

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 20, 2019**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 6:00 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 Brenda J. Adair 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 approve the agenda for May 20, 2019, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of April 15 and April 29, 2019, 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 Roy Logan and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

A public hearing was held on the Town of Cowpens Municipal Budget 2019-2020 pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the SC Code of Laws. Teresa Carter, Town Clerk, presented the budget for 2019-2020 in the amount of \$1,208,569.00. Mayor Hamrick opened the floor for questions. Town Council reviewed and discussed changes in the budget from the previous fiscal year.

1st Reading – Town of Cowpens Proposed Budget 2019-2020

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the first reading of the Town of Cowpens Budget for 2019-2020, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried. Jarred S. Spencer noted that the Town of Cowpens reduced the millage rate in 2018-2019, as required by law during a reassessment year, from 108.4 to 101.4. He also noted that town council chose not to increase the millage rate during the 2019-2020 fiscal year, and it remains at 101.4.

Department Reports

The police department issued 57 citations during the month of April and 23 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$3,893.00. The town's portion was \$1,788.43.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 9,500, Street Department –689 and Fire Department – 837.

Steve Bolin reported the number of fire calls for the fire department. The fire department answered 26 calls for the month of April 2019. Eight calls were in the town, three calls in the fire district, eleven calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and four calls in Cherokee County.

Old Business

Second Reading on Festival Permit Ordinance

Council reviewed the second reading on an ordinance that would allow vendors to sell food and other items outside the festival area. Council reviewed the following information:

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“Vendors not registered with and approved by the Cowpens Mighty Moo Committee shall not sell food or other items within 750 feet of the Veterans Memorial Monument during the Mighty Moo Festival week, provided, that any private property owner, including 501(c) 3 organizations, within 750 feet of the Veterans Memorial Monument may sell food or other items on his or her private property upon securing a written permit from the Town of Cowpens. The permit will be valid for the period Friday-Saturday during the Mighty Moo Festival and the permit fee will be \$75.00, to be purchased not later than Friday, at 12:00 noon prior to the festival.”

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the second reading of the Festival Permits Ordinance 2019-001 as amended, second by Roy Logan, and carried (4 in favor and Jarred S. Spencer opposed).

New Business

1st Reading – Cowpens Fire Department Proposed Budget 2019-2020

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the first reading of the Cowpens Fire Department Budget 2019-2020, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried. Jarred S. Spencer explained that the town had increased their share of the fire department budget by \$7,000 to allow for one employee for 24-hour coverage.

Council received public comments from several citizens.

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