

Town of Cottonwood

Workshop

December 19, 2023

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

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 November 21st, 2023, and workshop December 5th, 2023, and accept the minutes as presented. Council Member Capehart made a motion to except minutes from the Council meeting for November 21st and workshop December 5th, 2023, and accept the minutes as presented. There was a second by Council Member Hackney 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 Hackney made a motion to approve the reports as presented. A second by Council Member Stringer and the motion was approved unanimously.

Colonel Smith presented the police reports for the month of November. In November, there was a total of 174 calls for service, 09 reports written, 0 medical assists, 24 traffic warnings issued, 05 traffic citations issued, 05 traffic warrants, 00 drug arrests, 00 felony, 02 misdemeanors, Total Arrests made 07 and 18 auxiliary hours.

Approval to pay Danielle Wade for purchase of a new tire and wheel due to hitting a pothole on Houston St. Council Member Capehart made a motion to approve the payment as presented. A second by Council Member Granger and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval to pay Gulf State for Police Department Ammo Invoice 1457008-IN for \$850.20. Council Member Capehart made a motion to approve the payment. A second by Council Member Stringer and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval to remove Augusta Welch, Ken Hamilton, and Rickey Owens from the credit cards. Council Member Capehart made the motion to approve for removal. A second by Council Member Granger and the motion was approved unanimously.

Colonel Jim spoke to the Mayor and Council Members about the new AED's that were bought. The Police Department is needing to buy a Trainer AED to be certified and new pads. The estimate cost is \$850.00 for both units. The Council chose to pass the purchase

of the equipment. Council Member Stringer mad the motion to approve the purchase. A second by Council Member Free and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chief Tony Money spoke to the Mayor and Council about the property behind the Town Hall. The survey that has been made shows that the original property that was thought to be the Town of Cottonwood, is not correct. He explained that the Town of Cottonwood approximately has about 10 foot from the curb. Chief Money also explained that this is something that needs to be approved in the near future. Mayor and Council agreed and stated that Donnie Wells will be called to see what the Town of Cottonwood can do about purchasing the land.

Commissioner Tracey Adams spoke on behalf of the Houston County Commissioners and presented a proclamation to Augusta Welch for her retirement. Mayor James Coachman presented Augusta Welch with the Town of Cottonwood Retirement Certificate. Colonel Jim Smith and Chief Tony Money presented Augusta Welch with a badge incased in glass for her time as Magistrate and Court Clerk. Each Council Member spoke briefly about Augusta Welch and thanked her for the time and service she has put in.

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 Capehart and meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

James Coachman, Mayor

Samantha Strength, Town Clerk

Augusta Welch, Town Clerk