

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 2019**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan, Jarred S. Spencer and Thomas Voelker

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

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the agenda for November 18, 2019, second by Roy Logan. Motion defeated. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the agenda for November 18, 2019, adding first reading of a Fire Pit ordinance, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of October 21, 2019 and November 4, 2019, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements as presented, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 44 citations during the month of October and 35 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$3,434.00. The town's portion was \$1,163.02.

The fire department answered 28 calls for the month of October 2019. Eleven calls were in the town, six calls in the fire district, eleven calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and zero in Cherokee County.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 7,669 Street Department –1,235 and Fire Department – 2,749.

Old Business

Pedestrian Crossing

Steve Bolin reported to Council that the traffic engineer, with SCDOT, will assist him this week to submit paperwork to make some changes at the crosswalk. Jarred S. Spencer suggested using the event signs to assist with traffic on the weekend. Brenda J. Adair mentioned that District Seven was using some type of solar device at their crossing.

New Business

Resolution – Purchase of Police Vehicle

Chief Swofford updated council on the condition of the 2012 Dodge Charger. He has researched and submitted information on the purchase of a police vehicle.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve a Resolution for financing terms of 2.79% interest on a five-year lease purchase agreement with BB&T, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

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Vacant Property Registration

Council discussed vacant property registration. If passed this ordinance would require owners of vacant properties to register their properties and begin paying registration fees. Charging fees would support the code enforcement process. Council will consider first reading of this ordinance during the December meeting.

Fire Burning Ordinance

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to accept the first reading of the Fire Burning Ordinance as presented, second by Roy Logan and carried.

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