

COTTER CITY
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES
May 27, 2021
6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The regular meeting of the Cotter City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Caradine. He asked for roll call by Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray. Present were Council Members Chuck Sugg, Carolyn Gill, Cameron Ross, Mertice Kray, Linda McCarthy, and Mark Johnson.

The invocation was given by Councilman Cameron Ross followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

REPORTS

Approval of the April 22, 2021, regular minutes was the first item of business. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to accept the minutes as written from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion with 5 in favor and Councilman Mark Johnson abstaining as he was absent from the April 2021 meeting.**

Public Works Department Report was given by Public Works Director Justin Morrow
Fire Department Report was given by Mayor Caradine
Police Department Report was given by Officer Daniel Quilhot
Building Permit Report was given by Andrea Kray
Planning & Zoning Commission Report was given by Jason Nazarenko
Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Carolyn Gill
Tree Advisory Board had no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In the first order of Unfinished Business, Ordinance 2021-03; An Ordinance addressing the Cost to Open and Close Burial Site went into effect on May 5, 2021. The Ordinance has been posted in the 5 public places.

In the second order of Unfinished Business, Mayor Caradine updated Council on the results of the votes for continuing the 1% Sales Tax. There were 85 votes for and 2 against.

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2021-10: A Resolution allowing the one-time sale of craft beer and wine at the Fly-Fishing Film Tour Special Event sponsored by the Cotter/Gassville Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Caradine asked Jason Nazarenko to recap the April Council meeting presentation of asking for consideration to have the sale of craft/wine sales during the F3T event. There are several businesses selling tickets with funds going towards river access. The Big Spring Park is a premiere location showing the movie on the bridge next to the river. Trout Unlimited President Bill Thorn addressed Council in support of the event as a benefit to the area bringing in tourist. He feels that the craft beer and wine is a small aspect of a much larger event. Norfolk Brewing Company is the proposed vendor and Jason Nazarenko provided a visual mapping of the private event area. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill moved to pass Resolution 2021-10: A Resolution allowing the one-time sale of craft beer and wine at the Fly-Fishing Film Tour Special Event sponsored by the Cotter/Gassville Chamber of Commerce with a second provided by Councilman Mark Johnson. Motion passes with 4 in favor and Councilman Cameron Ross and Councilwoman Mertice Kray opposed.

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2021-11: A Resolution to apply for American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 with noted corrections on the range of monies. The City of Cotter could be eligible for funding and if received, the money will be direct deposited. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to

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pass Resolution 2021-11: A Resolution to apply for American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 with noted corrections on the range of monies with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2021-12: A Resolution to apply for a 75% Grant (maximum \$50,000) from USDA Grant for the Purchase of a Case Backhoe for the Street Department. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to pass Resolution 2021-12: A Resolution to apply for a 75% Grant (maximum \$50,000) from USDA Grant for the Purchase of a Case Backhoe for the Street Department with a second provided by Councilman Mark Johnson. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fourth order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2021-13: A Resolution to apply for a 75% USDA Grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the Purchase of Fire Department Turnouts Personnel Equipment and SCBA Air Tanks. Councilwoman Mertice Kray move to pass Resolution 2021-13: A Resolution to apply for a 75% USDA Grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the Purchase of Fire Department Turnouts Personnel Equipment and SCBA Air Tanks with a second provided by Councilwoman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine read into minutes the Waste Connection Rate Adjustment. The current CPI-U is 0.2% and will increase the trash service rate from \$12.12 to \$12.14 per house. The new price will go in effect September 1, 2021, for the billing at the end of the month. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read into minutes the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) for \$2,550.00 has been received and closed-out for 2021. Mayor Caradine announced the P & Z Board Public Comments - June 8, 2021, 7:00 pm for Draft Ordinance for Recreational Vehicles. He shared that the Highway Water Tank Inspection by Utility Service Co, Inc. was to take place on June 8th-9th, 2021. The Cotter-Gassville Chamber of Commerce - Movie in the Park - will be held on June 18, 2021, 8:30 pm, and the Fly Fishing Film Tour in the Park will take place in June 19, 2021. The ARDOT Historical Bridge Committee issued approval of the lighting Concept to re-light the R.M. Ruthven Bridge. Mayor Caradine has asked the Cotter/Gassville Chamber of Commerce to head up this project. State Aid for Cotter City Streets - ARDOT considering nine streets in Cotter for asphalt overlay in 2022. Final decision will not be made by the ARDOT Street Aid Committee until February 2022.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign-ins at this time.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gwen Khayat asked for an update on the grant for repaving of the tennis court. Mayor Caradine did meet with the NAYC due to issues with contractors and the project is currently delayed due to changing contractors and having to get new bids on the cement to be laid.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanks everyone for attending.

Councilman Mark Johnson is glad to be there without a mask.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill had no comment.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanks everyone for attending and introduced Shannon Nelms as the newly elected President of the Cotter Saturday Club. She also thanks Jason Nazarenko and the chamber's hard work on the trout festival.

Councilman Cameron Ross complimented Jason Nazarenko and the Chamber of Commerce for all the planning the Cotter Trout Festival as it was a huge event and a beautiful day. He further explained his "no vote" earlier in the meeting as it isn't "anti" the F3T event and the promotion of the City of Cotter. It is just a no to one aspect of the event.

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Councilman Linda McCarthy complimented the flowers at City of Cotter and Butterfly Garden in the Big Spring Park which is being done by Emily Kaitz.

Mayor Caradine wished Councilman Cameron Ross an early birthday.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray.
Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 7:19 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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