

**TOWN OF COWPENS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Meeting by Conference Call due to COVID-19  
April 20, 2020**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular meeting on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held by conference call due to COVID-19. 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**

Roy Logan made a motion to approve the agenda for April 20, 2020, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

**Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements**

Town Council reviewed the minutes of March 26, 2020, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements. Roy Logan made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

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

**Department Reports**

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 86 citations during the month of March and 76 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$5,352.50. The town's portion was \$1,883.20.

The fire department answered 32 calls for the month of March 2020. Ten calls were in the town, ten calls in the fire district, seven calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and five in Cherokee County.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 6,910 Street Department –1,154 and Fire Department – 1,424.

**Hospitality Tax Request**

The Cowpens Mighty Moo Committee has submitted a request of \$2,500 for the 2020 Adopt A Crewman Dinner for the Mighty Moo Festival. Council discussed the festival, the festival being postponed, and the possibility of any cancellation if the COVID-19 social distancing was not lifted. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the request, contingent on the festival being held in August 2020, second by Roy Logan and carried.

**Banners for Broome High School Seniors**

Steve Bolin informed council that he has been in contact with Rodney Graves, Principal at Broome High School. Mr. Graves is determined to have a graduation ceremony for the seniors later and a prom if possible. Several groups within the school system are having banners made for the seniors. On Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 9:00 p.m. a recognition for senior athletes will be held.

**SBA Lease**

Council discussed the SBA Lease and a \$28,000 extension payment. Brenda J. Adair request these funds be put into another account, other than the general operating budget. The funds will be put into the reserve account. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to enter into the extension agreement with SBA and authorize Mayor Hamrick to sign any necessary documents, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

**Update on COVID-19 Procedures**

Steve Bolin reiterated that he is in daily communication with Spartanburg County Emergency Preparedness and is receiving personal protective equipment for the police department. The police department is making minimal contact with the public and public property. Patrols are continuing as normal or increased somewhat.

COVID-19 cases are still on the rise nationally and statewide. Businesses are complying with social distancing.

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Brenda J. Adair made a motion to adjourn, second Roy Logan 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