

**TOWN OF COWPENS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
November 4, 2019**

The Town of Cowpens held a special council meeting on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor-Tem Brenda J. Adair, and Council Members Roy Logan and Jarred S. Spencer. Absent: and Thomas Voelker. Mayor Hamrick called the meeting to order and held prayer.

**Approval of Agenda**

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the agenda for November 4, 2019, second by Roy Logan and carried.

**Ordinance to Amend Business License Ordinance – Appendix A & B –2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

The Town Council has an ordinance establishing an annual license tax for the privilege of doing business within the Municipality. Appendix A establishes the rate schedule for the annual license tax. Rates are based on the classification of the business (the Class Schedule). The Class Schedule reflects the most recent federal statistical data relating to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS Codes). The Municipal Association of SC (MASC) has prepared an updated Class Schedule for municipalities, using IRS financial data. An ordinance was presented for second and final reading to update Appendix B, the Class Schedule. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve second and final reading of this ordinance, second by Roy Logan and carried. (Jarred S. Spencer was not present during this discussion and vote.)

**Hospitality Grant – Sign for Depot**

Brenda J. Adair provided pictures and information regarding the signs at the depot and presented an application for Hospitality Funds. The signs are in dire need of upgrading. The cost will be \$3,105.00 and the Hospitality Grant request is for \$2,000.00. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to purchase these signs using Hospitality Tax, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

**Spots of Pride**

Steve Bolin has a meeting set up for Friday, November 8, 2019, with Alvin Fuller, of Summit Engineering. Mayor Hamrick will attend this meeting. Jarred S. Spencer was glad the meeting was scheduled and thinks this will add an attractive look to the town. Mayor Hamrick and Steve Bolin will update council after the meeting.

**Pedestrian Crossing**

Discussion was continued for the crosswalk in the center of the Central Business District. SC DOT will bring a wireless crossing to the table for discussion at a future meeting.

As far as the Old Pacolet Road crossing, SCDOT will add reflective paint to make the turning lanes visible. The research information provided by SCDOT indicates no need for a traffic light. Council will continue to work on this intersection with SCDOT.

**Invoice – Spartanburg County (Vehicle Damage)**

Steve Bolin updated Town Council on an invoice for \$500 from Spartanburg County Detention Center. This invoice was for damage caused by a Cowpens officer when a prisoner fled from custody and during the incident the officer unintentionally caused damaged to a Spartanburg County vehicle. Council agrees to pay the invoice to Spartanburg County.

**Fire Pits/Burning Ordinance**

Council discussed permitting, but regulating, fire pits in the Town. The current ordinance calls for no burning in the Town. Steve Bolin presented an ordinance that would meet the needs of the Town. This ordinance will be discussed at the next scheduled council meeting and presented for first reading.

**Hometown Grant Application**

The Town of Cowpens applied for a Hometown Grant Application through the Municipal Association of South Carolina. Steve Bolin received information that the Town wasn't awarded a grant during this grant period. Mr. Bolin will forward town council the information by email on how we can improve our grant application.

**Cell Tower Lease**

Mayor Hamrick updated town council regarding the lease on the cell tower property. A contract will be signed at a later date.

**PARD Grant**

A PARD grant was applied for in October 2019. We should receive a reply from the state soon. Steve Bolin updated all on the use of the funds if awarded. The grant is for \$30,000.00.

Roy Logan made a motion to adjourn, second by Jarred S. Spencer 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