

**Town of Cowpens  
Regular Council Meeting  
November 16, 2015**

The Town of Cowpens held a regular meeting on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. 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 Mayor Hamrick and included a moment of silence in memory of the people in Paris, France and the families in our community who have experienced a death.

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve the agenda for November 16, 2015, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Bobby Dowis made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015 and November 3, 2015, second by Brenda J. Adair and carried.

**Guest – Chris Jennings, Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau**

Chris Jennings and Patricia Byrd, of the Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, a division of the Chamber of Commerce, presented services provided by the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mr. Jennings presented council with information regarding the way the bureau works and tries to sell Spartanburg County. He talked about how social media, such as Facebook, affects the tourism industry in our community. Advertising Spartanburg County through the 2016 State Tourism Guide is a goal of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mr. Jennings gave examples of how the bureau is working to bring tourism into Spartanburg County. He offered to assist the town in any way, including getting Cowpens involved in future endeavors.

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 Roy Logan and carried.

**Police Department**

The police department received 209 calls for service during October. Officers issued 47 citations and 43 warnings. Nineteen of these citations were for speeding. Total fines collected \$4,332.38 and the town's portion was \$1,658.25. A total of 9,534 miles were accumulated on seven vehicles.

**Fire Department**

Steve Bolin reported that the fire department had 35 fire calls during the month of October. Eight calls were in the town, 21 calls in the fire district, five in Spartanburg County, and one in Cherokee County. A total of 2,195 miles were accumulated on seven vehicles.

**Street Department**

Mileage was low on the street vehicles. Mr. Bolin will double check those numbers and report them to town council.

**Public Comments**

Steve Lamb is concerned about the dog problem in his neighborhood. Mr. Bolin stated that the problem is being addressed and the problem has been turned over to animal control.

Jarred S. Spencer has received numerous complaints. The complaints have spiked recently and Mr. Spencer thanked Steve Bolin for following through with these issues.

Larry Hyder questioned Mayor Hamrick about the tax situation at the Peeler property and also taxes on a widow neighbor's property. Mayor Hamrick stated that Mr. Hyder could come to the Farmer's Market on Saturday and he would retrieve the information from him.

**Administrative**

**Solarize South Carolina**

Ashley Edwards presented information to council to spread solar power in South Carolina. Smart Power is a non-profit organization used to get residents to try solar power. Outreach and education is used to explain the technology of solar power. There are tax credits that are used to draw down initial cost. Smart Power can bring people together to evaluate homes and businesses to see how solar panels and using solar energy can benefit them. A reward program is built in to allow municipalities to receive credits for every 60 homes that sign up for the program.

Brenda J. Adair made a motion to approve a proclamation in favor of Solarize South Carolina, second by Bobby Dowis, and carried.

Brenda J. Adair made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, second by Roy Logan 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