

Town of Cottonwood

Workshop

February 6, 2024

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

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

Cottonwood Ambulance & Rescue used 9,707 gallons of water for the month of December.

Request approval to pay ServePro of Dothan \$2,334.18 for cleaning the Town Hall after Tornado destruction. Council Member Granger made a motion to approve. A second by Council Member Hackney and the motion was approved unanimously.

Request approval to pay Lewis- Smith Supply \$914.42 for the Water Department. Council Member Granger made a motion to approve. A second by Council Member Free.

Attorney Preston Register presented the council with a request to approve for an easement at 11479 Cottonwood Rd Cottonwood, Al 36320 for Damon and Stacy Crunk. They are needing access to their land and are landlocked. After Attorney Register spoke to the council, Council Member Stringer made a motion and Council Member Granger seconded the motion for the other two lawyers to speak. Council Member Free asked if there is more houses and why they cannot access them. Attorney Hoggle, who represents Damon and Stacy Crunk, addressed the council explaining that the only thing that is needed from the council is if they deem the easement a public safety issue. Motion to table. Council Member Capehart made the motion to table. A second by Council Member Granger and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Coachman requested for Houston County Commissioner Tracy Adams to update on the progress of debris removal in the Town. Commissioner Adams stated that the Houston County Road and Bridge have pulled out of Cottonwood for this moment. They are currently working in the county to remove debris and they will be back inside the city limits February 20, 2024 for more removal.

Louis Martinez from Cotton, Inc. spoke to the council to inform them what they do. They are a commercial restoration company that specializes in government and commercial buildings.

Discussion on Danny Lewis and Randy Henderson cleaning the yard at the Town Hall, Park, and Cemetery. The council made a motion to vote on it. Unanimously approved.

Town Clerk Samantha Strength spoke about the upcoming fundraiser for the Town of Cottonwood Citizens that were affected by the January 9th, 2024 Tornado.

Discussion on police truck that has been ordered. Chief Money explained to the council that he was given permission via Mayor Coachman to go ahead and order the vehicle to replace the totaled truck. Chief Money presented the Council members with quotes for the new vehicle and what was damaged in the current vehicle.

Police Chief Randy Hall and Senior Citizens Director Kasey Morris brought to the council members a request to form a committee to provide support and expedite ideas to bring back to the council for approval. Discussion was tabled.

Council member Stringer motioned for an executive session to discuss the Fire Department building and the Senior Center building. Motion was denied.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, there was a motion by Council Member Granger to adjourn the meeting. A second by Council Member Stringer meeting was adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

James Coachman, Mayor

Samantha Strength, Town Clerk