

**TOWN OF COWPENS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
5330 N. Main St.  
October 17, 2022**

The Town of Cowpens held a regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, Council Members Pam Camp, and Erin P. Wofford. Absent: Thomas Voelker. Staff present included: Steve Bolin, Town Administrator, Teresa Carter, Town Clerk. Mayor Hamrick called the meeting to order, and Jarred S. Spencer held prayer, including a moment of silence for families who lost their loved ones during the month.

**Approval of Agenda**

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda for October 17, 2022, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

**Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements**

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

Pam Camp made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2022, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly 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 83 citations during the month of September. Fines collected totaled \$4,196.50. The town's portion was \$1,474.91.

The fire department responded to 28 calls during September 2022. Ten calls were in the Town of Cowpens, nine in the Cowpens Fire District, five in Spartanburg County Mutual Aid District, and four in Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

Mileage for each department was 7,649 in the police department, 1,979 in the fire department, and 1,775 in the street department.

Mr. Bolin also presented the first report from CC&I Services for building permits.

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Christmas Decoration Update**

Pam Camp updated town council on the steps being taken by the committee to purchase and decorate the town for Christmas. The committee met on 10/16/2022. She informed council that the committee is waiting on a quote from Sheila Abbott to decorate the merchant windows for Christmas.

Mayor Hamrick allowed Mr. Hugo Rea to introduce himself and his partners (Juan Carlos Rea Ramirez and Emilio Millan). They are the owners of the Mexican restaurant that will be opening in the former Red Rooster location. He hopes to open in December or January.

**B. ARPA Topics**

**1. Farmer's Market Renovations**

Pam Camp stated that she had spoke to three general contractors regarding renovations to the farmer's market. All information included repairing the floors, the ceiling, and installing a HVAC system. Council discussed the need to correct the water issues prior to any renovations. Jarred S. Spencer suggested that CC&I inspect the building to give the town an idea of what needs to be done.

**2. Public Restrooms Veterans Park**

Mayor Hamrick presented prefabricated plans for the restrooms at Veterans Park. The cost would be in the \$200,000 range. Council discussed the need for restrooms at festivals and concerts and decided that cost was not feasible at this time. Pam Camp made a motion to reject the prefabricated plans and dispense with pursuing the construction of restrooms, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

**C. Fire Department Consolidation**

Pam Camp made a motion to move forward with the discussion on consolidation of the Cowpens Fire District with Drayton, Glendale, and Pacolet Fire Districts, seconded by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

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

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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

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<sup>1</sup> Guest present: Rich Ashford, Alan Walker, Hugo Rea, Emilio Millan, and Juan Carlos Rea Ramirez