

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. STREET, COWPENS, SC
JULY 19, 2021**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, and Council Members Roy Logan, Thomas Voelker, and Erin P. Wofford.

Mayor Hamrick called the meeting to order, and Jarred S. Spencer 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.

Erin P. Wofford was officially sworn in as a member of the Town of Cowpens Town Council, following the election on June 29, 2021.

Approval of Agenda

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve and amend the agenda to include the Cowpens Middle School Property for the end of the meeting, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program – Kerry Easler

Kerry Easler, Program Coordinator of Community Development Department for Spartanburg County, presented information to town council for a rent and utility assistance program. This program is to help those who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Easler provided contact information and income limitations. Mayor Hamrick instructed staff to pass this information to local churches and post it on social media.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of June 15, 2021, and June 21, 2021, purchase journals, accounts register, and monthly bank statements. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Roy Logan made a motion to approve the purchase journals, accounts register, and monthly bank statements as presented, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 43 citations during the month of June and 13 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$6,895.25 The town's portion was \$2,712.79.

The fire department answered 17 calls for the month of June 2021. Two calls were in the town, three calls in the fire district, 11 calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and one in Cherokee County.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 4,737 Street Department –686 and Fire Department – 2,022.

Jarred S. Spencer commended the work done on the cemetery by the new contractor, stating what a big improvement had been made. He encouraged all council members to look at the cemetery.

Mayor Hamrick commended the police department for their efforts during the last month, continuing to keep our town safe.

OLD BUSINESS

Depot Museum Committee

Steve Bolin introduced the committee members for the Depot Museum Committee. Kristopher Chadwick, Heather Chadwick, Jack Dowis, and Pam Camp will be overseeing and archiving the artifacts in the museum. Robbie Wells and Jerry Tillotson will be addressing the needs of the building and its upkeep. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve these committee members, second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Logo

Steve Bolin mentioned the need for a town logo. This logo would need to be placed on items such as town letterhead, envelopes, and possibly a display in the courtroom/council chambers. Town council discussed this and will continue discussion at another meeting date.

Event Team

Steve Bolin updated council on plans for an Event Team. Thomas Voelker will head this team. The first team members should come from existing council, staff, and boards. Once the team is established and operating, members can be added who have interest or applicable skills. Events will include movies, concerts, vendor events, food truck events, contests, and holiday events.

The event team will meet and operate on its own, with oversight from town council. Event team responsibilities will be to develop event concepts, permit filings, scheduling, promotion through various media, plan support services (security, sanitation, utilities, audio-visual equipment, etc.). They will also present their plans to town council, present Hospitality Tax Grant Applications to town council, provide On-Site Team Members during events, including arranging for Town of Cowpens paid staff. Event Team activities will be periodically reported to town council. Town Council will be advised to work their individual event ideas through the Event Team process.

Executive Session

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter related to the Cowpens Middle School Property, second by Roy Logan and carried. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, second Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Roy Logan

Attest:

Council Member Thomas Voelker

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Erin P. Wofford