TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 2019

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, September 16, 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 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

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the agenda for September 16, 2019, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes August 19, 2019 and September 10, 2019, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements. Roy Logan made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

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

Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of fire calls for the fire department. The fire department answered 29 calls for the month of August 2019. Ten calls were in the town, nine calls in the fire district, five calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and five all in Cherokee County.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 8,678 Street Department –451 and Fire Department – 2,343.

The police department issued 41 citations during the month of August and 39 warnings. Fines collected totaled $4,301.25. The town's portion was $1,447.65.

Chief Swofford introduced our newest police officer, Russell Garrett, and welcomed him. Chief Swofford also informed council that Officer Jawarski Shelton has resigned and Officer Mullinax has dropped to part-time due to opening his new restaurant. He will be actively searching for new recruits to fill these positions. Chief Swofford is also looking to expand his Reserve Program as well.

Old Business - None

New Business

Street Department Equipment

The cub cadet is a 2004 and is need of several thousand dollars of repair. Mr. Bolin will be weighing options on this equipment. By the next meeting Mr. Bolin will have some numbers to present to council for much needed equipment.

Fall clean- up is scheduled for September 23-27, 2019.

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. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the first reading of the Short Term Rental Ordinance, second by Thomas Voelker and carried. Jarred S. Spencer commended Steve Bolin and the town attorney, Larry Flynn, on their work for this ordinance and he agrees with passing the ordinance.

Review Millage Rate

Council reviewed an updated levy from Spartanburg County Tax Accessor's Office. According to the current CPI and population the town could increase its millage rate from .1014 to .1064 for the 2019 tax period. After some discussion, Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to keep our millage rate at .1014, second by Roy Logan and carried (Brenda J. Adair opposed).

Steve Bolin reported on SCDOT information received for a new light at the intersection of Highway 29 South and Old Pacolet Road. Traffic count performed by the SCDOT doesn't support the need for a traffic light at this intersection. Results are considered during peak times, which would be between 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bolin also updated council on some the paving requests for 2019-2020. More information will be available soon.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, second by Thomas Brenda J. Adair 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