

**COTTER CITY**  
**COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**September 23, 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 August 26, 2021, regular minutes was the first item of business. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to accept the minutes as written from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed with 5 in Favor and Councilman Mark Johnson abstaining due to not being in attendance at the August 2021 meeting.**

Public Works Department Report was given by Mayor Caradine  
Fire Department Report was given by Chief Lyle Jack  
Police Department Report was given by Sergeant Michael Patterson  
Building Permit Report was given by Andrea Kray  
Planning & Zoning Commission Report was given by Mayor Caradine  
Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Carolyn Gill  
Tree Advisory Board had no report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

In the first order of Unfinished Business, Mayor Caradine had Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2021-04 - An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code to add Chapter 8.24 - Recreational Vehicles for its 3rd reading by title only. Council then considered passage of Ordinance 2021-04 - An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code to add Chapter 8.24 - Recreational Vehicles. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to pass Ordinance 2021-04 with the elimination of the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence on page 2 under section "B Habitation" along with numbers 1-7 with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. During discussion, Mayor Caradine asked Jason Nazarenko to provide a recap of the Ordinance as the P & Z Chair. **Motion passed unananimously.** The Ordinance will be posted in the 5 locations in Cotter and go into effect 30 days from passage.

**NEW BUSINESS**

In the first order of New Business, Rebekka Foster - CVFD Safety Officer/ Secretary – presented to Council a program for Community Emergency Response Team for Natural disasters. This CERT team provides basic response skills to citizens through classroom exercises. Train volunteers can then assist in with emergency response efforts during times like natural disasters. She provided examples of how CERT teams can benefit the community and the qualifications to volunteer. The Fire Department is seeking Council's approval to move forward with this project and Council verbally agrees.

In the second order of New Business, Mayor Caradine asked Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray to read Resolution 2021-17 - Consider Resolution to set Tax Levy (Mills) Assessed in 2021 to be collected in 2022 in its entirety. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to pass Resolution 2021-17 - Consider Resolution to set Tax Levy (Mills) Assessed in 2021 to be collected in 2022 with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unananimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Mayor Caradine read into meeting minutes the acceptance of Engineering Service, Inc as recommended by NWAEDD to perform engineering services for the City of Cotter Water Rehabilitation Project for funds received from the American Rescue Act.

**ORIGINAL**

In the fourth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine asked Council to consider moving the November and December 2021 meeting up a week due to the holiday season. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to set the November 2021 meeting to 11/18 and the December 2021 meeting to 12/16 with a second provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Gill. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fifth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine asked Council to consider setting a Workshop in the month of November for the Budget Planning. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to set a Budget Workshop for 11/9/21 at 6:30 pm with a second provided by Councilman Mark Johnson. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**INFORMATION**

During information, Mayor Caradine shared that the Cotter-Gassville Chamber of Commerce Movie in the Park will be held on October 8, 2021, 7:30 pm in Big Spring Park with hot dogs and popcorn. The Christmas in Cotter Committee meeting will be on September 27th, October 11th, and October 25th at 6:00 pm at Cotter City Hall. He is needing volunteers needed to help install the Christmas lights in the Park on November 6th, 13th, 20th from 10:00 am -2:00 pm. The Dedication Ceremony to Light the Cotter Bridge will be held on December 1st, 2021 at 6:00 pm

**SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS**

No sign-ins at this time.

**AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No Audience Announcements at this time.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanked all those in attendance and appreciates the Fire and Police Departments as they are doing a really great job.

Councilman Mark Johnson is really excited for the Fire Department's proposed CERT Volunteer Program

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill had no comment.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanked the Fire Department for presenting and inquired about the bear sighting. Councilman Chuck Sugg commented on the sighting.

Councilman Cameron Ross states it is good to see everyone and this is his favorite time of year. He is still looking for a house.

Councilman Linda McCarthy had flyers for the Fire Department Drive Thru event as well as advertised the Chili Super and Silent Auction on 11/13/21.

Mayor Caradine announced the Police Department is looking for locations to host for the Neighborhood Block Parties. He also updated Council on Drew Peirce asking for prayers as he is recovering from a severe fall.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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