

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 21, 2017**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan, Jarred S. Spencer, and Thomas Voelker.

Mayor Hamrick called the meeting to order and Brenda J. Adair 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

Roy Logan made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2017, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the purchase journals, account registers, and monthly bank statements, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Department Reports

The Police Department issued 80 citations (48 speeding tickets were included). Revenue collected was \$3,945.00 and the town's portion was \$1,339.06. Chief Meredith has obtained clear titles on some of the confiscated vehicles. His plan is to sell the vehicles by auction using govdeals.com.

Old Business

Confined Space Resolution – Chief Blanton presented a "Resolution Authorizing Contract, Rate and Fees for Permit Required Confined Space Rescue by the Cowpens Fire Department". The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the contracting for and the establishment of fees, with respect to "Permit required" confined space rescue. The state OSHA regulations sets the definitions for what is "permit required." It further provides the businesses and industries with permit required confined spaces must either provide in house personnel and equipment for the removal of personnel from such spaces, or to select and contract for such services with public or private agencies and companies staffed and equipped to provide such service. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to adopt the Confined Space Resolution, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Single Member Districts – Roy Logan, during the July 17, 2017 council meeting requested that town council revisit single member districts during the August 21, 2017 council meeting. Mr. Logan distributed materials to the town council for review. This information listed

the percentages of registered voters for each race. Mr. Logan felt that we needed single member districts to give the voters equal representation. Jarred S. Spencer stated that Mr. Logan's election to town council and serving the length of time that he has proves the statistics wrong. Councilman Spencer also noted the new sidewalks and new bridge constructed in the Old Pacolet Highway neighborhood prove that this area has been fairly represented by the Town Council in recent years.

Mayor Hamrick feels that Cowpens, as a small town, is too small for single member districts. He feels that there are good people all over town that could fill any seat on our town council and we all work for the betterment of the whole town.

Roy Logan made a motion to change the voting method from at large to single member districts, second by Michael D. Hamrick. One in favor (Roy Logan) and four opposed (Michael D. Hamrick, Brenda J. Adair, Jarred S. Spencer, and Thomas Voelker). The motion was defeated.

New Business

Bee Ordinance – Council discussed a beekeeping ordinance. Steve Bolin stated that beekeeping has become popular. The fire department has experienced multiple problems with the more than 80 hives next door to the fire department. Council discussed the ordinance, ways to solve the current problem, sending a letter to the property owner, and working to be proactive for future problems. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the first reading of the Beekeeping Ordinance, second by Roy Logan and carried. Four to one (Jarred S. Spencer). Jarred S. Spencer wanted the opportunity to do more research on the topic.

Resolution National Parks Funding – Council reviewed a Resolution encouraging congress to create a reliable, predictable stream of resources to address deferred maintenance needs in America's National Park System. Thomas Voelker made a motion to approve the Resolution, second by Roy Logan. Four in favor and one opposed (Jarred S. Spencer). Jarred S. Spencer states that we work well with the Cowpens National Park Service and he didn't feel comfortable approving the Resolution when the town needs funding as well.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the negotiation of our contract with SBA Towers, as per South Carolina State Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (2), second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, second by Roy Logan and carried.

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Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair

Council Member Roy Logan

Attest:

Council Member Jarred S. Spencer

Teresa Chadwick, Town Clerk

Council Member Thomas Voelker