

**TOWN OF COWPENS
COUNCIL MEETING
Emergency Meeting by Conference Call Due to COVID-19
March 26, 2020**

The Town of Cowpens held an emergency council meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor-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, as well as, our nation and citizens affected by COVID-19.

Approval of Agenda

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the agenda for March 26, 2020, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Town Council reviewed the minutes of February 18, 2020, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements. Roy Logan made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

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

Ordinance for Alternative Meeting Format

Town Council discussed and reviewed an emergency ordinance for the Town of Cowpens temporarily suspending rules for Town Council meetings to allow for remote attendance and participation in public meetings and to allow for enactment of a continuity in operations plan. Jarred Spencer made a motion to approve this emergency ordinance, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

Hospitality Tax Relief

Hospitality Tax Relief was discussed, and options considered due to the reduction in business caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to temporarily suspend the collection of Hospitality Tax Funds for the months of April and May, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to extend the deadline for the collection of Business License to June 30, 2020, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

Actions for COVID-19

Steve Bolin informed Town Council that the town hall is temporarily closed to the public. Teresa Carter's laptop has been setup to functional offsite. The SROs are mixing in with regular shift officers since the schools are closed. Cpl. Jason Spencer has provided good instruction to our police officers on dealing with COVID-19. The police department is in co-op with the county for PPE (personal protective equipment) and the fire department has their protocol in place.

Spring Clean Up has been cancelled and Waste Management will not pick up any loose items outside the container.

SC-110 and I-85 Issues

Mr. Bolin updated Town Council on the issues regarding the bridge at SC-110 and I-85. A truck hit the bridge causing structural damage. SCDOT will not be making repairs to the bridge since a new bridge is under construction. Jarred S. Spencer spoke with Representative Ed Tallon regarding the need for citizens to have a route to commute. Traffic from I-85 will run through our exit during demolition

The fire department alternative route is brutal and doesn't allow for good response time. Other departments are assisting with calls in that area. The possibility of a temporary substation was discussed, if construction of the bridge is 6-18 months away. Steve Bolin is communicating with Trey Eubanks, of ACOG, to assist in applying for emergency funding. Mayor Hamrick will reach out to his contact at the industrial park regarding a temporary shelter on site. Jarred S. Spencer will pursue the use of the bus garage at Mt. View Baptist Church.

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Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, second Brenda J. Adair 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