

**Town of Cowpens
Regular Council Meeting
June 20, 2016**

The Town of Cowpens held a regular meeting on Monday, June 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Present were, Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Bobby Dowis, Roy Logan and Jarred S. Spencer.

A public hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. to allow input from the community on the proposed budget for fiscal years 2016-2017. Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair called the public hearing to order.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick called the meeting to order and opened the floor for prayer request or mention of families who may have had a death during the last month. Prayer was held by Bobby Dowis and included a moment of silence in memory of citizens in the Cowpens area.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda for June 20, 2016, second by Roy Logan and carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016, May 18, 2016 and May 31, 2016 meetings, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCES

Council reviewed the purchase journals, account registers and monthly statements. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the purchase journals, account registers and monthly statements, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Fire Department

Teresa Chadwick reported that the fire department had 12 fire calls during the month of May. Three calls were in the town, five calls in the fire district, four in Spartanburg County, and zero in Cherokee County. A total of 1,186 miles were accumulated on seven vehicles.

Chief Blanton informed council that the fire truck that was wrecked will be ready within the week. Assist Chief Lamb will be flying to Wisconsin to inspect the truck.

Police Department

The police department received 115 calls for service during May. Officers issued 28 citations and four of these citations were for speeding. Total fines collected \$4,415.00 and the town's portion was \$1,554.07. A total of 5,783 miles were accumulated on seven vehicles.

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Street Department

A total of 1,132 miles were accumulated on three vehicles.

Administrative

Fire Department budget adjustments for the third quarter were presented to council. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the adjustments as presented, second by Roy Logan, and motion was carried.

First reading of the proposed budget for the Cowpens Fire Department was presented in the amount of \$299,176.97. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve first reading, second by Bobby Dowis and carried. Jarred S. Spencer stated that the significant increase is seen on the county's portion of the budget and not the town's portion.

Second reading of the proposed budget for the Town of Cowpens was presented in the amount of \$1,047,960.00. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve second reading, second by Bobby Dowis and carried.

Council discussed a request from Noah Lindemann. Mr. Lindemann would like permission to use the artwork of the minutemen as a guide to design a mural in downtown Gaffney. Brenda J. Adair will make a telephone call to Mr. Lindemann and get more information about his request. This will then be discussed at a special meeting on June 28, 2016.

Bobby Dowis made a motion to approve the artwork for the billboard on I-85, in the amount of \$635.00, leaving off the words Farmer's Market and increasing the font for the words Gifts Shops and Veterans Park, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

Council discussed and agreed to put two police vehicles (2005 Crown Vic and 2008-A Crown Vic) for sale by sealed bids. The bids will be brought before council for approval.

Chief Makupson stated that the invoice for the body worn cameras was given to Steve Bolin. Mr. Bolin will check about the purchase of the cameras prior to the grant being awarded.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

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Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor

Brenda J. Adair, Mayor Pro-Tem

Bobby Dowis, Council Member

Attest:

Roy Logan, Council Member

Teresa Chadwick, Town Clerk

Jarred S. Spencer, Council Member