

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main Street
November 15, 2021**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, and Council Member Roy Logan, Thomas Voelker, and Erin P. Wofford.

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 November 15, 2021, and to amend the agenda to include the parking lot on S. Main Street owned by Teresa Cantrell, and executive session for contractual related matters and personnel matters for the police and fire departments, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of October 18, 2021, and November 9, 2021, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2021, and November 9, 2021, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements as presented, second by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued twenty-four citations during the month of October and 15 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$2,368.00. The town's portion was \$961.49.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 5,390 Street Department –559 and Fire Department – 2,997.

The fire department responded to twenty-two calls during October. Eleven calls were in the Town of Cowpens, seven in the Cowpens Fire District, three in Spartanburg County Mutual Aid District, and one in Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

Mayor Hamrick commended all departments and the Event Team for the success of the concert on November 13, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Speed Bumps

Steve Bolin presented a brief history for the discussion of speed bumps in various areas of town. There are many approaches to speed bumps. For state roads an encroachment permit is involved. County roads require a traffic study and the neighbor requesting speed bumps would be responsible for pay for the study and the work performed. The Town of Cowpens has no regulations in its ordinances for speed bumps.

Erin P. Wofford is appreciative of the work done by our police department. She is assertive that traffic calming measures need to be in place to deter speeding and other traffic violations on Sharcliff Road (bigger signs, no thru traffic, children playing, etc.). Jarred S. Spencer senses that the neighborhood has suffered long enough with these issues, as children are present in the area and speeding has increased.

Mr. Spencer also commended Steve Bolin and the street department for their assistance on Love Springs Road earlier today.

Council will consider their options for the speeding problem and will try to implement measures to correct the situation.

Proclamation – Millie Doris Anderson

On November 20, 2021, Brothers Restoring Urban Hope, Inc. will recognize Millie Doris Anderson for her community work and dedication to educating the youth and parents in the Cowpens area. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve a Proclamation honoring Millie Doris Anderson, second by Roy Logan and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Adopt A Revised Business License Ordinance

Town Council reviewed and discussed the second reading of an ordinance to adopt a revised business license ordinance in accordance with the Business License Standardization Act (2020 Act No. 176). Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the second and final reading of the ordinance, second by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Bunche Lane

Roy Logan and town council discussed the possibility of making water and sewer available to residents in the Bunche Lane community. Mr. Logan feels that this can be possible without waiting on future development.

Executive Session

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters related to the fire department and personnel matters related to the police and fire departments. Second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried. Erin P. Wofford made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Parking Lot Lease (S. Main Street/Teresa Cantrell)

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter into a lease agreement for the parking lot owned by Teresa Cantrell, on S. Main Street, second by Erin P. Wofford.

Fire Department

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to accept the recommendation of Fire Chief Tony Blanton to promote Chris Lamb to Deputy Chief and raise his salary as discussed, second by Erin P. Wofford and carried.

Police Department

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to accept the recommendations of Chief Danny Swofford to promote Bobby Ray Mullinax to Lieutenant and Breanna Cuff to Sergeant, raising their hourly pay as discussed, and increase Cpl. Jason Spencer's hourly rate as discussed, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Thomas Voelker made a motion to adjourn, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Roy Logan

Attest:

Council Member Thomas Voelker

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Erin P. Wofford