

**Town of Cowpens  
Regular Council Meeting  
October 19, 2015**

The Town of Cowpens held a regular meeting on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. A public meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. to introduce to those present, and was presented by Town Administrator Steve Bolin, changes in the town ordinances. Changes included the way the town ordinances were enforced.

Present were, Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda J. Adair, Council Members Bobby Dowis, Roy Logan and Jarred S. Spencer.

Mayor Michael D. Hamrick called the meeting to order and opened the floor for prayer request or mention of families who may have had a death during the last month. Prayer was held by Deon Logan and included a moment of silence in memory of the following citizens of the Cowpens area: Joshua Lee and the students from USC-Upstate, Joe Dever Smith, Brenda Mathis Gilbert, and Shannon Revels.

Roy Logan made a motion to approve the agenda for October 19, 2015, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 and September 21, 2015, second by Bobby Dowis and carried.

Council reviewed the purchase journals, account registers and monthly statements. Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to approve the purchase journals, account registers and monthly statements, second by Bobby Dowis and carried.

**Fire Department**

Mr. Bolin reported that the fire department had 35 fire calls during the month of September. Five calls were in the town, 20 calls in the fire district, six in Spartanburg County, and four in Cherokee County. A total of 813 miles were accumulated on seven vehicles.

Bobby Dowis thanked the firemen that went to Columbia to assist with the flooding. Chief Blanton stated that several firefighters of the swift water rescue team went to Columbia to assist.

**Police Department**

The police officers issued 74 citations and 55 warnings. Eighteen of these citations were for speeding. Total fines collected \$8,039.00 and the town's portion was \$2,937.13. A total of 8,483 miles were accumulated on seven vehicles.

**Street Department**

A total of 815 miles were accumulated on three vehicles. Fall clean-up was held in September. It took a week and a half to complete the clean-up. A total of 15 dumpsters were collected.

**Hospitality Tax Request**

Cowpens Area Merchants Association submitted a request for Boo Fest and the Holiday Shopping Event. The Boo Fest request was \$750.00 and the Holiday Shopping Event was \$1,500.00. Brenda wants the advertisement to state that the Town of Cowpens and the Cowpens Area Merchants Association.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion to award \$750.00 for the Boo Fest, Bobby Dowis second, and motion was carried.

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to award \$1,500.00 for the Holiday Shopping Event, second by Michael D. Hamrick. Three in favor and two opposed (Bobby Dowis and Roy Logan). Motion was approved.

**Resolution – Rev. Rector**

A resolution was presented by Mayor Hamrick honoring Rev. Rector for his 26 years of service with Piney Grove Baptist Church.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Fairway Sign**

Steve Bolin updated council on the contract with Fairway Sign. The contract increased by a small percentage. The previous billing was \$560.00 and the new billing is \$650.00 per month.

Council discussed sign options for the next fiscal year. Mayor Hamrick wanted to revisit all options next year, including the art work.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Adjustments**

Budget adjustments were presented to council for the first quarter of the fiscal year. Teresa Chadwick reported that adjustments needed to be made in the budget where line items were over/under, without changing the bottom line. Bobby Dowis made a motion to approve the adjustments, second by Roy Logan and carried.

**Three + One**

Mayor Hamrick generated information to council on trends that will require entities to manage their cash flow, liquidity, and banking relationships in a different way.

**Naming Bridge on Old Pacolet Road**

Bobby Dowis made a motion to put the naming of the Old Pacolet Road Bridge on the agenda, second by Roy Logan and carried. Four in favor and one opposed (Jarred S. Spencer).

Bobby Dowis would like to see the bridge named for Roy Logan and Ed Tallon, with Roy Logan's named being listed first. He stated that Roy Logan had completed most of the leg work on the bridge.

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Mayor Hamrick has researched for voting purposes and any council member can vote on any issue unless it involves an economic or financial gain for them.

Mayor Hamrick introduced information about Solarize South Carolina Campaign. Solarize South Carolina is a community program that makes it easy to go solar.

Advantages of the Solarize South Carolina campaign are:

- 55% tax credit
- Pre-screened, certified local solar installers you can trust
- Free, no-obligation solar site assessment
- Immediate savings on utility bills
- You may qualify for additional payments from your utility company
- \$0 down financing options that require no out-of-pocket expenses.

More information will be available at the November 16, 2015 council meeting.

Jarred S. Spencer made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, second by Bobby Dowis and carried.

Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor

Brenda J. Adair, Mayor Pro-Tem

Bobby Dowis, Council Member

Attest:

Roy Logan, Council Member

Teresa Chadwick, Town Clerk

Jarred S. Spencer, Council Member