the heating and cooling system, sprinkler system, the roof, and repairs to the back wall at the farmers' market. Information will be provided to the town council at a later date.

Danyelle D. Goode made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pam Camp and carried.

Mayor Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Lesa Bolin

Attest:

Council Member Pam Camp

Council Member Danyelle D. Goode

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Erin P. Wofford

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