

TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 21, 2017

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 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 E. 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 to approve the agenda for February 21, 2017, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Gary Johnson of Norman, Johnson & Company

Mr. Johnson reviewed the financial report for the Town of Cowpens for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Mr. Johnson gave a full report of the Pension System and accounting changes required under GASB 68. He summarized the report by stating the town's fund balance, which gives the town about five months of reserve. Council thanked Gary Johnson for his hard work and presentation to council. Mr. Johnson welcomed council's comments and questions and stated he would be available for the town council if they had questions at a later date.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2017 and February 7, 2017, and the purchase journals and account registers, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Department Reports

The Police Department issued 36 citations (17 speeding tickets were included). There were 7,728 miles accumulated on the police vehicles. Revenue collected was \$1,390.88 and the town's portion was \$424.04.

Steve Bolin reported the following for the Cowpens Fire Department: Fire Calls in Cowpens-five; Cowpens Fire District- twenty; Spartanburg County Mutual Aid - three; Cherokee County - four. Mr. Bolin also reported that 1,995 miles were accumulated on the fire department vehicles.

The Street Department had 935 miles on two vehicles.

New Business

Travel Magazine – Herald Journal (Jessica Newman)

Jessica Newman made a presentation to town council which included the opportunity to advertise in the Herald Journal's Travel Magazine. The magazine has 12 distribution points and will generate a total of 193,000 copies. Publication is scheduled for April 2, 2017. Mayor Hamrick thanked Mrs. Newman and made her aware that town council would make a decision at a later time.

Cowpens Area Merchants – Hospitality Tax Request

Pam Camp presented a request for funds to purchase concrete pots to place on Main Street for the beautification of the town. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the CAMA request for \$ 1,175 of hospitality tax funds for a beautification project, second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Brenda J. Adair – Spring & Summer Concerts

Brenda J. Adair would like to hold some concerts this spring and summer. Mrs. Adair will provide more information at a later date. Council also discussed Easter egg dying on Saturday the week prior to Easter. Thomas Voelker made a motion to conduct an Easter egg dying/hunting for the children on April 8, 2017 at the farmers market second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

Old Business

Second Reading –Fire Prevention Code Ordinance

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance to update the fire prevention code to read “the most recent edition of the International Fire Code”, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Second Reading – Changes in Election Ordinance JS/RL carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance to change the date of its general election from the first Tuesday following the first Monday in May of even numbered years, to the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd numbered years and time of taking office from the third Monday in July to the third Monday in January, second by Roy Logan and carried.

A special meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair

Council Member Roy Logan

Attest:

Council Member Jarred S. Spencer

Teresa D. Chadwick, Town Clerk

Council Member Thomas E. Voelker