

**TOWN OF COWPENS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5330 N. Main St.
Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

The Town of Cowpens held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Council Members Pam Camp, Thomas Voelker, and Erin P. Wofford. Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer. Staff present included: Steve Bolin, Town Administrator, and Teresa Carter, Town Clerk. Mayor Michael D. Hamrick called the meeting to order, and Erin P. Wofford held prayer, including a moment of silence for families who lost their loved ones during the month.

Approval of Agenda

Pam Camp made a motion to approve the agenda for December 20, 2022, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Recognition of The Christmas Committee

Mayor Hamrick recognized and gave a thank you to The Christmas Committee for working so diligently preparing Cowpens for the Christmas Holidays. Serving on the committee are Linda Caddell, Joyce Infante, Mark Voelker, Mary Ann Troesch, Jack Troesch, Erin Wofford, Matthew Emory, Kris Chadwick, and Pam Camp. Mayor Hamrick reiterated that much hard work was done and the town looked great. Erin Wofford thanked everyone and is grateful for the hard work done by all.

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statements

Council reviewed the minutes, purchase journals, accounts registers, and monthly bank statements.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2022, seconded by Pam Camp and carried.

Thomas Voelker made a motion to approve the purchase journals, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to approve the November 2022 bank statements as presented, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Department Reports

Steve Bolin reported the number of calls for the police department. The police department issued 71 citations during the month of November 2022. Fines collected totaled \$10,874.50. The town's portion was \$3,826.11.

The fire department responded to 27 calls during November 2022. Seven calls were in the Town of Cowpens, ten in the Cowpens Fire District, five in Spartanburg County Mutual Aid District, and five in Cherokee County Mutual Aid District.

Mileage for each department was 5,279 in the police department, 2,018 in the fire department, and 657 in the street department.

Mr. Bolin mentioned that the merger between several fire departments was no longer an option. Mayor Hamrick and town council will discuss other opportunities during a workshop to be held after the holidays.

Mr. Bolin informed council that the Police Department Toy Drive was a success. Toys and other items have been delivered to Cowpens Elementary School and will be distributed to children in our school district.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan

Town Council received the Comprehensive Plan prepared by the Appalachian Council of Governments and the Cowpens Zoning Board. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Erin P. Wofford, and carried.

B. SBA Cell Tower Lease

Mayor Hamrick updated Town Council on the negotiations with SBA for the lease of the property for the cell phone tower. The representative for SBA is out of town for the holidays and will return in a couple of weeks. Negotiations will continue after the holidays.

NEW BUSINESS - None

Erin P. Wofford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thomas Voelker, and carried.

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Mayor Michael D. Hamrick

Mayor Pro-Tem Jarred S. Spencer

Council Member Pam Camp

Attest:

Council Member Thomas Voelker

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Erin P. Wofford

Guest Present: Jack Troesch, Mary Ann Troesch, and Matthew Emory