

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 20, 2017**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, March 20, 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 Brenda J. Adair 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 to approve the agenda for March 20, 2017 and amend the agenda by adding the lease on SBA Tower, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2017 and March 7, 2017, second by Roy Logan and carried.

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

Department Reports

The Police Department issued 34 citations (11 speeding tickets were included). There were 7,020 miles accumulated on the police vehicles. Revenue collected was \$3,681.90 and the town's portion was \$1,011.44.

Steve Bolin reported the following for the Cowpens Fire Department: Fire Calls in Cowpens-three; Cowpens Fire District- ten; Spartanburg County Mutual Aid -five; Cherokee County - three. Mr. Bolin also reported that 3,346 miles were accumulated on the fire department vehicles.

The Street Department had 935 miles on two vehicles. Spring clean-up will be March 27-31, 2017.

New Business

Cowpens Area Merchants – Hospitality Tax Request

Hospitality Tax Grant Applications were presented for the Summer Arts & Antiques on Main (\$1,500), Fall Arts & Antiques on Main (\$1,700), and Boo Fest (\$800).

After some discussion, Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve \$1,200.00 for the Summer Arts & Antiques on Main and second by Jarred S. Spencer. Motion carried four to one (Michael D. Hamrick opposed).

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve \$1,200.00 for the Fall Arts & Antiques on Main and second by Brenda J. Adair. Motion carried four to one (Michael D. Hamrick opposed).

Roy Logan made a motion to approve \$800.00 for Boo Fest and second by Jarred S. Spencer. Motion carried.

Farmer's Market Rental Agreement

Council discussed renting the Farmer's Market for other uses. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to charge a rate of \$75.00 per hour with a two hour minimum and a \$50.00 security deposit. A for profit event cannot be held by private individuals or companies without prior approval from town council. The motion was second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Depot Use

Council discussed allowing the American Legion Post #125 to use the depot. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to allow the American Legion Post #125 to use the depot for their monthly meetings and the post will not be allowed to make any alterations to the building, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Town Council discussed the following topics and deferred them until the special meeting on March 27, 2017:

- ❖ Moonlighting Policy – Council discussed extra duty details, non-police nature, seasonal work, and a phase in period.
- ❖ Policy Manual – This manual will cover: body worn cameras, vehicle use, radio use, weapons, etc.
- ❖ Police Chief Search – job description and requirements, compensation, and a time line.

Tree work

The Bradford Pear trees on Main Street are splitting, dying, and becoming a risk. Steve Bolin presented quotes to trim the trees or remove the trees and the stumps. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to accept the quote from Freddie Cook, in the amount of \$750.00, to remove the trees and the stumps and to remove three pine trees in the cemetery for \$150.00, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Sign at Crosswalk

The pedestrian crosswalk on Main Street, between Foster Street and Church Street, has become a busy crosswalk and is a danger to pedestrians. Steve Bolin has continued to search for solutions to resolve this problem. Mossburg Signs has presented a sign with a movable base for \$215.00, versus the cost of over \$700.00 for similar signs. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to purchase the sign from Mossburg Signs, second by Roy Logan and carried.

SBA Tower Lease

Council discussed the lease held by SBA Tower. Mayor Hamrick will explore the town's options and report to council a later date.

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 D. Chadwick, Town Clerk

Council Member Thomas E. Voelker