

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 2018**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan, and 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 approve the agenda for November 19, 2018 and to add discussion about Cowpens Middle School, second by Thomas Voelker and carried.

Jansen Tidmore, Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Jansen Tidmore, executive vice president of Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, was recognized by Mayor Hamrick and Town Council. Mr. Tidmore presented the council with information to update the council on things in which the chamber is involved. They are working to attract and bring new business to the Spartanburg area. Conventions & Visitors Bureau continues to build the brand for Spartanburg. Buxton is the leader in household data and provides information on how households spend their money. Three hundred data resources go into their survey. Food Beverage & Grocery collects information on how much money spent on these items. These reports tell us what consumers are doing in this area.

Council thanked Mr. Tidmore for providing the information to the town council.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of October 15, 2018. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Roy Logan and carried.

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

Department Reports

Mileage for each department for the month of October is:

Police Department 6,966
Fire Department 5,592
Street Department 841

Steve Bolin reported the number of fire calls for the fire department. The fire department answered 41 calls for the month of October 2018. Twelve calls were in the Town, 10 calls in the fire district, 14 calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and five calls in Cherokee County.

The police department issued 70 citations during the month of October 2018 and 64 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$2,061.00. The town's portion was \$501.31.

A traffic event occurred on Friday, November 16, 2018, which pulled most of I-85 traffic through Cowpens. Extra firemen and our police officers worked traffic from about 11:00 a.m. until about 9:30 p.m. There was an accident involving a hazardous material truck and traffic was re-routed through Cowpens. Chief Blanton feels that this could happen again considering the construction along I-85.

Old Business - None

New Business

Cowpens Middle School – Mayor Hamrick updated council regarding District Three’s plan to consolidate Cowpens Middle School and Middle School of Pacolet. The district would love to do something with those buildings. The property is around 26 acres. Tyger River is a good example of a strong community center. Council discussed some of the possible uses for the Cowpens Middle School property. More information will be provided at a future date.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn, second by Brenda J. Adair 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