**TOWN OF COWPENS**
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**
**5330 N. Main St.**
**February 22, 2022**

The Town of Cowpens held a special meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, Council Members Pam Camp, Thomas Voelker, and Erin P. Wofford. Hamrick called the meeting to order, and Jarred S. Spencer held prayer.

### Approval of Agenda

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda for February 22, 2022, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

### Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of January 18, 2022, February 8, 2022, and February 15, 2022, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Pam Camp made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022, February 8, 2022, and February 15, 2022, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Pam Camp made a motion to approve the purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements as presented, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

### Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 40 citations during the month of January and 0 warnings. Fines collected totaled $3,840.00. The town's portion was $1,311.81.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 4,203 Street Department –724 and Fire Department – 1,415.

The fire department responded to twenty-seven calls during January. Eight calls were in the Town of Cowpens, eight in the Cowpens Fire District, four in Spartanburg County Mutual Aid District, and seven in Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Fire Department – Telephone, Camera System, & Computers and Networking

Chief Blanton presented a quote from Beowulf, who is currently under contract with the town, for upgrading the telephone system, camera system, new computers, and networking. After reviewing the information and discussion, Pam Camp made a motion to accept the quotes and use ARPA Funds for the purchase, seconded by Erin Wofford, and carried.

#### B. No Thru Truck Ordinance – Waters Road

Steve Bolin provided a "No Thru Truck Ordinance" for Waters Road and presented the ordinance for first reading. Mr. Bolin gave information on the condition of the road and stated that this was a neighborhood road and not designed for commercial traffic. Jarred S. Spencer concurred with Mr. Bolin. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the first reading of a "No Thru Truck Ordinance" for Waters Road, seconded by Thomas Voelker, and carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Wrecker Ordinance 2$^{nd}$ Reading – Update Fees

Steve Bolin presented the second reading of an ordinance to update and change the towing fees to fall in line with the fees set by the State of South Carolina. The State of South Carolina updates these fees each year. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the second reading and final reading of this ordinance, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

### Executive Session

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters related to the police department and office, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Erin Wofford, and carried.

During executive session town council reviewed the candidates and discussed the appointment of a chief of police. Pam Camp made a motion to offer the position to George Wayne Meredith, Sr., seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

Council also discussed a proposal from Teresa Carter for a salary and schedule reduction, with benefits remaining in place. Erin Wofford made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pam Camp and carried.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Pam Camp

Attest:                                                              Council Member Thomas Voelker

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk                              Council Member Erin P. Wofford