

**COTTER CITY
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 28, 2022 -- 6:00 p.m.**

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 March 3, 2022, regular minutes was the first item of business. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to accept the minutes as written from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **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 no report was given.
Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Carolyn Gill and Mayor Caradine
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, four representatives from Yelcot (Rob, Kelly, Sarah, and Shawn) addressed Council to provide information on upgrading Cotter's service area to provide fiber in the home for WFI and Cable TV along with phone services. Construction is being done downtown as well as Rainbow Heights. Customer service reps will be going door-to-door and equipment is already in place. Already there are about 100 customers on the network. Council was receptive and appreciative of the advancement of this technology being available to the citizens. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill shared her experiences with the Yelcot service providers while serving the lodge and will have 3 houses to add to this new plan. **No action taken.**

In the second order of New Business, Cotter Saturday Club President and Councilwoman Mertice Kray spoke to a check that had been presented earlier to Mayor Caradine in the amount of \$3,112.58 for upkeep of the Walnut Hill Cemetery. This is the yearly interest from Perpetual Care Fund that group manages. **No action taken.**

In the third order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2022-08: A Resolution to amend the budget for additional funds needed for ARDOT St. Aid Paving bid overage. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read the resolution in its entirety noting the receipt of \$15,381.87 from the Cotter School District. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to pass Resolution 2022-08: A Resolution to amend the budget for additional funds needed for ARDOT St. Aid Paving bid overage with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fourth order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2022-09: A Resolution to amend the operation budget to receive insurance money to replace a police vehicle. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read the resolution in its entirety. Chief Travis Hopson explained the details of the replacement and location of the replacement vehicle would be out of Chicago. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill moved to pass Resolution 2022-09: A Resolution to amend the operation budget to receive insurance money to replace a police vehicle with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ORIGINAL

In the fifth order of New Business, Council to consider setting a workshop date in May. Councilwoman Linda McCarthy moved to set a workshop date of May 9, 2022 with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine read into meeting minutes the Proof of Posting for the 2021 Amended Budget, the 2021 Financial Statement of the Municipality, the Proof of Posting of the 2021 Financial Statements of Water and Sewer Department, the Legislative Joint Audit of the Cotter Municipal Water and Wastewater Fund, and the 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report was issued by the Arkansas Department of Health. He also announced the Cotter Trout Festival was scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2022, in Big Springs Park, the Arkansas Backyard Ultra Running Championship took place on 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. Cotter's City Wide Garage Sale was set for Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th, and the large item pickup was held on May 2nd.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign-ins at this time.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanked all in attendance.

Councilman Mark Johnson was excited about Yelcot's presentation and the new internet option for this area.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill announced that the previous Saturday was the Hog Wild Fundraiser and she was so proud of our Fire Department for supporting the Cotter/Gassville Rural department at the event. She also thanked the City for the gift of the CERT bags.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray stated she had her CERT boots and also thanked the City for the CERT bags. She thanked all in attendance and appreciates the Tree Board for all their efforts in the beautification of Cotter. She appreciates the Fire Department and all they do for the community as well.

Councilman Cameron Ross thanked the Fire Department and Mayor for allowing the use of the Fire House for the "Son" Rise Service as it had a wonderful turn out.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy states we have the hardest working Fire Department and she encourages those in attendance to come enjoy the festival. She also announces the Gassville in the Park event on June 4.

Mayor Caradine shared the filing dates for the upcoming elections for Mayor and Aldermen. 8/3-10/22

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman Mark Johnson. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 7:41p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

ORIGINAL