

# **Town of Cottonwood**

## **Workshop**

### **May 14, 2024**

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

Members Absent: Kellie Free

Mayor Coachman opened the meeting at 6:01 P. M., leading the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements: Mayhaw Music Festival, Council Meeting May 28, 2024, Well #3 (Fowler Rd Tower) struck by lightning and made a claim with insurance, Town Hall ceiling leaking and made a claim with insurance.

Samantha G. Strength, Town Clerk, presented the council the minutes from March 19, April 2, and April 16.

Samantha G. Strength, Town Clerk, presented the council the April Financials.

Cottonwood Ambulance & Rescue used 4,241 gallons of water for the month of April.

Colonel Jim Smith presented the police report for the month of April. There was a total of 145 calls for service, 9 reports written, 28 traffic warnings issues, 9 traffic citations issues, 1 traffic warrant, 13 felonies (14 total arrests made). Colonel Jim Smith also stated that the police department received a \$1,500.00 grant for traffic safety.

Fire Chief Randy Hall presented the fire report for the month of March. There was a total of 08 calls for service, 1 building fires, 1 motor vehicle accident without injuries, 2 motor vehicle accident with injuries, 1 service call, 1 cover assignment, standby, move up, 1 dispatched and cancelled in route.

Kasey Morris, Nutrition Center Director, announced AMX will be hosting a bake sale to benefit the Senior Center. Kasey also presented to the Mayor and Council insurance update. Sam Carpenter assessed the buildings on Friday, May 10, 2024. We are waiting for the final report from our insurance company.

Samantha G. Strength, Town Clerk, asked the Mayor and Council to suspend the rules and consider approval for the financial report for March 2024. Council member Hackney made the motion to approve. Council Member Stringer made a second. Unanimously voted to approve.

Preston Register, Town Attorney, presented to the Mayor and council a resolution to adopt Resolution 24-03 for council meetings. It will help streamline the meetings.

Jody Solomon, Town Engineer, considering an approval for change order for the Sewer Grant. Mayor Coachman asked the Council to suspend the rules,

Jody Solomon also updated the Mayor and Council Members on the town grants that we have going on. The sewer grant on Pine Tree St, the worst part of it will be fixed and the grant will be closed out. We will apply for another grant to finish this project. It will take 4-6 weeks to close out the grant. Houston St – ALDOT has approved for the Pre-construction. ARPA Funds through Houston County – plans and specs were approved, and we are about 3 weeks out.

Jody Solomon brought to the Mayor and Council approval for Mobile Home park on Grove St. There will be a public hearing and the developer, Gantt Pierce, will be present. Council would like to speak to him about the plans for the development before denying or approving.

Samantha G. Strength, brought to the Mayor and Council 2 options on the tabled quotes for the repair of the Town Hall and Water Department Building. Option one, keep the quotes as is and vote on them for the next meeting. Option two, relinquish the votes, and start completely over. Mayor Coachman asked to suspend the rules. Mayor Coachman took a roll call vote on which the Council would like to proceed, Mayor Coachman-start over, Council Member Capehart – start over, Council Member Hackney-start over, Council Member Granger-start over, Council Member Stringer-start over. Unanimously voted to start over with the repair of the two buildings.

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 6:40 P.M.

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James Coachman, Mayor

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Samantha Strength, Town Clerk