

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main St.
June 20, 2022**

The Town of Cowpens held a regular meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, Council Members Pam Camp, Thomas Voelker, and Erin P. Wofford. Absent: Mayor, Michael D. Hamrick. Jarred S. Spencer called the meeting to order, and Erin P. Wofford held prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the agenda for June 20, 2022, amending the agenda to include an executive session to discuss contractual matters related to donation of property, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Public Hearing – 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

The 2022-2023 proposed budget was presented in the amount of \$1,129,693.56. Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer called for questions from those present. There were no questions regarding the 2022-2023 proposed budget.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements as presented, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Pam Camp made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022, May 24, 2022, and June 6, 2022, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Department Reports

1. Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 31 citations and 13 warnings during the month of May. Fines collected totaled \$3,795.50. The town's portion was \$1,323.16. Mileage for each department included: Police – 5,778 Street Department – 1,298 and Fire Department – 2,229. The fire department responded to 28 calls during May 2022. Eight calls were in the Town of Cowpens, six in the Cowpens Fire District, 11 in Spartanburg County Mutual Aid District, and three in Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.
2. Jarred S. Spencer and Steve Bolin attended a meeting at Drayton Fire Department to discuss consolidation among several departments. Mr. Spencer stated a plan would be brought before town council within the next several months.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Kristopher Chadwick – Painting Caboose and other items

Kristopher Chadwick provided council with a quote to repair the floor in the restroom at the depot, replacing damaged sheetrock, baseboard, and paint, replace the water heater, install new vanity, sink, and faucet (supplied by customer), and install a crawl space door. Mr. Chadwick received an additional quote that did not include some of this work. He will approach the contractor and have him to resubmit his quote. Council also requested a third quote and will continue discussion at the July meeting.

B. Triangle – Water for Flowers

Steve Bolin met with Spartanburg Water System today, June 20, 2022, and paid for a water tap to provide water for the triangle at Highway 29 and Highway 110. Pavement markings have been completed. The tap should be installed soon. Kevin White, of Drain Works, is searching for the proper irrigation faucet.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Steve Bolin – Code Enforcement

Wayne Willis, of CCI, could not be at the meeting. Discussion will continue at the July meeting.

B. Streetscape Project & Information

Council discussed the Streetscape Project and considered the alteration. Underground utilities will no longer be considered due to the cost. New sidewalks and lamp posts will be installed. Plans for the remaining funds are being considered. Mr. Fuller will meet with representatives from the Appalachian Council of Government (ACOG) to obtain approval. Additional information will be available following approval from ACOG.

C. Approval of Proposed Budget 2022-2023 – Second Reading

The second reading of the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget was presented to town council in the amount of \$1,129,693.56. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the second reading of the Proposed Budget for 2022-2023, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

D. Approval of the Proposed Budget 2022-2023 Cowpens Fire Department – Second Reading

The second reading of the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget for the Cowpens Fire Department was presented to town council in the amount of \$385,448.70, with the town's portion being \$130,000.00. Pam Camp made a motion to

approve the second reading of the Proposed Budget for 2022-2023 for the Cowpens Fire Department, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried. Jarred S. Spencer stated that town council had cut the fire departments budget in previous years, and he agrees that the \$5,000 increase was necessary.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters related to receiving a donation of property, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried. Pam Camp made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Pam Camp made a motion to obtain an appraisal of the property discussed in executive session, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Pam Camp

Attest:

Council Member Thomas Voelker

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Erin P. Wofford

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¹ Guest present: Kristopher Chadwick, Kevin Comer, and Tony Makupson