

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 16, 2019**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular council meeting on Monday, December 16, 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

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda for December 16, 2019, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes of November 18, 2019 and December 4, 2019, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements. Roy Logan made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jarred S. Spencer and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer 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 41 citations during the month of November and 52 warnings. Fines collected totaled \$2,734.43. The town's portion was \$895.48.

The fire department answered 28 calls for the month of November 2019. Seven calls were in the town, eight calls in the fire district, eleven calls were mutual aid in Spartanburg County, and two in Cherokee County.

Mileage for each department included: Police – 5,796 Street Department –1,080 and Fire Department – 1,897

Police Department Information - Chief Swofford introduced Jennifer Owens as the newest reserve officer. Currently the police department has nine certified officers and four reserve officers. He also informed council that Mr. Bolin and Mrs. Carter would be signing documents for the new car on December 17, 2019. The Cowpens Police Department passed their SLED audit.

Old Business

Second Reading on Ordinance – Burning on Public and Private Property

Thomas Voelker made a motion to approve the second reading on the Burning on Public and Private Property Ordinance, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

New Business

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to remove the current policy on Nepotism and replace it with State law, second by Brenda J. Adair. After discussion, motion was carried.

Ordinance First reading – Vacant Property Registration

Steve Bolin updated council on the proposed Vacant Property Registration. He pointed out that the vacant properties of record have not been improved over a five-year period. The condition of some of the vacant properties is continually deteriorating. Mr. Bolin will clarify if this ordinance includes commercial property. Mayor Hamrick would like to hold a public hearing prior to adopting the final ordinance. Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the first reading of the Vacant Property Ordinance, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter related to the street department, second by Roy Logan and carried. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to offer Kelvin Scruggs a position on the street department and his position would be co-worker with Kevin Johnson, Roy Logan second the motion. The motion was 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