

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main St.
Monday, October 16, 2023**

The Town of Cowpens held a regular meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, and Council Members Pam Camp, and Erin P. Wofford. Absent: Thomas Voelker. Staff present included: Steve Bolin, Town Administrator, and Teresa Carter, Town Clerk. Mayor Michael D. Hamrick called the meeting to order, and Pam Camp held prayer, including a moment of silence for families who lost their loved ones during the month.

Approval of Agenda

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the agenda for October 16, 2023, and to amend the agenda adding an executive session to discuss contractual matters related to the Cowpens Middle School Property on Foster Street, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Approval of Minutes, Purchase Journals, and Bank Statements

The council reviewed the minutes, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the purchase journals for September 2023, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Pam Camp made a motion to approve the September 2023 bank statements as presented, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 64 citations during the month of September 2023 and 15 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$6,882.00. The town's portion was \$2,282.40. There have been numerous car break-ins over the last several nights. Areas include Mimosa Street, Foster Street, and Cannons Campground Road.

Mileage for each department was 8,023 in the police department, 2,727 in the fire department, and 765 in the street department.

Mr. Bolin reported that fall cleanup has been completed by the street department.

Mr. Bolin also updated the town council on several properties with permit issues. These included properties on Battleground Road and Dean Street, as well as others.

The town council discussed and reviewed drawings submitted by Ray Rogers, RA, for proposed upgrades at the farmers market building. More information will be provided to the town council at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Hospitality Tax Request – Boo Fest**

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk, submitted a request from the Cowpens Area Merchants Association (CAMA), for \$725.00 to purchase candy for the 2023 Boo Fest. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

- **Fire Department Budget Adjustments 2022-2023**

Fire Department Budget Adjustments were presented to the town council for consideration. Pam Camp made a motion to approve adjustments for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

- **General Fund Budget Adjustments 2022-2023**

General Fund Budget Adjustments were presented to the town council for consideration. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve adjustments for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Christmas Decorations**

The town council discussed the upcoming Christmas season and decorations for the town. The committee has been meeting and working on ideas for the Christmas season. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to authorize \$2,000.00 for Christmas decorations, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Executive Session

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters related to the

former Cowpens Middle School property, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Page Two
October 16, 2023

Adjournment

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Pam Camp

Attest:

Council Member Thomas Voelker

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Erin P. Wofford