# TOWN OF COWPENS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 5332 N. Main St. Monday, March 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The Town of Cowpens held its regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jarred S. Spencer, Mayor Pro-Tem Erin P. Wofford, Council Members Lesa C. Bolin, Pam Camp, and Danyelle D. Goode. Mayor Jarred S. Spencer called the meeting to order and held prayer.

Lesa C. Bolin made a motion to approve the agenda for March 17, 2025, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

The minutes of February 24, 2025, meeting was presented. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

The purchase journals for February 2025 were presented to the town council. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the purchase journals as presented, seconded by Danyelle D. Goode, and carried.

The bank statements for February 2025 were presented to the town council. Danyelle D. Goode made a motion to approve the bank statements as presented, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

# **Department Reports**

Steve Bolin presented departmental reports to the town council. The police department issued seventy-four citations during February 2025. Thirty-four were for speeding, two stop sign violations, four driving under suspension, twenty exercise due care charges, and thirteen other miscellaneous charges. Fines collected totaled \$3,655.00 the town portion was \$1,017.98. Patrols have escalated on Greenway Drive due to suspicious persons or activity in the area. Twenty-three car stops were recorded on W. Church Street in recent weeks. Additionally, an increase in the feline population is creating problems on W. Church Street and Greenway Dr. Chief Meredith has contacted Environmental Control regarding the issue. Environmental Control will trap the felines, spay or neuter them and return them to the location they were trapped. The police department also responded to a domestic violence call where they were able to recover a stolen vehicle.

The fire department responded to forty-seven calls during the month of February 2025. Eight were in the Town of Cowpens, twenty-two were in the district, eleven were in the Spartanburg County Mutual Aid district, and six were in the Cherokee County Mutual Aid district.

The Street Department will conduct spring cleanup from April 7 - 11, 2025. The date is delayed due to the food truck takeover on March 29, 2025.

Broome High School will conduct their Legacy Day Event on April 4, 2025. Students will volunteer in our community to complete a project. The town has one hundred bags of mulch donated from Old Castle that will be placed on one of our properties.

Mileage for each department is as follows: Police Department 9,808; Fire Department 2,781, and Street Department 800.

### **OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

# **Hospitality Grant Application – Fireworks for Mighty Moo**

A grant application from the Cowpens Mighty Moo Committee was presented to the town council for support of the Fireworks Event. The fireworks event brings people from surrounding counties to enjoy the fireworks and other events. The committee is asking for \$5,000 to support the event. The cost of the fireworks event is \$9,500.00. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the request for \$5,000.00 to support the Cowpens Mighty Moo Fireworks event, seconded Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

# Hospitality Grant Application – Adopt a Crewman Dinner for Mighty Moo

A grant application from the Cowpens Mighty Moo Committee was presented to the town council for support of the Adopt a Crewman Dinner. The dinner is held to honor the crew members of the USS Cowpens and their families. Lesa C. Bolin made a motion to approve the request for \$2,000.00 to support the Adopt a Crewman Dinner, seconded by Danyelle D. Goode, and carried.

Guest Present: None

Staff Present: Steve Bolin, Town Administrator and Teresa Carter, Municipal Clerk.

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# Storm Water Ordinance – 1st Reading

The town council received and reviewed an ordinance to adopt the Spartanburg County MS4 Ordinance (Storm Water Management Ordinance) and Spartanburg County Storm Water Management Design Manual. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the first reading of this ordinance and Storm Water Management Design Manual, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried. Second reading of this ordinance will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

# Business License Ordinance – Class Schedule Revision 2025 (must be updated in odd years)

The town council received and reviewed an ordinance to update the Business License Class Schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020. The Standardized Act requires that by December thirty-first in every odd year, each municipality levying a business license tax must adopt, by ordinance, the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule as recommended by the Municipal Association of South Carolina and adopted by the Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the first reading of the Business License Ordinance Class Schedule Revision for 2025, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried. Second reading of this ordinance will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

The town council discussed the development of the property between Battleground Road and Waters Road. This property is not included in the town's limit. No action was required.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Guest Present: None

Staff Present: Steve Bolin, Town Administrator and Teresa Carter, Municipal Clerk.