

**COTTER CITY  
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
July 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 May 26, 2022, regular minutes was the first item of business. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to accept the minutes with noted corrections 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 not given  
Monthly Financials were provided to Council in their packets

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

In the first order of New Business, Mayor Caradine introduced Jack Christenson to Council. Mr. Christenson is from Memphis and has previous Planning and Zoning experience. Hearing no objection from Council, Mayor Caradine appoints Mr. Christenson to the P & Z Committee.

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2022-11: A Resolution to amend the 2022 Budget to receipt stipends for the Police Department per AR Act 224 of 2022. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moves to pass Resolution 2022-11: A Resolution to amend the 2022 Budget to receipt stipends for the Police Department per AR Act 224 of 2022 with a second provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Gill. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2022-12: A Resolution to adjust for the late enrollment for employee/employer contributions to APERS from 9-25-2009 to 12-31-2010. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to pass Resolution 2022-12: A Resolution to adjust for the late enrollment for employee/employer contributions to APERS from 9-25-2009 to 12-31-2010 with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fourth order of New Business, Council considered Ordinance 2022-07: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 2011-07 to reduce City Jail Fee. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to place Ordinance 2022-07: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 2011-07 to reduce City Jail Fee on its 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2022-07 by title only.

Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to place moved to place Ordinance 2022-07: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 2011-07 to reduce City Jail Fee on its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by title only with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2022-07 by title only.

**ORIGINAL**

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to place moved to place Ordinance 2022-07: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 2011-07 to reduce City Jail Fee on its 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only with a second provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Gill. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2022-07 by title only.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to pass Ordinance 2022-07: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 2011-07 to reduce City Jail Fee as an emergency with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to pass Ordinance 2022-07: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 2011-07 to reduce City Jail Fee with a second provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Gill. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fifth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine asked the Planning and Commission to review the Arkansas Municipal League's Pamphlet and P & Z Committee Chair Jason Nazarenko agreed that the commission would start working on this recommendation.

### INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine read in the meeting minutes that Ordinances numbers 2022-01 through 2022-05 will not be used as well as read into meeting minutes Semi-Annual Inventory Report ending thru June 30, 2022. Cotter's State Aid Paving Project is complete, and ARDOT paved Virginia Lee Drive instead of Section Line Road. He encouraged those in attendance to prepare for visitors coming to see Arkansas's Great North American Eclipse April 8, 2024, and advertised the free Classic Movie in the Park on Saturday August 13, 2022 at 8:30 in Big Spring Park under the Bridge. Also, the American Rescue Act sent a 2<sup>nd</sup> payment and in total the city has received \$196,812.80. These funds are being used to increase the water pressure from the Hwy 62 tank and any leftover funds will be used to purchase a generator for the pump house.

### SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign-ins at this time.

### 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 feels the City has a great team and thanks all the departments.

Councilman Mark Johnson apologizes for being late and won't trust the time list with the local radio station again.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill inquired about the funds raised from the F3T and what the Chamber's plans where for those funds. Jason Nazarenko expanded on the Chamber's proposal of working with a corporation in establishing a public restroom at the river access on East Cotter Road. A secondary donation from Trout Unlimited was also pledged at the time of this proposal.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanked everyone in attendance and congratulates Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray for receiving the 2022 ABEA Outstanding Leadership Award. She appreciates Rebekka Foster and Lyle Jack from the VFD as they are always willing to help any and all in need.

Councilman Cameron Ross welcomed the new citizens in attendance to Cotter and thanked Mr. Christenson for serving on the P & Z Commission.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy congratulates Rebekka Foster for passing her Instructor Level I certification test.

**ORIGINAL**

Mayor Caradine announced Allison Dugan has taken a new opportunity and will be training new hire Mikayla Furgeson. Mikayla will work 8-3 and be on a 90-day probation period.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray.  
**Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

**ORIGINAL**