

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TIMKEN COMMUNITY CENTER
180 FOSTER STREET, COWPENS, SC
APRIL 19, 2021**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, Council Members Roy Logan, 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 to approve the agenda for April 19, 2021, second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of March 15, 2021, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements. Roy Logan 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, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements as presented, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 56 citations during the month of March and 32 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$2,582.00 The town's portion was \$797.56.

The fire department answered 31 calls for the month of March 2021. Nine calls were in the town, 12 calls in the fire district, nine calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and one in Cherokee County.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 5,476 Street Department –962 and Fire Department – 2,168.

Mr. Bolin informed town council that the street department is waiting on the fabrication work to be completed on the F-450.

Bids were received on the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, and the Ford F-550. Thomas Voelker made a motion accept the high bids as read, second by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Façade Grant Applications

The Town of Cowpens received two Façade Grant Applications from Tina Johnson and Jamie Caggiano. Roy Logan made a motion to approve the two Façade Grant Applications for \$2,000 each, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Update – Cowpens First Baptist Church Plans

Steve Bolin presented information to town council for the construction of Cowpens First Baptist Church. He is waiting to hear from SCDOT regarding Encroachment Permits.

ARPA & Earmarks

Information was provided to town council regarding funding from the US Treasury. The US Treasury will send funds to the state on or around May 11, 2021. Council discussed the possible use of funds, Earmarks, and capital projects. No action was taken.

Cowpens Middle School Property

Council discussed the possible uses for the Cowpens Middle School Property. Rough drawings were provided, and council feels the property can be repurposed. Mayor Hamrick will continue meeting with the school board. The town council and school board are aware of the limitations and issues that need to be addressed.

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NEW BUSINESS

Hospitality Grant – Mighty Moo Crewmen Dinner

A Hospitality Tax Grant Application was presented to council for the Cowpens Mighty Moo Crewmen Dinner, in the amount of \$2,000.00. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to award the application, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Hospitality Grant – Mighty Moo Fireworks

A Hospitality Tax Grant Application was presented to council for the Cowpens Mighty Moo Fireworks, in the amount of \$3,500.00. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to award the application, second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Resolution – Mutual Aid Agreement with Pacolet Police Department

Chief Swofford presented a Resolution for a Mutual Aid Agreement with Pacolet Police Department to town council. This Mutual Aid Agreement will allow each department to render aid to each other. The chief from each town would request assistance if necessary. Town Council discussed liability and it was determined that the liability issue was covered in the agreement. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the Resolution entering into the Mutual Aid Agreement with Pacolet Police Department, second by Roy Logan, and carried.

Resolution – Fair Housing Month

A Resolution was presented to town council to recognize April as Fair Housing Month. Thomas Voelker made a motion to approve this Resolution, second by Roy Logan and carried.

ADA Contract & Survey

Steve Bolin presented a contract from the Upper Savannah Council of Governments to serve as a consultant to meet the ADA requirements and Section 504 of the Housing Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter and approve the contract with the Upper Savannah Council of Governments, second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Special Election

Information was provided to town council to fill the unexpired term of Brenda J. Adair. Interested persons must be a Spartanburg County registered voter and a resident of the Town of Cowpens for at least 30 days prior to the election.

Candidates must complete a Non-Partisan Statement of Candidacy form which is available at either Cowpens Town Hall, or the County Voter Registration and Elections Office or from the Candidate section of the following website: www.scvotes.gov

Candidates must pay a filing fee of \$75.00. Filing opens at Noon on April 23, 2021 and closes at Noon on May 3, 2021.

Town Wide Yard Sale

The Cowpens Merchants are planning a town wide yard sale on May 22, 2021. The sale will begin at 7:00 a.m.

1st Reading Ordinance – Quit Claim Deed

First Reading of an ordinance approving the execution and delivery of a Quit Claim Deed to a parcel of land to Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, LLC, located in the Daniel Morgan Memorial Cemetery, and to accept a Quit Claim Deed from Greenlawn Memorial Gardens to a parcel of land also located in the Daniel Morgan Memorial Cemetery and other matters related thereto was presented before town council. After discussion, Thomas Voelker made a motion to approve the 1st reading of this ordinance, second by Roy Logan and carried, three in favor and one opposed (Jarred S. Spencer).

2nd Reading Ordinance – Mobile Food Vendors

Town Council discussed the Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the second reading, second by Thomas Voelker and carried, three in favor and one opposed (Roy Logan).

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Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, second Thomas Voelker and carried.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Roy Logan

Attest:
Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Thomas Voelker