

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main St.
Monday, April 17, 2023**

The Town of Cowpens held a regular meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, and Council Members Pam Camp, and Erin P. Wofford. Absent: Thomas Voelker. Staff present included: Steve Bolin, Town Administrator, and Teresa Carter, Town Clerk. Mayor Michael D. Hamrick called the meeting to order, and Erin P. Wofford held prayer, including a moment of silence for families who lost their loved ones during the month.

Approval of Agenda

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve and amend the agenda for April 17, 2023, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Approval of Minutes, Purchase Journals, and Bank Statements

The council reviewed the minutes, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Pam Camp made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2023, March 20, 2023, and April 11, 2023, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the purchase journals for March 2023, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the March 2023 bank statements as presented, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 35 citations during the month of March 2023. Fines collected totaled \$4,987.44. The town's portion was \$1,857.46.

The fire department responded to 36 calls during March 2023. Twelve calls were in the Town of Cowpens, 15 in the Cowpens Fire District, six in Spartanburg County Mutual Aid District, and three in Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

Mileage for each department was 8,625 in the police department, 2,670 in the fire department, and 975 in the street department.

Mr. Bolin also reported that CC&I Services had issued multiple building permits. He updated the Town Council on the Cavallini property, the Potter's Store property closing, and the proposed timeline for the Peeler Mill property.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 1st Reading on the Proposed Budget for the Town of Cowpens and the Cowpens Fire Department 2023-2024

The town council reviewed the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the first reading as presented in the amount of \$1,342,128 and the Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$460,312.34, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer and carried. A workshop on the budget will be held at a later time.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Information on the Cell Tower Lease & Investment

Mayor Hamrick presented information to the Town Council regarding the agreement on the cell tower lease. He also provided information to invest the funds from the lease with Exencial Wealth Advisors, Huntersville, NC. The investment will be in government agency bonds rather than government treasury bonds. Exencial Wealth Advisors is offering the town 40 basis points. Mayor Hamrick suggested investing 25 bonds at \$10,000 each. After discussion, Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to invest the funds with Exencial Wealth Advisors, once they are received, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

B. Update on Projects

Steve Bolin updated the Town Council on the parking lot at the corner of Foster and N. Oakland Streets. Permitting for the parking lot has been completed. The project could begin in May 2023. The bid process will begin soon.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

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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

Guest Present: Rich Ashford