

**Town of Cowpens
Regular Council Meeting
August 24, 2009**

The Town of Cowpens held its regular meeting on Monday, August 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Present were, Mayor Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilma S. Dearybury, Council Members Pam Camp, Bobby Dowis and Roy Logan.

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 and included a moment of silence in memory of the following citizens of the Cowpens area: Wanda Revels, Gladys Foster, Randy Frady, T. J. Lawson, Bobby Gene Inman, Jimmy Moore, and Maxie Dover.

Mayor Hamrick recognized Mr. Gene Moorhead, of the Upstate Piedmont Chamber of Commerce (UPCC). Mr. Moorhead invited the Town of Cowpens to become a member of this Chamber. The UPCC was formed to be a pro-active, pro-business, and pro-economic development organization serving Cherokee County and the surrounding communities in Spartanburg and Union Counties that may better be served by this Chamber. Activities will consist of monthly seminars for the membership concerning issues that will be informative in the area of business efficiencies, available grants, legislation, and economic development. UPCC is a member of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the United States Chamber of Commerce. The United States Chamber of Commerce is the sanctioning body for Chambers in the USA.

Pam Camp made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2009, July 27, 2009 and August 13, 2009 council meetings, second by Bobby Dowis and carried.

Council reviewed the purchase journals, account registers and monthly statements Pam Camp made a motion to approve the purchase journals, second by Roy Logan and carried. Bobby Dowis made a motion to approve the account registers, second by Wilma S. Dearybury and carried. Pam Camp made a motion to approve the monthly statements, second by Bobby Dowis and carried.

Fire Department – Mr. Gossett reported that the fire department had 42 fire calls during the month of July. Fifteen calls were in the town, seven calls were in the county, five in Cherokee County and 15 in other districts. A total of 1,572 miles were accumulated on seven vehicles.

Mr. Gossett presented the updated By-Laws and Standard Operating Guidelines for the fire department. Roy Logan made a motion to approve the By-Laws and Standard Operating Guidelines, second by Bobby Dowis and carried.

Police Department – The police department received 292 calls for service during July. Officers issued 65 citations and 26 of these were for speeding. A total of 8,496

miles were accumulated on nine vehicles. Total fines received for the month of July was \$7,041.27 and the town's portion was \$2,282.36.

Mr. Gossett updated council on the new legislation regarding expungements for cases that are found not guilty, dismissed or nol prossed in summary court. The additional paperwork may increase the work load of the office personnel. Mr. Gossett will give council updates as necessary.

Street Department – A total of 1,234 miles were accumulated on three vehicles. Mr. Gossett reported that the cost to repair the limb chipper was about \$1,400.00.

The sink hole on West Church Street is being checked out by Spartanburg Water System. Mr. Gossett updated council on several properties in town that needed to be cleaned up or had been condemned.

Garbage & Recreation – No new business.

Zoning & Economic Development – Dennis Goode has petitioned the town to rezone his property on Waters Road. Mr. Gossett will have more information once the petition is presented to the Planning Committee.

Mr. Gossett reported that a new business had opened on Highway 110 where the Faith Homes Store was located. The business is a consignment shop and is called "The Purple Flamingo".

Administrative – Council reviewed Spartanburg County's new ordinance to make provisions for false alarms, service charges for same, notification of alarm system installation and alarm system standards. Spartanburg County's ordinance allows a municipality to authorize by ordinance the enforcement within its municipal boundaries the provisions of the Spartanburg County Alarm Ordinance by Spartanburg County. No action was taken during this meeting. This ordinance will be reviewed again during the November meeting in order to allow passage prior to January 1, 2010.

Ordinances – Mayor Hamrick held a second reading to adopt a revised version of all town ordinances. Bobby Dowis made a motion, second by Wilma S. Dearybury and carried.

Streetscape Update – Fred Gossett sent all the paperwork and letters from the property owners to Lisa Bollinger at Spartanburg County. Ms. Bollinger met with Mr. Gossett earlier this week and she needs a final cost estimate for the state.

Senior Center Update – Mr. Gossett reported to council that he had been to the Chesnee Senior Center to shadow the director, Mr. Ridge Garland. Mr. Gossett gave council information on membership, statistics, activities, equipment, seminars, and the duties of the employees.

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Grievance Committee Members – Council discussed the open positions on the Grievance Committee. There are three positions to be filled at this time. No action was taken.

Zoning Board Members – Council discussed the vacancies on the Zoning Board. Two positions are available. No action was taken.

The Allure Project – Wilma S. Dearybury informed council that the new members of TAP are Tim Cash, Jill Thrift, Lisa Bolin, Mark Voelker, and Kathy Voelker. Mrs. Dearybury also stated that the Christmas Parade would be on Saturday, November 28, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

Bridge – Roy Logan reported that the DOT had put a traffic counter down at the bridge sometime between August 5 and August 12.

Mayor Hamrick thanked Roy Logan and Fred Gossett for taking time to meet with Congressman Bob Inglis and inform him of the situation with the bridge on Old Pacolet Road.

Executive Session – Wilma S. Dearybury made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters related to the Progressive Club building, second by Pam Camp and carried.

Bobby Dowis made a motion to come out of executive session, second by Pam Camp and carried.

Bobby Dowis made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, second by Roy Logan and carried.

Michael D. Hamrick, Mayor

Wilma S. Dearybury, Mayor Pro-Tem

Pam Camp, Council Member

Attest:

Bobby Dowis, Council Member

Teresa Chadwick, Town Clerk

Roy Logan, Council Member