

TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 21, 2016

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, November 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Roy Logan, Jarred S. Spencer, and Thomas E. Voelker.

Mayor Hamrick called the meeting to order and Brenda J. Adair 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 21, 2016, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Approval of Minutes

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2016, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Approval of Financial Statements

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the Purchase Journal, Account Registers and Monthly Bank Statements, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Department Reports

The Police Department issued 15 warnings and 26 citations. Four citations were for speeding. There were 6,586 miles accumulated on the police vehicles. Revenue collected was \$3,381.50 and the town's portion was \$1,198.57.

The Street Department had a total of 680 miles on two vehicles. Darren Willis had surgery on 11/18/2016 and is recuperating.

Steve Bolin reported the following for the Cowpens Fire Department: Fire Calls in Cowpens-five; Cowpens Fire District- four; Spartanburg County Mutual Aid - two; Cherokee County - two. Mr. Bolin also reported that 1,324 miles were accumulated on the fire department vehicles.

Brenda J. Adair thanked the fire department for installing the hardware for the new flags. Mayor Hamrick also thanked Bobby Dowis for working to get an estimate and working with the vendor to get the flags and poles delivered.

Jarred S. Spencer commended the fire department for their diligence in controlling recent brush fires.

New Business

American Legion – Robbie Wells updated the town council on the affairs of the American Legion Post #125.

- American Legion will hold an Oratorical Competition on January 12, 2017 at Chesnee High School. The winner will advance to the National Level and wins monetary scholarships. The post has invited students from Broome High School and Mountain View Christian Academy.

- The National Commander from the American Legion will be visiting Cowpens March 7, 2017. The Broome High School AFROTC will present the colors during his visit.

Old Business

Body Worn Camera Update - Computer lines have been installed for the body worn cameras and Chief has training scheduled.

Financial Update –Steve Bolin stated that we are on the same pace as we were at this time last year. No new tax revenue has been received.

Roy Logan made a motion to give the Christmas Bonuses for 2016, second by Brenda J. Adair based on the fair offer made by the fire chief making any adjustments during the fourth quarter. Motion carried.

Chief Tony Blanton presented a proposal to replace the 2004 F250 Ford. He wants to repurpose the 2004 truck for a brush truck. The 2011 Dodge Ram would become the everyday truck for paid staff. A 2016 Tahoe is priced under \$33,000 and will be a command unit, financing will be done using franchise fees over a five year period. Striping and lights are an additional \$12,000. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the purchase, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Chief Blanton stated that eight new members have joined the fire department as volunteers.

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 D. Chadwick, Town Clerk

Council Member Thomas E. Voelker