

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main Street
September 20, 2021**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, September 20, 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 Erin P. Wofford 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 September 20, 2021, second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of August 16, 2021, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2021, second by Thomas Voelker 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 August and 30 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$3,760.00. The town's portion was \$1,343.45.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 7,562 Street Department –1,224 and Fire Department – 2,599.

The fire department responded to 27 calls during August. Nine calls were in the Town of Cowpens, six in the Cowpens Fire District, nine in Spartanburg County Mutual Aid District, and three in Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

Mr. Steve Bolin reported that Chief Swofford installed the new television in the Court Room, and it was being used to play body cam videos and produce evidence during Court.

Chief Swofford reported that a shooting took place in the area of Foster and Goforth. The suspects were identified, and arrests were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Farmers Market

Council discussed the farmers market building and Steve Bolin was instructed to acquire an updated appraisal.

NEW BUSINESS

ARP Resolution

Town Council reviewed information regarding a Resolution designating an authorized representative and contact person for the purposes of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Thomas Voelker made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing Steve Bolin as the Representative and Teresa Carter as the Contact Person, second by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Hospitality Grant Applications

Town Council reviewed applications from the Cowpens Merchants Association for Boo Fest, Cowpens Fall Market, and radio ads.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the Boo Fest application in the amount of \$700.00, second by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the Cowpens Fall Market application in the amount of \$1,200.00, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve \$455.00 for radio ads and the merchants will contribute the balance of \$455.00, second by Erin W. Wofford and carried.

Town Council discussed the time frame of billboard contract and will be changing to radio advertisements throughout the year.

Wall of Fame

Council discussed ideas to proceed with dedicating the wall behind the stage in memory of several former town council members and employees. Steve Bolin has been working with a company to have a plaque or sign made and needs council approval. Council will continue this project during the next workshop.

Fall Cleanup

Fall cleanup has been postponed and council will revisit the task in the spring of 2022.

Executive Session

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss police department personnel, 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 Erin P. Wofford 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