

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main Street
August 16, 2021**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, and Council Member 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.

Approval of Agenda

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda for August 16, 2021, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of July 19, 2021, the minutes of August 10, 2021, and purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2021, and August 10, 2021, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements as presented, second by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 65 citations during the month of July and 45 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$4,285.13. The town's portion was \$1,396.44.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 8,310 Street Department –1,468 and Fire Department – 1,963.

The fire department responded to 21 calls during July. Five calls were in the Town of Cowpens, eight in the Cowpens Fire District, seven in Spartanburg County Mutual Aid District, and one in Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

Mr. Steve Bolin reported new information regarding the Spartanburg County Road Fees due to some municipalities, including Cowpens. These fees are appropriated by Spartanburg County. Surrounding municipalities have in excess of \$200,000 remaining in their road fee funds. Some projects for 2020 will be completed, including S. Linda Street. Mayor Hamrick, Mr. Bolin, and other municipalities spoke with our town attorney today, Larry Flynn. More information will be provided at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

Façade Project

Mayor Hamrick reminded town council that the Town of Cowpens had set aside funding for Façade Projects for the merchant's store fronts. Applications are still being accepted. The cap is \$2,000.00.

Concert Series

Thomas Voelker reported that the Event Team had met on Thursday, August 12, 2021. Concerts will be held the second Saturday of each month, beginning September 11, 2021, running through December 2021. The first concert will feature Tobacco Road Band. The Event Team request \$1,500.00 to pay for the first concert. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the payment of \$1,500.00, second by Roy Logan and carried. After further discussion, Jarred S. Spencer amended the motion to approve \$10,000.00 from the Hospitality Tax Funds to pay for the entire Concert Series, second by Roy Logan and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ADA Resolution

Town Council reviewed information regarding the CDBG Grant for the upcoming Streetscape Project. A resolution was presented to adopt the Self Evaluation, the Transition Plans, the Grievance Procedure, and

Reasonable Accommodation Policy. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve this resolution, second by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Alcohol Resolution

Town Council reviewed a resolution, that is pertaining to our current ordinance Section 3-2 of the Town Code, to grant a permit for the consumption of alcohol beverages in public places during special events and celebrations. Town Council discussed the current town code and the resolution. Thomas Voelker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Roy Logan and carried (three to two: Jarred S. Spencer and Erin P. Wofford opposed).

Thomas Voelker made a motion to request an Alcohol Permit, on behalf of the Cowpens Event Team, for the September 11, 2021, concert, second by Roy Logan and carried (three to two: Jarred S. Spencer and Erin P. Wofford opposed).

Executive Session

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss police department personnel related to promotions and salaries, second by Thomas Voelker and carried. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Erin P. Wofford and carried. No action was taken.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, second by Thomas Voelker 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