

TOWN OF COWPENS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 18, 2016

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan, Jarred S. Spencer, and Thomas E. 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.

**Approval of Agenda**

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the agenda for October 18, 2016, second by Roy Logan and carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2016 and October 3, 2016, second by Roy Logan and carried.

**Approval of Financial Statements**

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the Purchase Journal, Account Registers and Monthly Bank Statements, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

**Department Reports**

The Police Department issued 23 warnings and 29 citations. Three citations were for speeding. There were 8,555 miles accumulated on the police vehicles. Revenue collected was \$2,478.63 and the town's portion was \$911.20.

The Street Department had a total of 914 miles on two vehicles. Fall cleanup was completed and approximately 30 dumpsters were filled.

Steve Bolin reported the following for the Cowpens Fire Department: Fire Calls in Cowpens-13; Cowpens Fire District- 10; Spartanburg County Mutual Aid - eight; Cherokee County - five. Mr. Bolin also reported that 1,742 miles were accumulated on the fire department vehicles.

Mr. Bolin reported that the steps at the depot have been replaced and the following repairs were made at town hall: the exit lights have been replaced, and the emergency lights are on order. Contractors will be giving estimates on repairs for the kitchen area at town hall.

**New Business**

*Quarterly Budget Discussion* – Steve Bolin reviewed the quarterly budget with town council and there are no adjustments to make at this time.

*Towing & Storage* – Council discussed the vehicles behind town hall. Mr. Bolin has made inquiries to the magistrate court for disposal. He also spoke with the towing companies about moving forward with each tow service being responsible for the vehicles that are tow by their service. The main issue is to clean up the parking lot behind town hall. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to turn

possession of the vehicles over to local towing companies by a bid process in order for the tow company to take the action to contact the last registered owner before seeking legal action, second by Roy Logan and carried.

*Body Worn Camera Update* – The cameras have arrived and Chief Makupson is working to get them in service.

*Limb Issues* – Council discussed how to handle the issues and need to make the necessary changes in order to make the pickups fair for every resident. Suggestions were made to instruct the police department to look for contractors, especially over the week-end when the administrator and street supervisor are not present. No action will be taken at this time.

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to add the discussion of the Farmer’s Market to the agenda, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

*Farmer’s Market* - Brenda J. Adair that she would like to see the Farmer’s Market be used for an event center and don’t let the building just sit there. Mayor Hamrick asked for feedback from the council or what the council’s primary goal would be for the building. Jarred S. Spencer, Brenda J. Adair, Roy Logan and Thomas Voelker voiced their opinions and discussion was held regarding the building. Council discussed a possible concert or movie in this building before the weather changes.

Chief Blanton spoke to council about volunteers for the fire department. He is getting proactive and advertising for volunteers and asked council to help get the word out. He will also be working on a proposal to get more staffing and asked council to keep their options open.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, second by Michael D. Hamrick and carried.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair

Council Member Roy Logan

Attest:

Council Member Jarred S. Spencer

Teresa D. Chadwick, Town Clerk

Council Member Thomas E. Voelker