

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main St.
Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

The Town of Cowpens held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, and Council Members Pam Camp, Thomas Voelker, and Erin P. Wofford. Staff present included: Steve Bolin, Town Administrator, and Teresa Carter, Town Clerk. Mayor Michael D. Hamrick called the meeting to order, and Jarred S. Spencer held prayer, including a moment of silence for families who lost their loved ones during the month.

Approval of Agenda

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve and amend the agenda for June 27, 2023, to include the discussion of a hospitality tax request from Sherwood Pool, Inc., represented by Shane Linder, seconded by Thomas Voelker, and carried.

Public Hearing – 2023-2024 Proposed Budget

Mayor Hamrick presented the 2023-2024 proposed budget in the amount of \$1,314,150.00, in the time allotted for the public hearing. There were no questions from those present.

Approval of Minutes, Purchase Journals, and Bank Statements

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

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2023, and June 5, 2023, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Pam Camp made a motion to approve the purchase journals for May 2023, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the May 2023 bank statements as presented, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 33 citations during the month of May 2023. Fines collected totaled \$7,361.00. The town's portion was \$2,740.88. Mayor Hamrick commended Chief Wayne Meredith for his work on the recent grant awards, which would provide the department with in-car cameras (\$54,357), and updated body cameras (\$15,935). The School Resource Officer grant will provide salary, benefits, and a new upfitted vehicle (\$141,005).

The fire department responded to 27 calls during May 2023. Five calls were in the Town of Cowpens, 14 in the Cowpens Fire District, three in Spartanburg County Mutual Aid District, and five in Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

Mileage for each department was 10,154 in the police department, 2,088 in the fire department, and 736 in the street department.

Mr. Bolin also reported that CC&I Services had issued five building permits and two commercial plan reviews.

Mayor Hamrick provided information to the town council regarding a picnic shelter at the Timken Community Shelter. A 20% match is required if the grant is awarded. He will provide updated information at the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mighty Moo - Employees

Town Council discussed an additional holiday for employees following the Monday after the Mighty Moo Festival. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to add this day to the employee's list of holiday leave and since the date has passed for 2023 town council awarded Monday, July 3, 2023, seconded by Pam Camp and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Second Reading of Proposed Budget 2023-2024 (General Fund and Fire Department)

The town council reviewed the proposed budget for 2023-2024 for the Town of Cowpens General Fund and Cowpens Fire Department. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 in the amount of \$1,341,150.00 for the General Fund and \$460,312.34.00 for the Fire Department, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

B. Farmer's Market Update

The town council reviewed and discussed a design proposal, from Rogers Architectural Associates, for building renovations to the Farmer's Market building. The proposal contained conceptual design, code analysis, construction documents, bidding, and award (as needed), construction (as needed), schedule, compensation, and exclusions. Additional information will be provided to the town council at a later date. No action was taken.

Guest Present: Shane Linder

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Executive Session

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss potential grants and contractual matters, seconded by Thomas Voelker, and carried. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Thomas Voelker, and carried. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, 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

Guest Present: Shane Linder