

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5332 N. Main St.
Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jarred S. Spencer, Council Members Lesa C. Bolin, Pam Camp, and Danyelle D. Goode. Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Erin P. Wofford. Mayor Jarred S. Spencer called the meeting to order, and Pam Camp held prayer.

Pam Camp made a motion to approve the agenda for November 18, 2024, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

The minutes of October 28, 2024, council meeting was presented. Danyelle D. Goode made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

The purchase journals for October 2024 were presented to the town council. Lesa C. Bolin made a motion to approve the purchase journals as presented, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

The bank statements for November 2024 were presented to the town council. Danyelle D. Goode made a motion to approve the bank statements as presented, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

Steve Bolin presented departmental reports to the town council. The police department issued eighty-four citations during October 2024. Twelve were for speeding, four operating uninsured vehicles, two stop sign violations, eight driving under suspension, one DUI, one child restraint, thirty-eight failure to exercise due care charges, and eighteen other miscellaneous charges. Fines collected totaled \$6,113.00 and the town portion was \$3,090.26. Mileage for each department was 12,000 miles for the police department, 2,400 miles for the fire department, and 992 miles for the street department. CC&I issued nine permits.

OLD BUSINESS

Financing Police Vehicles – First Citizens Bank

Town Council was presented with a proposal for financing police vehicles through First Citizens Bank. A four-year loan interest rate will be 4.82% and a five-year loan interest rate will be 4.90%. The town council will discuss their options and make a formal decision during the meeting. Chief Meredith reiterated the need to replace the two 2018 Dodge Chargers. He has found two Ford Explorers at Santee Automotive. Santee Automotive has state contract.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Budget Adjustments were presented to the town council for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024. These adjustments were made to bring the budget into balance and correct any issues. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the budget adjustments, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

B. Fire Department Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Fire Department Budget Adjustments were presented to the town council for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024. These adjustments were made to bring the budget into balance and correct any issues. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the budget adjustments, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

Executive Session

Lesla C. Bolin made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss contractual matters related to police department vehicles and financing; and contractual matters related to the fire department upgrades for radio equipment. Motion was seconded by Pam Camp and carried. Danyelle D. Goode made the motion to come out of the executive session, seconded by Lesa C. Bolin, and carried.

Pam Camp made a motion to finance one of the police vehicles with First Citizens Bank at an interest rate of 4.90%; to pay for the second vehicle using \$50,000 of ARPA Funds; and to purchase five radios for the fire department at a cost of approximately \$50,000 using ARPA Funds. The motion was seconded by Danyelle D. Goode and carried.

Staff Present: Steve Bolin, Town Administrator; Teresa Carter, Municipal Clerk; Wayne Meredith, Chief of Police; Tony Blanton, Fire Chief; Chris Lamb, Deputy Chief. Guest Present: Ethan Webb

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Lesa C. Bolin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Danyelle D. Goode, and carried.

Mayor Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Lesa Bolin

Attest:

Council Member Pam Camp

Council Member Danyelle D. Goode

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Erin P. Wofford

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