

**COTTER CITY  
COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
September 22, 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 August 25, 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 Sergeant Michael Paterson  
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**

In the first order of Unfinished Business, Mayor Caradine updated Council on 605 of 2021 Retail Water Provider Oversight. The City is currently doing a rate study and will be start an asset management plan. The Mayor and 5 of 6 Council members have completed the required training.

**NEW BUSINESS**

In the first order of New Business, Bob and Linda Zdora requested that Council vacate the alley lying from Northwest to Southwest below Lots 60, 61 & 90 at 183 Melba Ave. Mayor Caradine provided aerial photographs of the alleyway. The Zdoras have already consulted the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the Sewer Commission to ensure an easement wasn't necessary for access to any existing waste water structures. They are requesting the City of Cotter hold a Public Hearing to close said alleyway.

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 22022-17: A resolution authorizing a public hearing and special meeting on vacating a city alleyway located below Lots 60, 61 & 90 at 183 Melba Ave. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to pass Resolution 22022-17: A resolution authorizing a public hearing and special meeting on vacating a city alleyway located below Lots 60, 61 & 90 at 183 Melba Ave with the public hearing being set for October 13, 2022, with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Council considered setting Budget Workshops for the months of November and December. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to set Budget Workshops on November 14, 2022 and December 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fourth order of New Business, Council considered moving the regular November and December meetings due to the holidays. Councilwoman Linda McCarthy moved to set November's Council meeting to November 17, 2022, at 6:00 pm and December 15, 2022 **Motion passed unanimously with 6 yeas and 0 nays.**

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## INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine read into the Meeting Minutes that the Water and Sewer Financial Compliance Report was submitted to the Legislative Joint Audit Committee for review on September 8, 2022. He also shared that the American Rescue Act has allocated more funding to the ANRC. The City of Cotter can apply for funding through the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. Applications are due 11/4/22 and the requirements are based on median average households in the service area. He announced the free Classic Movie in the Park on Saturday, October 8, 2022 starting at dark in Big Spring Park under the Bridge. The Cotter Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary there annual fundraiser Chili and Silent Auction Saturday November 12th and Garage Sale on November 11th & 12th

## SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign-ins at this time.

## AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanks everyone for attending.

Councilman Mark Johnson thanks everyone for showing up as people's schedules are very busy.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill knows the work that lies ahead and expresses her gratitude to the Mayor and this Council for everything they are doing.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray states it warms her heart to see everyone in attendance and appreciates Peter Peitz as he has done so much for the City of Cotter.

Councilman Cameron Ross reminds those in attendance about the Community Block Party and invites everyone to attend one.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy announces a need of baby toys for the Santa gifts at the Christmas in Cotter event.

Mayor Caradine shares the 7 Community Block Party locations.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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