

Town of Cottonwood
Workshop
November 21, 2023

Members Present: Mayor James Coachman, Michael Capehart, George Stringer, Van Granger, and Kellie Free

Members Absent: Angela Hackney

Mayor Coachman opened the meeting at 6:00 P. M. leading the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval to accept the minutes from Council meeting for October 24th and workshop November 7th, 2023, and accept the minutes as presented. Council Member Capehart made a motion to except minutes from the Council meeting for October 24th and workshop November 7th, 2023, and accept the minutes as presented. There was a second by Council Member Granger and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval for the October financial reports were presented to the Council by the Town Clerk (in training) Samantha Strength. Council Member Capehart made a motion to approve the reports as presented. A second by Council Member Stringer and the motion was approved unanimously.

Fire Chief Randy Hall presented the fire report for the month of October. There was a total of 10 calls for service, 1 medical assistance call, 2 structure fires, 1 passenger vehicle fire, 3 MVC with no injuries, 2 service calls, and 1 cancelled enroute from dispatched.

Fire Chief Randy Hall presented to the council approval for ladders for the new fire truck. Sunbelt Fire Quote Q-16230 for \$2,930.00. Council Member Capehart made the motion to approve the Sunbelt Fire Quote Q-16230. A second by Council Member Granger and the motion was approved unanimously.

Fire Chief Randy Hall presented to the council approval for MSA Certified Flow Testing. Sunbelt Fire Quote 110923GG1 for \$1,906.90. Council Member Capehart made the motion to approve the Sunbelt Fire Quote 110923GG1. A second by Council Member Stringer and the motion was approved unanimously.

Colonel Smith presented the police reports for the month of October. In October, there was a total of 148 calls for service, 07 reports written, 0 medical assists, 22 traffic warnings issued, 08 traffic citations issued, 02 traffic warrants, 00 drug arrests, 00 felony, 00 misdemeanors, Total Arrests made 02 and 16 auxiliary hours.

Discussion on potholes around the Town of Cottonwood. Council Member Granger asked Mayor Coachman what can be done with getting the potholes fixed. Chief Money explained that some of the potholes were on the State Highway, and they must be filled and settled for so long before they can be patched. Mayor Coachman also stated that he has been in contact with the asphalt company, and they are working together to get the potholes fixed.

Mayor Coachman announced to the fire department and Council Members that the Town of Gordon extended an invitation to participate in the Christmas Parade on December 2, 2023.

Mayor Coachman announced to the fire department and Council Members that the Town of Newton extended an invitation to participate in the Christmas Parade on December 16, 2023.

Caleb Kriser spoke to the Mayor and Council Members about building a duplex on 317 Grove St. Mr. Kriser knew the concern of the Tiny House, Tenets, Boarding Houses, Bed and Breakfast, Hotels, Motels, etc. (Ordinance #2021-014) and asked the Council if it meant that each dwelling must be over 1000 sq ft or if the unit under 1 roof would be considered. Discussion tabled for December 5, 2023.

Eli Cepero with C Enterprises requested approval for a liquor store in the storage building next to his office 12928 Cottonwood Rd. He stated that it would be off premises and the hours would not exceed over the time we have Police Officers on duty. Roll Call voted to approve Eli Cepero's request to open a liquor store: Council Member Capehart – Yes, Council Member Free – Yes, Council Member Granger – Yes, Council Member Stringer – Yes, Mayor Coachman – Yes. 5 yeses.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, there was a motion by Council Member Stringer to adjourn the meeting. A second by Council Member Granger and meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

James Coachman, Mayor

Samantha Strength, Town Clerk

Augusta Welch, Town Clerk

Citizens Present at the Council Meeting:

Eli Cepero

Douglas Harvell

Melissa Harvell

Sharon Smith

Mitchell Sellers