

Town of Cottonwood

Workshop

March 05, 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 5,524 gallons of water for the month of February.

Colonel Smith presented the police reports for the month of January. In January, there was a total of 141 calls for service, 07 reports written, 0 medical assists, 30 traffic warnings issued, 07 traffic citations issued, 02 traffic warrants, 01 drug arrests, 00 felony, 02 misdemeanors, Total Arrests made 03 and 40 auxiliary hours.

Colonel Smith presented the police reports for the month of February. In February, there was a total of 140 calls for service, 05 reports written, 0 medical assists, 24 traffic warnings issued, 02 traffic citations issued, 01 traffic warrants, 00 drug arrests, 00 felony, 02 misdemeanors, Total Arrests made 01 and 8 auxiliary hours.

Commissioner Tracey Adams and Town Clerk Samantha Strength spoke on the upcoming Charity Benefit that is hosted by The Crossing at Big Creek. Free concert, silent auction, and concessions. All proceeds will benefit the Town of Cottonwood and the tornado recovery effort. HEDA will also be matching any amount that has been donated.

Request approval for renewing business license through Avenue. All yays.

Request approval for mobile home to be moved inside of the city limits on Veronica Layton's behalf. Pictures were provided to the council. Mrs. Veronica Layton was present to answer any questions. Mayor Coachman asked for a roll call vote. Council Member Capehart -yes, Council Member Hackney – yes, Council Member Free – yes, Council Member Granger – pass, Council Member Stringer – yes. Council approved the mobile home inside the city limits with a quorum.

Mayor Coachman and Council Members were presented the estimates for the Fencing at Bruner Park. Dixie Fencing Co. - \$20,959.70, Allied Fencing Company - \$24,319.79, Tri-State Fence - \$16,661.00. Mayor and Council Members will vote on the estimates at the next council meeting, March 19, 2024.

Mayor Coachman and Council Members were presented the estimates for the HVAC for the Town Hall. Woodall's \$19,970.00 for the inside and outside unit and \$11,678.00 for the outside unit only, Bobby J's HVAC \$11,285.00 for the outside unit, and Warrington Heating and Cooling \$18,500.00 for the inside unit and outside unit. The motion was made by Council Member Granger and the second was made by Council Member Stringer. Roll call vote, Council Member Capehart – Bobby J's, Council Member Hackney – Bobby J's, Council Member Free – Bobby J's, Council Member Granger – Bobby J's, Council Member Stringer – Bobby J's. The vote was unanimous with Bobby J's winning the project.

Mayor Coachman and Council Members were presented with estimates for the Water Department Shop Building and the Town Hall repairs. Blue Deese Construction \$91,008.00 for both building repairs, C Enterprises of the Wiregrass \$88,975.00 for both building repairs, Williams Vinyl Service \$2,712.00 for window replacements for the Town Hall only, Riley Construction and Finishing \$2850.00 for the Town Hall back room (court room) only. Mayor Coachman and the Council Members will vote on the estimates at the next council meeting, March 19, 2024.

Colonel Jim Smith gave a presentation about the ADECA grant that was awarded to the Police Department for the use and teachings of NARCAN. The Cottonwood Police Department was awarded \$64,000.00 for the EMS NARCAN grant. Chief Tony Money, Colonel Jim Smith, Sergeant Justin Pearson, and Dr. May from ACOM will be teaching via Zoom, 7 counties to teach the protocol for the use of NARCAN.

Senior Center Director, Kasey Morris, present to Mayor Coachman and the Council Members the opportunity of purchasing a 2019 Dodge Caravan from the WRC, Inc. for \$4,500.00 with 97,000 miles on it. Mayor asked for a roll call vote: Council Member Capehart – yes, Council Member Hackney – yes, Council Member Free – yes, Council Member Granger – yes, Council Member Stringer – yes. The vote for the 2019 Dodge Caravan.

Citizen Eddie Gonzalez spoke to Mayor Coachman and Council Member about the severe issue of flooding on Metcalf St. Commissioner Tracey Adams spoke and said that if it is not to do with the road, Houston County Road and Bridge cannot touch it. Council Member Granger spoke and said that the cross drains of McCoy Rd and Fletcher Smith Rd are clogged. The issue with the water overflow is a citizen matter.

Chief Tony Money proposed to Mayor Coachman and Council Members for a new building for the police department. Plans and pictures were passed out to Mayor Coachman and Council Members for proposed building. Chief Tony Money asked Mayor Coachman and the Council Members for a vote to go forward with looking for options on the building. Mayor Coachman asked for a roll call vote, Council Member Capehart – yes, Council Member Hackney – yes, Council Member Free – yes, Council Member Granger – yes, Council Member Stringer – yes. Unanimously voted yes.

Request for approval for all bids to be open in front of the council going forward. Council Member Stringer motioned with a second from Council Member Hackney. Mayor Coachman tabled this discussion for another meeting after we talked to our Town Attorney.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, there was a motion by Council Member Hackney to adjourn the meeting. A second by Council Member Granger meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

James Coachman, Mayor

Samantha Strength, Town Clerk