

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5332 N. Main St.
Monday, August 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jarred S. Spencer, Mayor Pro-Tem Erin P. Wofford, and Council Members, Lesa C. Bolin, Pam Camp, and Danyelle D. Goode. Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order, and Erin P. Wofford held prayer.

Lesla C. Bolin made a motion to approve the agenda for August 17, 2026, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

AirMedCare Network – Ethan Smith

Mayor Spencer recognized Ethan Smith of AirMedCare Network (AMCN). Mr. Smith provided information about AMCN. AMCN is an alliance of affiliate emergency air ambulance providers. Membership enrolls employees as a member in each Provider's membership program. Membership ensures that you will have no out-of-pocket flight expense if flown by a Provider by providing prepaid protection against a Provider's air ambulance costs that are not covered by any insurance, benefits, or third-party responsibility available to you.

Mayor Spencer thanked Ethan Smith for his presentation. Town Council agreed that he could meet with employees to discuss their interest in the program.

Public Comments

Pam Evans stated that she appreciated the street department's assistance with chipping limbs during the recent thunderstorms. Mrs. Evans asked Town Council about getting Allison Street paved. Mr. Bolin stated that he would look at the street. Submissions for 2027-2028 paving year have been submitted.

Approval of Minutes, Purchase Journal, and Bank Statements

The minutes of July 20, 2026, meeting were presented. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Danyelle D. Goode, and carried.

The purchase journals for the month of July 2026 were presented to the town council. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the purchase journals as presented, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

The bank statements for the month of July 2026 were presented to the town council. Danyelle D. Goode made a motion to approve the bank statements as presented, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin presented departmental reports to the town council. The fire department responded to fifty-four calls during July 2026. Twenty-two calls were in the Town of Cowpens, seventeen were in the Cowpens Fire Service Area, eight in the Spartanburg County Mutual Aid Area, and seven in the Cherokee County Mutual Aid Area.

The police issued fifty-six warnings and forty-six citations during July 2026. Two were for speeding, four driving under suspension, ten charges for uninsured vehicles, one stop sign violation, and twenty-nine miscellaneous charges. Fourteen warrants were signed in July 2026. Fines collected totaled \$8,019.27 and the town portion was \$2,420.72.

The street department is at full staff and continuing to clean up debris from recent storms.

CC&I Services appeared in the Town of Cowpens Municipal Court On August 11, 2026. CC&I Services have multiple cases that were completed or rescheduled. CC&I Services continues to follow up on electrical, plumbing, and mechanical contractor permits.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Farmer's Market

Mr. Bolin reported that an estimate was received from Sossamon Construction for upgrades and repairs to the Farmer's Market. After reviewing estimates for the ceiling and insulation of the roof, replacing the skylights, ADA upgrades to the restrooms, and installing an HVAC system, Pam Camp made a motion to proceed with the bid process, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Staff Present: Steve Bolin, Town Administrator, Teresa Carter, Town Clerk, and Fire Chief Tony Blanton.
Guests: Pam Evans, Joe Long, Kristopher Chadwick, Ethan Smith (AirMedCare), Randy Goode, Scott Stauffer, Ben Pettit, Stephen Wofford, and Bryon Inman, Sr.

B. ARPA – Tasers/Police Department

Mr. Bolin presented a request to purchase new tasers for the police department. After discussion, Town Council requested to obtain quotes for the tasers and radar units as well.

NEW BUSINESS

A. SCBA Proposal – Fire Department

Chief Tony Blanton presented a quote from Municipal Emergency Services for eighteen new 3M Scott Air-Paks, to include AV3000 HT with Kevlar lining and 4-strap harness, cylinders, valve assemblies, etc. Under current guidelines, SCBA composite cylinders typically have a maximum mandatory service life of 15 years, SCBA units may remain in service for up to 20 years if specific manufacturer-certified upgrades and annual testing criteria are met. Chief Blanton stated that within the last three years we have submitted requests for FEMA grant funding but have been turned down all three. Chief Blanton is requesting approval to enter into a lease purchase agreement for 18 SCBA. Pam Camp made a motion to proceed in obtaining a lease/purchase agreement for 18 3M Scott Air-Paks and accessories, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

B. Friends of Cowpens, Bryon Inman - Christmas

Bryon Inman presented Christmas ideas on behalf of the Friends of Cowpens committee. The committee met last week and discussed multiple ideas for Christmas. Mr. Inman was present to ask permission from the town since the activities will be held on town property. Activities include extending the use of Veterans Park into the stage area for the Christmas trees, a live nativity at the Cowpens Depot/Museum on December 17, 2026, the alley will be decorated again this year, and foam board cut outs for Christmas displays. Mr. Inman also stated that a golf cart and motorcycle show will be held in October 2026. More information will be available later. Bryon Inman asked everyone to remember the Cemetery clean up this Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until completed. Mayor Spencer stated that town council gladly supported the Friends of Cowpens in their efforts.

C. Finance Vehicle – Police Department

Financing quotes were presented for the purchase of a police vehicle. Lesa C. Bolin made a motion to accept the financing quote from Ford Credit for a 4-year term at 8.59% interest rate, and the annual payment of \$13,087.95, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

D. Zoning Board – Receive Recommendations on 5340 N. Main St.

Steve Bolin presented a recommendation from the Town of Cowpens Zoning Board to amend C-3 (Central Business District) to allow residential. Discussion was held among town council members. The property in question falls within a non-conforming land use and a variance cannot be considered. Town Council is concerned how this might affect other businesses in the future. Pam Camp made a motion to continue this topic until additional information could be gathered, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried. The meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pam Camp made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters related to AirMedCare Network, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Danyelle D. Goode and carried. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Danyelle D. Goode made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

August 17, 2026

Mayor Jarred S. Spencer

Mayor Pro-Tem Erin P. Wofford

Council Member Lesa Bolin

Attest:

Council Member Pam Camp

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Danyelle D. Goode

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