

**COTTER CITY
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES
January 27, 2022
6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The regular meeting of the Cotter City Council was called to order at 6:02 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, and Linda McCarthy. Councilman Mark Johnson was absent.

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

REPORTS

Approval of the December 16, 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 passed unanimously.**

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 Jason Nazarenko
Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Carolyn Gill
Tree Advisory Board was given by Marcia Taylor
Monthly Financials were provided to Council in their packets

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Jason Nazarenko asked Council to consider allowing a one-time use of the Big Spring Park for the F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour. The event would again include a designated area for the serving of alcoholic beverages from the Norfolk Brewing Company. Mayor Caradine will bring a resolution for this request to the next Council meeting.

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Resolution #2022-01: A Resolution to adopt the Year End 2021 Amended Budget for the City of Cotter and after passage will be posted for 30 days. Mayor Caradine asked Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray to read the resolution. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to pass Resolution #2022-01: A Resolution to adopt the Year End 2021 Amended Budget for the City of Cotter and after passage will be posted for 30 days with a second provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Gill. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Council considered Resolution #2022-02: A Resolution Establishing a Cotter City Council Member Code of Conduct. Mayor Caradine asked Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray to read the resolution. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to pass Resolution #2022-02: A Resolution Establishing a Cotter City Council Member Code of Conduct with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fourth order of New Business, Council considered Resolution #2022-03: A Resolution Establishing a Cotter City Council Member Code of Meetings/Activities. Mayor Caradine asked Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray to read the resolution. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to pass Council considered Resolution #2022-03: A Resolution Establishing a Cotter City Council Member Code of Meetings/Activities with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ORIGINAL

In the fifth order of New Business, Council considered Resolution #2022-04 - A Resolution to Authorizes the Mayor to execute all agreements to utilize State Aid Street Monies for Street Paving Project by ARDOT. Mayor Caradine gave background info on the awarded funds as multiple cities surrounding the City has been awarded the same funds. The job will be bid on as one big project. Mayor Caradine asked Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray to read the resolution. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to pass Resolution #2022-04 - A Resolution to Authorizes the Mayor to execute all agreements to utilize State Aid Street Monies for Street Paving Project by ARDOT with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the sixth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine announced the 2022 City Organizational Committee Members and will be posting it on the City's website.

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine read into the minutes Proof of Posting of the final revenues and expenditures for 2022 Operating Budget has been posted for 30 days as well as the Proof of Posting of Annual Cash-flow Financials 2021 City Municipal Funds and 2021 Water Department Funds and shall be posted for 30 days. The Cotter Casting Challenge is scheduled for April 9, 2022 at the Baseball Field and will be open to public. The Cotter Trout Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2022 in Big Springs Park. The Arkansas Backyard Ultra Running Championship, is scheduled for May 22-23, 2022 in Big Springs Park. The FT3 Fly-fishing Film Tour is scheduled for May 28, 2022 in Big Spring Park.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign-ins at this time.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jason Nazarenko shared that he read on a social media website that the City of Cotter was listed as one of the top 10 safest cities in Arkansas.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanked the Fire and Police Department for all their hard work and thanked everyone for attending.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill states that she always supports the Fire Department and she can't even fathom the hardships that they face when responded to these sometimes tragic events. She appreciates them tremendously.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanked everyone for attending and is excited about the CERT Training as it brings to life what the Fire Department goes through when responding to call outs. She also appreciates the commitment to the City of Cotter that both Jan Peitz and Jason Nazarenko demonstrate as they were both in attendance.

Councilman Cameron Ross thanks everyone for attending.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy had no comment.

Mayor Caradine announced that Freddie Wooten had been voted in as the Assistant Fire Chief. He also updated Council on the Bridge Lights as they are working smoothly.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:46 p.m.

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APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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