

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main St.
Monday, May 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jarred S. Spencer, Mayor Pro-Tem Erin P. Wofford, Council Members Lesa C. Bolin, Pam Camp, and Danyelle D. Goode. Mayor Jarred S. Spencer called the meeting to order, and Lesa C. Bolin held prayer.

The agenda for the May 20, 2024, meeting was presented to the town council. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the agenda adding an executive session to discuss contractual matters, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Power Up Spartanburg – Jay Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins updated the town council on Power Up Spartanburg's small business initiative. He provided information which included 1,594 intakes, W-2 growth, 99% payroll growth, and revenue growth. The program has awarded \$2.4 million in grants and loans. Mr. Jenkins is meeting with the Cowpens Area Merchants Association on May 22, 2024, to develop a strategy on how to help the small business owners in Cowpens.

Mr. Ron Garner introduced the Re: Degree program to the town council. Re: Degree is made possible by Movement 2030, a plan to dramatically advance economic mobility and educational attainment in Spartanburg County. The initiative is spearheaded by One Spartanburg, Inc. and supported by Spartanburg Academic Movement.

Approval of Minutes, Purchase Journals, and Bank Statements

Minutes of the April 22, 2024, and May 7, 2024, meetings were presented to the Town Council. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

The purchase journal for April 2024 was presented to the Town Council. Lesa C. Bolin made a motion to accept the purchase journal as presented, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Bank Statements for April 2024 were presented to the Town Council. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the Bank Statements as presented, seconded by Danyelle D. Goode, and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin presented the department reports as follows:

The police department issued 137 warnings during April 2024 and 178 citations. Total fines collected were \$4,193.50 and \$713.85 was the town's portion.

Mileage for each department – Police Department 9,522 miles, Fire Department 2,250 miles, and Street Department 1,203 miles.

The fire department responded to 30 calls during the month of April 2024. Eight were in the Town of Cowpens, seven were in the fire district, ten were in the Spartanburg Mutual Aid District, and five were in the Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

CC&I Services – Eighteen permits were issued during the month of April 2024. These permits included re-inspection, Commercial Plan Review, residential construction, and electrical.

New Business

A. PEBA Insurance Resolution

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk/Treasurer, presented an Addendum to Employer Resolution for Participation in the State Insurance Benefits Program regarding County/Municipality Councilmember Coverage. The town council reviewed the Resolution and discussed two options for participation. Lesa C. Bolin made a motion to choose option two, Members of the Council will **not** be considered Active Employees of the Employer for the purposes of participation in the State Insurance Benefits Program, second by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Old Business

A. Proposed Budget for 2024-2025 1st Reading

Steve Bolin and Teresa Carter presented the first reading of the Town of Cowpens Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and the fire department budget for 2024-2025. The town council reviewed these budgets making revisions as needed. The Town of Cowpens Proposed budget for 2024-2025 is \$1,486,257.00. The Cowpens

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Fire Department Proposed Budget for 2024-2025 is \$487,889.00. Pam Camp made a motion to approve these budgets respectively, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Pam Camp made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters related to Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried. No action was taken.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Mayor Jarred S. Spencer

Mayor Pro-Tem Erin P. Wofford

Council Member Lesa Bolin

Attest:

Council Member Pam Camp

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Danyelle D. Goode

Guest Present: Ron Garner, Jay Jenkins, and Tony Makupson (Mr. Makupson arrived at 6:40 p.m.)