

Town of Cottonwood

Council Meeting

September 20, 2022

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

Members Absent:

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

Approval to except the minutes from council meeting for August 16th and workshop on September 06th as presented. Member Stringer made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from council meeting on August 16th and workshop on September 06th as presented. There was a second by Council Member Granger and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval for the August financial reports were presented to the Council by the Town Clerk. Council Member Stringer made a motion to approve the reports as presented. A second by Council Member Granger and the motion was approved unanimously.

Colonel Smith presented the police reports for the month of August. There was a total of 158 calls for service, 09 reports written, 0 medical assists, 33 traffic warnings issued, 17 traffic citations issued, 8 traffic warrant, 0 drug arrest, 0 felony, 0 misdemeanor, 8 Arrests made and 04 auxiliary hours.

No one from the Fire Department was present to give report for the month of August. Copies were given to Mayor and Council. There was a total of 06 calls for service, 01 medical assist, 01 motor vehicle with injuries, 01 dispatched & cancelled in route.

Approval to pass the Budget for Oct. 2022 thru Sept 2023. Council Member Granger made a motion to except the Budget for Oct 2022 thru Sept 2023. A second by Council Member Capehart and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval to except Fives Star loan of \$400,000.00 at the rates of 6.47% fixed rate for 5 years with a fee of \$2,000.00. Mortgage on town hall building and land. And giving permission for clerk to pay extra on loan when permitted. Council Member Stringer made a motion to approve Fives Star loan of \$400,000.00 at the rates of 6.47% fixed rate for 5 years with a fee of \$2,000.00. Mortgage on town hall building and land. And also giving permission for clerk to pay extra on loan when permitted. A second by Council Member Granger and the motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion on water rates increase. After discussion Council Member Granger made a motion to increase water rates of 5% for the next 5 years as of Oct. 2022. A second by Capehart and a third by Council Member Council Stringer and the motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Hackney asked about the stray dog charges on the financial statement-\$504.00. I explained it was where the Town had stray dog picked up by the pound. This matter will be put on the agenda for next meeting and will be further discussed.

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 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

James Coachman, Mayor

Augusta Welch, Town Clerk