

# **Town of Cottonwood**

## **Workshop**

### **October 24, 2023**

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

Members Absent: George Stringer

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

Approval to except the minutes from Council meeting for September 19th and workshop October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, and canceled meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and except the minutes as presented. Council Member Capehart made a motion to except minutes from the Council meeting for September 19th and workshop October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, and canceled meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and except the minutes as presented. There was a second by Council Member Granger and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

Colonel Smith presented the police reports for the months of August and September. In August, there was a total of 183 calls for service, 06 reports written, 0 medical assists, 27 traffic warnings issued, 07 traffic citations issued, 01 traffic warrants, 00 drug arrests, 00 felony, 01 misdemeanors, Total Arrests made 02 and 08 auxiliary hours. In September, there was a total of 159 calls for service, 18 reports written, 0 medical assists, 26 traffic warnings issued, 06 traffic citations issued, 08 traffic warrants, 01 drug arrests, 00 felony, 01 misdemeanors, Total Arrests made 09 and 14 auxiliary hours.

James Whitehead, C.P.A. presented the council with the 2022 Audit. He also presented the council with the request to approve the 2024 Budget. Council Member Capehart made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget. A second by Council Member Granger and the motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion on spraying insulation at the Community Room (1414 Metcalf St). 2 quotes were received: (1) Old South Insulation and Company estimate at \$11,675.00 and (2) Blue Deese Construction estimate at \$17,913.30. Roll call vote was taken as follows: Michael Capehart: Blue Deese Construction, Angela Hackney: Old South, Kellie Free: Old South, Calvin Van Granger: Old South, Mayor Coachman: Old South. Old South Insulation won the quote with a quorum.

Officer Justin Pearson spoke in front of the council about the Police Department having a tent set up in front of the Town Hall for Halloween Night to pass out candy and goodies to the Trick-or-Treaters and invited the town citizens and the council to participate.

Approval to pay Consolidated Pipe and Supply Co, \$9,500.00 on invoice #461062 for 50 meters that were bought. Council Member Capehart made the motion to approve Consolidated Pipe and Supply Co. A second by Council Member Hackney, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval for Lewis Lawn Care for cleaning up the sidewalks and curbing on Hwy 53 for Dollar General to Pine Tree St for \$1,400.00. Council Member Granger made the motion to expect the quote from Lewis Lawn Care for cleaning up the sidewalks and curbing on Hwy 53 for Dollar General to Pine Tree St for \$1,400.00. A second by Council Member Hackney and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Coachman asked Commissioner Tracey Adams if he needed to add anything before closing the meeting. Commissioner Adams spoke to the council and invited them to a lunch meeting at the Burger Barn at 12:00pm on October 31, 2023. Mayor Coachman and Commissioner Shoupe will be attending.

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 6:23 P.M.

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James Coachman, Mayor

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Samantha Strength, Town Clerk

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Augusta Welch, Town Clerk

Citizens Present at the Council Meeting:

Andre LeVasseur

Brenda Rich

Dianne Childree

Tracey Adams

Becky Henry

Sharon Smith

Earl Robinson