

**COTTER CITY
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES
July 22, 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 May 27, 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 Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Works Department Report was given by Mayor Caradine
Fire Department Report was given by Mayor Caradine
Police Department Report was given by Mayor Caradine
Building Permit Report was given by Andrea Kray
Planning & Zoning Commission Report was given by Mayor Caradine (minutes presented)
Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Carolyn Gill
Tree Advisory Board had no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In the first order of Unfinished Business, USDA grant was approved in the amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of fire department turnouts. The funding will be deposited next month with a line item add to the 2022 budget for this expenditure.

In the second order of Unfinished Business, USDA Grant for the purchase of a Case Backhoe for the Street Department is pending. A trade value has yet to be determined. Once the trade value is determined, funding will be placed in a line item for the 2022 budget for this expenditure.

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Jason Nazarenko with the Cotter Gassville Chamber of Commerce presented the City of Cotter with a check in the amount of \$4000.00. These funds were raised at the F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour and will go back in projects to help promote and beautify the Big Spring Park as well as other areas of the City of Cotter.

In the second order of New Business, North Arkansas Youth Center board members Mark Kapshandy and Chris Francis asked Council to consider passing a resolution to apply for an Arkansas Community Development grant for the multiple use courts. Mark Kapshandy read a letter addressed to Council and provided them with a bank statement of the youth center board's current fundraising account. This grant will allow improvement to the facilities which will in turn allow for future fundraisings opportunities to better sustain themselves. The current project includes updating the multiple use which will have 3 basketball courts, 2 pickleball courts, and a full sized tennis court. Tina Cole from the NWAEDD also addressed Council on behalf of the NAYC stating that the project is favorable and the project has merit with a good outlook. She has assisted with grants in the past and states this grant is a 50/50 matching grant of \$15,000. The youth center is appropriating a \$18,000 for this grant application.

ORIGINAL

In the third order of New Business, Mayor Caradine had Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Resolution 2021-14: a Resolution for an Arkansas Community Development Grant for NAYC Multiple Use Courts. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill asks for a clarification on the word “appropriates” and Tina Cole discusses the meaning of the word in the grant application. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moves to pass Resolution 2021-14: a Resolution for an Arkansas Community Development Grant for NAYC Multiple Use Courts with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fourth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine had Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Resolution 2021-15 - A Resolution to enter into agreement with Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District for Administrative Service for American Rescue Plan. Councilman Chuck Sugg moves to pass Resolution 2021-15 - A Resolution to enter into agreement with Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District for Administrative Service for American Rescue Plan with a second provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Gill. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fifth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine presented Ordinance 2021-04 - An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code to add Chapter 8.24 - Recreational Vehicles. Mayor Caradine asked Jason Nazarenko to recap the discussion pertaining to the Ordinance to Council members that weren't able to be at the workshop. Councilman Chuck Sugg asks for clarification on items 1-7 under section B “Habitation”. He would like to eliminate the entire section. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray asks Mayor Caradine how he was proceeding with the passage of the ordinance and if emergency passage was not on the agenda, then any and all corrections or amendments could wait until Council considers the Ordinance for passage in 3 months' time. Councilman Cameron Ross moves to have Ordinance 2021-04 - An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code to add Chapter 8.24 - Recreational Vehicles placed on its first reading by title only with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2021-04 - An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code to add Chapter 8.24 - Recreational Vehicles on its first reading by title only. Ordinance 2021-04 - An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code to add Chapter 8.24 - Recreational Vehicles will be placed on its second reading by title only at the August 2021 Council meeting.

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine read into minutes the Semi- Annual Inventory Report ending thru June 30, 2021. He announced that the Cotter-Gassville Chamber of Commerce will have its “Movie in the Park” on August 13, 2021, 8:30 p.m. in Big Spring Park under the Bridge as well as announcing that the 2nd Annual Big Spring River Rally on August 28th sponsored by Iron Horse Disciples with a Bike Show, Poker Run, Music and Vendors. All proceeds go to support the Cotter Backpack Program. Contact Curtis Traylor for Vendor Booth Space. Mayor Caradine is looking for volunteer and committee members to help with 2021 Christmas in Cotter. First planning meeting will be in August.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign-ins at this time.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tina Cole thanks the Cotter City Council for being so great to work with.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg had no comment.

Councilman Mark Johnson had no comment.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill had no comment.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanks everyone for attending and appreciates the presenters from both the Cotter Gassville Chamber of Commerce and the North Arkansas Youth Center.

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Councilman Cameron Ross had no comment.

Councilman Linda McCarthy announced that the Ladies Auxiliary would be having a combination silent auction/yard sale/chili supper on November 13th, 2021. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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