

**TOWN OF COWPENS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
5330 N. Main Street  
Cowpens, SC 29330  
September 21, 2020**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Council Member Roy Logan, Jarred S. Spencer, and Thomas Voelker. Absent: Mayor-Tem Brenda J. Adair.

Mayor Hamrick called the meeting to order and Jarred S. Spencer 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 21, 2020, second by Roy Logan and carried.

**Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements**

Council reviewed the minutes of August 17, 2020 and August 25, 2020, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Roy Logan made a motion to approve the minutes, 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 Roy Logan and carried.

**Department Reports**

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 38 citations during the month of August 2020 and 29 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$2,385.00. The town's portion was \$1,162.48.

The fire department answered 10 calls for the month of August 2020. Zero calls were in the town, five calls in the fire district, four calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and one in Cherokee County.

Thomas Voelker made a motion to approve the budget adjustments, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Linda Mill Site**

Mr. Richard Hyder was not present at the meeting. Steve Bolin spoke with Mr. David Peeler, Jr. and Mr. Peeler has spoken to some contractors to clean up the property. He wants to be part of our development team and work with the town.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Boo Fest, Trick or Treating Activities, and Yard Decorating Contest**

Steve Bolin provided information from other towns. Some cities and town have cancelled all events. Mr. Bolin also spoke with Jeff Shaker, of the Municipal Association of South Carolina, and the town attorney, Larry Flynn. Mr. Bolin was instructed to move forward with holding fall activities, including a yard decorating contest.

**BHS Booster Club Support**

An application from the Broome High School Athletic Booster was presented to renew the banner for 2020-2021. The renewal of the banner provides opportunity to reach out to the community and advertise, as well as support for the high school athletic program. Thomas Voelker made a motion to proceed with renewing the banner not to exceed \$250.00, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

**Administrative Update**

Mr. Steve Bolin reported the following:

- ❖ S. Linda Street would be completed in the spring of 2021.
- ❖ A gas leak on Oakland Street is being repaired (behind Hardees).

- ❖ Paving request for 2021 is in and due soon. Wood Street, Savannah Street, sections on Tumble Rock Dr. and Rutledge Street, and the strip in front of the Masonic Lodge on E. Church Street. His goal is to improve some of the dead-end streets.
- ❖ A Resolution for the 2020 Hometown Economic Development Grant was presented to town council. This will be a \$25,000 grant with a five-percent match. Funds will be used to improve facades in the Central Business District. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve this Resolution and authorize Mayor Michael Hamrick to sign the Resolution, second by Roy Logan and carried.
- ❖ The Streetscape Grant is complete, with the Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG), and the town is waiting on the award date.
- ❖ The Cowpens Area Merchants are working on the art for a billboard and contract information will be provided later. Jordan Oil (Hot Spot) might possibly share the contract with the town for advertisement.
- ❖ A camera system is needed for the perimeters of town hall. Contract and cost information will be provided once it is obtained.

Jarred S. Spencer 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