

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 18, 2019**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan and Thomas Voelker. Absent: Jarred S. Spencer

Mayor Hamrick called the meeting to order and 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

Brenda J. Adair made a motion approve the agenda for March 18, 2019, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Presentation of Financial Statements - Gary Johnson, Norman, Johnson and Company

Gary Johnson was recognized by the Mayor and Town Council and presented results of the audit for the Town of Cowpens for the year ending June 30, 2018. Mr. Johnson provided the following highlights to town council:

- ✚ As of the close of current fiscal year (June 30, 2018), the towns governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$851,859 an increase of \$79,925 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 71 percent of this total amount, or \$605,502 is available for spending at the government's discretion (assigned and unassigned fund balances).
- ✚ Long term debt decreased by \$49,196 during the fiscal year.
- ✚ Gary Johnson noted the following key economic indicators which reflect the growth and prosperity of the Town:
 - Property tax revenues remained steady as did the assessed value of property within the Town and millage remained at 108.4 mils.
 - Property tax revenues remained steady as the assessed value of property for the Fire District decreased and the millage rate remained the same at 31.9 mils.
 - Business license revenues increased by \$64,004 due to an increase in insurance collections received and collections of prior year unpaid business license.

Mr. Johnson concluded his presentation and thanked Council for allowing Norman, Johnson, and Company to audit the financial statement of the Town of Cowpens.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of February 19, 2019. Roy Logan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

Council reviewed the purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve purchase journals, account registers, and monthly bank statements, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Department Reports

The police department issued 34 citations during the month of February 2019 and 52 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$4,990.00. The town's portion was \$1,646.28.

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

Police Department – 7,936

Fire Department – 514

Street Department – 894

Steve Bolin reported the number of fire calls for the fire department. The fire department answered 22 calls for the month of February 2019. Six calls were in the Town, eight calls in the fire district, three calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and five calls in Cherokee County.

Old Business

Attorney Lawrence Flynn completed the paper work for the donation of the Jeter property. Town Council discussed the possibility of accepting the donation. Brenda J. Adair feels that we do not need to take on another burden for our tax payers. Roy Logan is in accord with Mrs. Adair and feels that we have other options open to the town over the next several years. Thomas Voelker felt that we don't need this property at this time. Council would like to revisit the donation of the property in August 2019.

Mayor Hamrick is working with the USDA on the paper work for the Farmer's Market. When he receives the information, he will address this issue with council.

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to enter executive session to discuss office personnel, second Thomas Voelker and carried. Roy Logan made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

Brenda J. Adair 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