

**COTTER CITY  
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
May 26, 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 April 28, 2022, regular minutes was the first item of business. Councilwoman Linda McCarthy 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 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  
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, Paul Shuttleworth with Waste Connections request that the City of Cotter for a Fuel Cost Rate Adjustment allowed per the current contract for waste disposal. The rate will revert back to the current rate once fuel goes back down below \$4.25 for a minimum of 30 days. It was also stated that Cotter is still the lowest rate in the local area. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moves to agree to the rate increase as stated in the current contract with a second provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Gill. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2022-10: A Resolution to amend the 2022 Operating Budget for the Waterworks Revenue Fund for emergency repairs at Hwy 62/412 to replace the water pump and electric motor. Councilman Chuck Sugg moves to pass Resolution 2022-10: A Resolution to amend the 2022 Operating Budget for the Waterworks Revenue Fund for emergency repairs at Hwy 62/412 to replace the water pump and electric motor with a second provided by Councilman Mark Johnson. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Council considered Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance amending the City of Cotter Municipal Code 4.28 by replacing the existing alcohol Ord. 79-7 to regulate alcoholic beverages to comply with the state of Arkansas Title 3. During the reading of the Ordinance it was discovered that critical passages were left out of the Ordinance as a previous draft was presented instead of the most recent draft. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to call for a 5 minute recess, so that the proper draft could be printed and thus presented with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Caradine recessed from 6:32 p.m. and reconvened that 6:37 p.m.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to place Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance amending the City of Cotter Municipal Code 4.28 by replacing the existing alcohol Ord. 79-7 to regulate alcoholic beverages to comply with

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the state of Arkansas Title 3 on its 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Caradine asked Recorder/Treasurer to place Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance amending the City of Cotter Municipal Code 4.28 by replacing the existing alcohol Ord. 79-7 to regulate alcoholic beverages to comply with the state of Arkansas Title 3 on its 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2022-06 by title only.

Councilman Mark Johnson moved to place Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance amending the City of Cotter Municipal Code 4.28 by replacing the existing alcohol Ord. 79-7 to regulate alcoholic beverages to comply with the state of Arkansas Title 3 on its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by title only with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Caradine asked Recorder/Treasurer to place Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance amending the City of Cotter Municipal Code 4.28 by replacing the existing alcohol Ord. 79-7 to regulate alcoholic beverages to comply with the state of Arkansas Title 3 on its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by title only. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2022-06 by title only.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill moved to place Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance amending the City of Cotter Municipal Code 4.28 by replacing the existing alcohol Ord. 79-7 to regulate alcoholic beverages to comply with the state of Arkansas Title 3 on its 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Caradine asked Recorder/Treasurer to place Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance amending the City of Cotter Municipal Code 4.28 by replacing the existing alcohol Ord. 79-7 to regulate alcoholic beverages to comply with the state of Arkansas Title 3 on its 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2022-06 by title only.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray then moved to pass Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance amending the City of Cotter Municipal Code 4.28 by replacing the existing alcohol Ord. 79-7 to regulate alcoholic beverages to comply with the state of Arkansas Title 3 as an emergency with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to pass Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance amending the City of Cotter Municipal Code 4.28 by replacing the existing alcohol Ord. 79-7 to regulate alcoholic beverages to comply with the state of Arkansas Title 3 with a second provided Councilwoman Carolyn Gill. **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.**

### INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine shared that Cotter's State Aid paving project will start in June and at this time Section Line Road will not be paved as residential construction is taking place and that street will need to be paved once construction is complete. Mayor Caradine also shared that the City of Cotter is in the path of the Great north American Eclipse occurring on Apr. 8, 2024. He also shared that the FT3 Fly Fishing Film Tour is scheduled for May 28, 2022.

### SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign-ins at this time.

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**AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jason Nazarenko shared that a friend shared from his tracer program that there were around 4100 people attending the Trout Festival and that he was able to host 4 more special ops/active duty service men to the area over the weekend. He appreciates that support of local citizens and businesses that are able to afford this opportunity.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanked everyone for coming and mentioned how nice the new backhoe looked.

Councilman Mark Johnson asked Jason Nazarenko to elaborate on the Arkansas Backyard Championship Ultra race that occurred in Big Spring Park as he watched some of the new and great event in Cotter.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill shared that she was shuttling tourist the day of the race and there were so many people. She attended an event at Rasp's Barron and got a glimpse of the future generations and their appreciation of the area and what the beauty this area can offer them. She is concerned with the stop sign at 412 and Harding Blvd. That stop sign is ARDOT responsibility. She also enquired about the latest addition to the police department and Officer Clark's credentials/experience and if he'd been through the academy. Chief Hopson answered her questions.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanked the employees of the city and appreciates the help of the Public Works Department with the hanging of the registry at the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Councilman Cameron Ross had no comment.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy appreciated the members of the VFD and all the CERT training she has received from them.

Mayor Caradine shared Bill Nazarenko donated the flag at Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 7:19 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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