

**TOWN OF COWPENS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2019**

The Town of Cowpens held a special council meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan, Jarred S. Spencer and Thomas Voelker

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

Approval of Agenda

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the agenda for September 10, 2019, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Hometown Grant Application

The Municipal Association of South Carolina offers Hometown Economic Development Grants to South Carolina cities and towns to implement economic development projects that will make a positive impact on the quality of life in their communities. The grant program also promotes and recognizes innovation in economic development practices.

Council discussed options for the Hometown Grant which include, a façade program and staining the concrete sidewalks from the previous streetscape project.

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to authorize Mayor Michael Hamrick to sign a Resolution which commits the Town of Cowpens to provide local cash/in-kind match of at least \$1,250.00, which equals the minimum five-percent local match required by the Municipal Association of South Carolina, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Short Term Rental Ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the use of residential units as short term rentals in order to protect the integrity of the town's neighborhoods and the quality of life of its citizens; establish a system to track the short term inventory in the town; to protect the health and safety of occupants of short term rental units; to ensure a level playing field for individuals in the short term rental market; and to protect the residential character of the residential districts of the town.

After discussion council directed the clerk to prepare the ordinance for first reading based on our Town Attorney's recommendations. First reading will occur on September 16, 2019.

Façade Program

The purpose of the Town of Cowpens' Commercial Façade Improvement Program is to encourage investment in the Town's Central Business District, with the goal of revitalizing downtown. This program will provide funds to finance exterior improvements to commercial buildings that improve the appearance of buildings. Council discussed the program, its funding, eligibility requirements, the application process, and distribution of funds.

Steve Bolin will contact some property owners and members of the Cowpens Area Merchants Association and schedule a meeting to allow input into the proposed project.

Monument Engraving

Brenda Adair has about 37 names for the monument. Council would like to push the project to add additional names and set the deadline for December 31, 2019. Steve Bolin and Teresa Carter will initiate getting the word to the public by social media and the marquee in front of town hall. Forms are available at town hall and online.

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Thomas Voelker made a motion to adjourn, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair

Council Member Roy Logan

Attest:

Council Member Jarred S. Spencer

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Thomas Voelker