

**COTTER CITY
COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 17, 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, Mertice Kray, Linda McCarthy, and Cameron Ross. 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 October 27, 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 Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously with Cameron Ross abstaining.**

Approval of the October 13, 2022, Public Hearing minutes was the second item of business. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to accept the minutes as written from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Gill. **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 Travis Hopson
Building Permit Report was given by Andrea Kray
Planning & Zoning Commission Report—no report given
Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Carolyn Gill
Tree Advisory Board—no report 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, Council considered bids for ARDOT TAP program for Big Spring Park sidewalks. There were 2 bids. Potter Block Properties was the low bid at \$132,000.00. The other bid was from Steep Creek out of Marshall for \$324,719.55. Both bids met all specifics of the bid requirements. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to accept the bid from Potter Block Properties with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the second order of New Business, Council considered additional 2023 budget funding for ARDOT Tap Trails program. No action taken by Council as plans for this expenditure was addressed during the budget workshop.

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine read into meeting minutes the 2023 City Budget Draft #1 was submitted to City Council members for review at a budget workshop held on November 14, 2022, to be voted on at December Council Meeting. He shared that P&Z to hear public comments on November 22, 2022, to consider a variance request. The Budget Workshop scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm was cancelled as it was not needed. Citizens are encouraged to sign up for the Christmas in Cotter House Decoration Contest - Address must be registered by December 9th at City Hall to be judged. Judging will be on December 14th and 15th and they are also encouraged to sign up for the Tree Decoration Contest by November 25, 2022. One can sign up by calling City Hall. Judging December 14th and 15th. The next Council Meeting will be held on December 15, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The City will have a Christmas Open House on Dec. 6th with a lunch at 11:00 am to recognize the retirement of Melissa Gray.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign-ins at this time.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyle Jack-There was a truck load of flags donated by the VFW's new owners. These flags were distributed to different organizations in the surrounding areas that could use them.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanks everyone for attending and appreciates the service of the other Council members.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill is still recuperating from the VFD Auxiliary's chili supper, silent auction, and yard sale.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanks everyone in attendance. She loves the city of Cotter. She is proud of the growth that is occurring on our town. Growing up here, she is seen empty remain empty for decades and now people are building on them.

Councilman Cameron Ross thanks Bob ZDora for being in attendance. He invited everyone to attend the 1st Baptist Church Family Meal on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy states that the VFD Chili Supper, Silent Auction, and Yard Sale raised approximately \$7,500. She appreciates all the volunteers especially Lyle and Freddie for their hard work at the before, during, and after the event.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray