

**TOWN OF COWPENS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
5330 N. Main St.  
March 21, 2022**

The Town of Cowpens held a special meeting on Monday, March 21, 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. Michael D. Hamrick called the meeting to order, and Erin P. Wofford held prayer.

**Approval of Agenda**

Pam Camp made a motion to approve the agenda for March 21, 2022, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

**Proclamation – Declaration of March 2022 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month**

Mayor Hamrick presented a Proclamation declaring March 2022 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month. Bleeding disorders share the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma, or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively. This awareness month in the Town of Cowpens will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders and will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our community to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability. Corey Fansler was present for the proclamation.

**Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements**

Council reviewed the minutes of February 22, 2022, and March 8, 2022, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022, and March 8, 2022, seconded by Thomas Voelker and carried.

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

**Department Reports**

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 18 citations during the month of February and 17 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$5,631.00. The town's portion was \$2,062.62.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 5,039 Street Department –1,051 and Fire Department – 2,958.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Hospitality Tax Request – Mighty Moo Crewmen Dinner**

An application was presented to town council requesting hospitality tax funds to hold the Crewmen's Dinner during the Mighty Moo Festival. These funds will be used to purchase food for the crewmen and their families. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the application in the amount of \$2,000, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

**B. Hospitality Tax Request – Mighty Moo Fireworks**

An application was presented to town council requesting hospitality tax funds to hold the fireworks show during the Mighty Moo Festival. Tony Blanton informed council that the cost to conduct the show had increased from \$7,500 to \$9,000. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the application in the amount of \$4,500, seconded by Michael D. Hamrick and carried.

**C. Hospitality Tax Request – Cowpens Event Team Concert Series**

The Cowpens Event Team submitted a hospitality tax request of \$10,000 to hold a series of concerts and other events from April 2022 to November 2022. Funds will be used to hire bands, obtain insurance, security, possibly movies, and other events. The Cowpens Event Team will be working to secure sponsors. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the application in the amount of \$10,000, seconded by Pam Camp and carried.

**D. First Reading – Proposed Budget 2022-2023**

A Proposed Budget for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$1,129,693, was presented to town council. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the first reading of the Proposed Budget for 2022-2023, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. No Thru Truck Ordinance – Waters Road**

Steve Bolin provided a “No Thru Truck Ordinance” for Waters Road and presented the ordinance for second and final reading. Jarred S. Spencer reiterated the condition of the road and stated that this was a neighborhood road and not designed for commercial traffic. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the second and final reading of a “No Thru Truck Ordinance” for Waters Road, seconded by Thomas Voelker, and carried.

**B. ARPA Funds Discussion**

**1. Police Vehicles**

Town Council reviewed information presented by Chief Wayne Meredith regarding the current vehicle fleet for the police department. Council took note of the situation the department is experiencing with the 2012 Dodge Charger, 2010 Tahoe, and the two 2018 Dodge Chargers. The need to purchase two vehicles at this time is a necessity to keep our fleet service up and operational for the department and town. The need is greater because of the fact that the police vehicles are difficult to locate and only the Ford Explorer being an option for police pursuit vehicles. Pam Camp made a motion to allow Chief Meredith to pursue the purchase of two Ford Explorers, using ARPA Funds for the purchase, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

**2. ARPA Funds Discussion**

Town Council discussed the use of ARPA funds for restrooms in Veterans Park, electrical, and water. Council will continue discussion for the use of these funds. The town is currently waiting for information from the engineers before proceeding with these projects. It is hopeful to complete the restroom portion in early fall.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer 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

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<sup>1</sup> Guest present: Police Chief Wayne Meredith, Fire Chief Tony Blanton, Tony Makupson, Kristopher Chadwick, Jonathan Chadwick, Lauren Chadwick, Penelope Chadwick, Rowan Chadwick, Michael Chadwick, Charles Chadwick, Becky Frady, and Coree Fansler.