

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 19, 2018**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan, Jarred S. Spencer, and Thomas 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 approve the agenda for March 19, 2018, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Palmetto Pride – Esther Wagner

Ms. Wagner informed the town council and guests on how litter impacted our community (aesthetics, economic, insurance rates, health, fuel, etc.) and is a harbinger of other crimes. The community needs to create awareness ideas and enforcement. Grants programs are available such as Keep American Beautiful Program (Spartanburg County), tree grants, education programs, art contest, book contest, and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. Jarred S. Spencer thanked Ms. Wagner for assisting our merchants in this project. Council thanked Ms. Wagner for attending our meeting and supplying us with valuable information. She encouraged the town to apply for grants through Palmetto Pride.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council discussed the minutes of February 20, 2018 and March 5, 2018. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the purchase journals, account registers, and monthly bank statements, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Department Reports

The police department issued 48 citations during the month of February 2018 and 45 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$8,108.88. The town's portion was \$2,845.04. Mileage for the police department was 7,063.

Mr. Bolin reported the number of fire calls for the fire department, as well as mileage of 1,758. The fire department answered 19 calls for the month of February 2018. Ten calls were in the Town, five calls in the fire district, four calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and zero calls in Cherokee County. Chief Blanton updated council on the bids for the 1989 fire truck, as well as, the 1999 tanker.

The Spring Clean Up event will take place on March 26-30, 2018.

Old Business

A. Brenda J. Adair

1. **Veteran's Park Sign** - Brenda J. Adair gave an update on the sign for Veteran's Park and provided a picture of the work to be done. We are waiting on the electrician and the sign contractor to get together on the work.

2. **Walk with Elected Officials May 2018** – Brenda J. Adair encouraged council members to meet on May 19, 2018 at the stage at Veteran’s Park and walk through town with the citizens. The rain date will be May 20, 2018.

B. Michael D. Hamrick

1. Mayor Hamrick updated council on the negotiations with SBA Lease and options with Landmark Dividend. He had Norman, Johnson, and Company to perform a present value analysis and based on those figures it is in the town’s best interest not to accept any offer from Landmark Dividend.
2. **Parking Lot Lease** – Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to opt out of the parking lot lease with C & A Maintenance, since 90% of the parking is used by the businesses on each side of the parking lot, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

New Business

A. Steve Bolin

1. **Review Street Department Equipment** – Steve Bolin presented an overview of the equipment repairs made during the current budget year. His biggest concern right now is the leaf vacuum. The blades are completely worn down on the propellers on this equipment and the housing is patched beyond repair. The leaf vacuum is so old that most of the parts cannot be ordered. Repairs can be made for \$5,800.00. Mr. Bolin suggested to allow a local company (J. P. Carlton) to do an assessment on this equipment.

A budget workshop is scheduled for April 2, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Jarred S. Spencer 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