

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main St.
November 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

The Town of Cowpens held a special meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer, Council Members Pam Camp. Absent: Erin P. Wofford. Mayor Michael D. Hamrick called the meeting to order, and Jarred S. Spencer held prayer.

The agenda for the November 20, 2023, meeting was presented to the town council. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Minutes of the October 16, 2023, and October 23, 2023, meetings were presented to the Town Council. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

The purchase journal for October 2023 was presented to the Town Council. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to accept the purchase journal as presented, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Bank Statements for October 2023 were presented to the Town Council. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the Bank Statements as presented, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

Steve Bolin presented the department reports as follows:

The police department issued 28 warnings during October 2023 and 82 citations. Total fines collected were \$11,985.00 and \$4,472.12 was the town's portion.

Mileage for each department – Police Department 9,480 miles, Fire Department 1,721 miles, and Street Department 1,025 miles.

CC&I Services issued 20 permits for a total of \$4,698.25 and the town's portion was \$939.65.

New Business – None

Old Business

A. Christmas Decorating

Steve Bolin reported that a boom lift would be available to decorate the Christmas Tree from Friday – Saturday (November 24th and 25th). He has purchased additional anchor bolts to secure the tree, as well as a 1200 lb. sand block. On Tuesday, November 21st, the crew will pull out the decorations. He also has 4 additional sets of string lights for Main Street. The Cowpens Fire Department will be assisting with the installation of these lights. Pam Camp stated that a tree lighting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 2, 2023.

B. Farmers Market Update

The Town Council discussed the Building Assessment & Recommendations for the Farmers Market Building from Rogers Architectural Associates. Phase I of the assessment would cost approximately \$463,000, plus \$37,000 for the kitchen appliances. Jarred S. Spencer stated that the assessment was very detailed and suggested a separate meeting was needed just for the project. He also stated that the Town Council would need a written agreement from Cowpens First Baptist Church to utilize their parking lot. Mayor Hamrick stated that Representative Dennis Moss has committed funds for this project, and it might be possible to use funds from the ARPA money to complete the project.

C. CMS Property Update

Steve Bolin, Michael D. Hamrick, and Jarred S. Spencer met with members of Spartanburg School District Three Board to discuss plans for the former Cowpens Middle School property. The Spartanburg School District Three Board will be voting on the proposed plans at their next meeting. Dr. Julie Fowler will make a press release if the proposed project is approved.

D. IPMC Ordinance Update – 2nd Reading

The second reading of an ordinance to update the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) was presented to the town council. The change was to update the wording of the ordinance to reflect the “most current version” of the IPMC. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the changes, seconded by Jarred S. Spencer, and carried.

Guest Present: Tony Makupson (arrived 6:23 p.m.)

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Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pam Camp and carried.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Pam Camp

Attest:

Council Member Erin P. Wofford

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Guest Present: Tony Makupson (arrived 6:23 p.m.)