

**TOWN OF COWPENS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main St.
August 9, 2022**

The Town of Cowpens held a special meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Council Members Thomas Voelker, and Erin P. Wofford. Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, Mayor Hamrick called the meeting to order.

Competitive Police Pay

Steve Bolin met with Trey Eubanks, of Appalachian Council of Governments. Mr. Eubanks recently was the interim administrator for the Town of Pacolet. During his tenure his adjusted police pay for the Pacolet Police Department to be competitive with other towns. Chief Meredith reiterated this and informed council that the Cowpens Police Department recently lost two officers to Cherokee County Sheriff's Office due to pay. He stated that he was difficult to hire a certified officer or uncertified with the pay scale that's in place. The town needs to update the pay to a competitive rate in order to obtain qualified candidates and quality people. Town Council discussed options and recommendations made by Chief Meredith. Erin Wofford made a motion to increase the rate of pay for each officer by \$3.00 per hour, seconded by Thomas Voelker, and carried.

Tourism Ads

Council reviewed proposed advertising from Upcountry Visitors Guide and One Spartanburg. After discussion, Thomas Voelker made a motion to purchase a full-page advertisement at a cost of \$995.00 using Hospitality Tax Funds, seconded by Erin Wofford, and carried.

Thomas Voelker made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters related to receiving a donation of property, seconded by Erin Wofford, and carried. Erin Wofford made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Thomas Voelker, and carried. No action was taken.

Thomas Voelker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Erin 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