

# **Town of Cottonwood**

## **Workshop**

### **April 2, 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 4,914 gallons of water for the month of March.

Samantha G. Strength, Town Clerk announced several dates for the upcoming month. April 23, 2024, will be the next council meeting. April 27, 2024, Cottonwood Pageant will be held at the Cottonwood High School in the lunchroom, April 22, 2024, Houston County Sanitation will be doing their monthly garbage pick-up for the Town of Cottonwood.

Approval to wave the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented, for council meeting on February 20, 2024, and Workshop on March 5, 2024. Council Member Granger made the motion with the second form Council Member Capehart. All yays.

Samantha G. Strength, Town Clerk presented the minutes for the council meeting on March 19, 2024.

Approval for Resolution for Architectural Service for the ADECA grant for Fire Department. Mayor Coachman suspended the rule, and a roll call vote was taken. Council Member Capehart – yes, Council Member Hackney – yes, Council Member Free – yes, Council Member Granger – yes, Council Member Stringer – yes. All yays had it and the Resolution for Architectural Services (Resolution 24-02) for the ADECA grant was passed.

Samantha G. Strength, Town Clerk, presented the Mayor and Council with the estimates for the repair to the Water Department building and to the Town Hall. Blue Deese Construction \$91,008.00, C Enterprises of the Wiregrass \$88,975.00, Total Remodeling \$69,754.00, Williams Vinyl Service for the windows only \$2,712.00, Riley Construction and Finish for the court room only \$2,850.00. The council was asked if there were any questions. The council said no. Citizen Mitchell Sellers raised his hand to speak. Mayor Coachman approved for him to take the floor. Citizen Sellers asked the council why there was a need for a third vote. Council Member Capehart stated that the Council normally asks for 3 quotes. Citizen Sellers asked the council why they asked for a third after the Council already had the other two quotes in hand and that it implicates something illegal. Citizen Dianne Childree stood and asked if there was a rule for all quotes to be sealed and

opened at the same time. Samantha G Strength, Town Clerk, stated that the only time there is a need for sealed quotes with Public Works is if it is over the \$100,000.00 limit. Quotes are not sealed. Mayor Coachman asked for this to be tabled. Council Member Granger made the motion and Council Member Stringer made a second. The vote was taken and all yays had it.

Approval for winch for Water Department for \$3,500.00. Council Member Granger made the motion and Council Member Hackney made the second. The vote was taken and all yays had it.

Mr. George Stringer Sr. spoke to the Mayor and Council about his storage unit getting broken into. He called Houston County Sheriff's Department, and an officer and investigator answered the call. Mr. Stringer stated that the Town of Cottonwood is in need of having more police officers on duty to patrol at night. Mayor Coachman stated that the 3 minutes were up for Mr. Stringer.

Rogena Mitchell and Critt Snellgrove from Kiwanis Club spoke to the Mayor, the Council Members, and the Citizens about starting a Local Kiwanis Club in the Town of Cottonwood. The meeting will be held on April 25, 2024, at the Town Hall.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, there was a motion by Council Member Capehart to adjourn the meeting. A second by Council Member Granger meeting was adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

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James Coachman, Mayor

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Samantha Strength, Town Clerk