

COTTER CITY
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES
Scheduled for February 24, 2022
held March 3, 2022 due to inclement weather
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, 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 January 27, 2022, 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 Chief Lyle Jack
Police Department Report was given by Chief Travis Hopson
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 and Mayor Caradine
Tree Advisory Board was given by Mayor Caradine
Monthly Financials were provided to Council in their packets

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Council considered Resolution #2022-05 - Allowing One-time Sale of Craft Beer and Wine at FT3 Fly-fishing Film Tour Special Movie Event in Big Spring Park on May 28, 2022. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read the resolution in its entirety. Jason Nazarenko presented the flyers that were to be used in promoting the event. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill moved to pass Resolution #2022-05 - Allowing One-time Sale of Craft Beer and Wine at FT3 Fly-fishing Film Tour Special Movie Event in Big Spring Park on May 28, 2022, with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. Councilman Chuck Sugg along with Councilwomen Carolyn Gill and Linda McCarthy voted for and Councilman Cameron Ross and Councilwoman Mertice Kray were opposed. **Motion passed.**

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Council to consider Resolution #2022-06 - Applying for 75% Grant Assistance from USDA Rural Development to purchase a police vehicle. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read the resolution in its entirety. Chief of Police Travis Hopson commented that the vehicle was a 2022 Durango and was currently being outfitted with a police package. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to pass Resolution #2022-06 - Applying for 75% Grant Assistance from USDA Rural Development to purchase a police vehicle with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Council considered Resolution #2022-07 - Amend 2022 General Operating Budget Allocation of the 1% City Sales Tax and Use Tax Revenue for Sewer and Water Receipts and Transfer. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read the resolution in its entirety. Mayor Caradine shared that these funds had been previously used to pay off the sewer plant and will need to now be transferred. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to pass Resolution #2022-07 - Amend 2022 General Operating Budget Allocation of the 1% City Sales Tax and Use Tax Revenue for Sewer and Water Receipts and Transfer with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ORIGINAL

In the fourth order of New Business, Council reviewed of 2021 Arkansas ACT 605 amending the statute providing oversight by the Arkansas Natural Resource Commission and the Arkansas Department of Health concerning retail water providers. A rate study will take place in 2024 and then again every 5 years. There will be oversight in place to ensure water systems are financially stable. Council will need some training as is required by state statute.

In the fifth order of New Business, Council to consider setting a workshop date in March. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to set a workshop date of March 10, 2022 with a second provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Gill. **Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine read into meeting minutes the Legislative Joint Audit Committee completed their review for Year Ending 2019 and 2020. No findings were noted in their review. Copy Available at City Hall. The Cotter Casting Challenge is scheduled for April 9, 2022, at the Baseball Field and is open to public. The Cotter Trout Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2022, in Big Springs Park. The Arkansas Backyard Ultra Running Championship, May 22-23, 2022 in Big Springs Park, and 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

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanked the Fire and Police Department for all their hard work and stated they are doing a great job teaching the CERT classes. He also appreciates the Police and Public Works Departments.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill states that she agrees with Chuck Sugg that the Fire Department is doing a great job with the CERT training. She also appreciates all the volunteerism of the Council members.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray also thanks the Fire Department for all their hard work in providing the CERT training and asks for everyone to keep the people of Ukraine in their prayers.

Councilman Cameron Ross had no comment.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy is enjoying the nicer weather.

Mayor Caradine shared that the backhoe will be here soon.

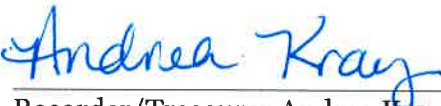
Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

ORIGINAL