

**COTTER CITY
COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
February 23, 2023 -- 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, Shelia Wingard, Carolyn Gill, Mertice Kray, Linda McCarthy, and Cameron Ross.

The invocation was given by Councilman Cameron Ross followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

REPORTS

Approval of the January 26, 2023, 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 Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously with Sheila Wingard abstaining.**

Public Works Department Report was given by Mayor Caradine
Fire Department Report was given by Chief Lyle Jack
Police Department Report was given by Chief Travis Hopson
Building Permit Report 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, Council considered Resolution 2023-04: A Resolution allowing one time sale of Craft Beer and Wine at the FT3 Fly-Fishing Film tour Special Movie event in Big Spring Park on May 27, 2023. Jason Nazarenko explained why he is requesting more than one vendor versus what he had requested in the past. He stated that if the City limits to only one vendor, then that vendor would have to apply for a special \$50.00 permit. Councilwoman Shelia Wingard moves to pass Resolution 2023-04 as is and then retracts her motion. Councilwoman Linda McCarthy moves to amend Resolution 2023-04: A Resolution allowing one time sale of Craft Beer and Wine at the FT3 Fly-Fishing Film tour Special Movie event in Big Spring Park on May 27, 2023, by replacing the words (1) one vendor the words (2) vendors with a second provided by Councilwoman Shelia Wingard. **Motion passes with 4 in favor and Councilman Cameron Ross and Councilwoman Mertice Kray opposed.**

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Resolution #2023-05 : A Resolution Allowing One-time Sale of Craft Beer and Wine the evening of Cotter Trout Festival event in Big Spring Park on May 6, 2023. Jason Nazarenko promotes the advantages of have more craft beer vendors as well as bigger bands, and attracting more people will ultimately generate more revenue. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill asks if the City of Cotter really wants to allow the sale of alcohol in May at 5:00 pm with a spring full of kids in the area? Sergeant Michael Patterson addresses Council from a law enforcement stand point and advises that ABC will be there undercover to ensure these businesses are following the rules of the festival. Councilwoman Shelia Wingard moves to amend moves to amend Resolution #2023-05 : A Resolution Allowing One-time Sale of Craft Beer and Wine the evening of Cotter Trout Festival event in Big Spring Park on May 6, 2023, by replacing the words (1) one vendor the words (2) vendors with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. Councilman Chuck Sugg and Councilwomen Shelia Wingard and Linda McCarthy voted for passage with Councilman Cameron Ross and Councilwomen Carolyn Gill and Mertice Kray voting against. With a tie vote, Mayor Caradine voted in the affirmative to break the tie. **Motion passes.**

ORIGINAL

In the third order of New Business, Council considered scheduling a Public Hearing on March 23, 2023, prior to council meeting to answer questions pertaining to Ordinance 2023-02 for annual inflationary Sewer Rate adjustment. The proposed rate increase is .26 cents which includes a 4% annual increase starting on January 1/1/2024. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill moves to set a Public Hearing for 3/23/23 at 6:00 p.m. **Motion passes unanimously.**

In the fourth order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2023-03: A Resolution establishing a Cotter City Council Member Code of Meetings and Activities. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to pass Resolution 2023-03: A Resolution establishing a Cotter City Council Member Code of Meetings and Activities with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passes unanimously.**

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine shared recognize the new City Council with an Office of Alderman Certificate. He announced the Proof of Posting for the 2022 Cash Flow Financials for Municipal Funds and Water Department Funds. The Cotter Trout Festival is May 6, 2023. The F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour May 27, 2023. The Cotter Fly Casting Contest May 27, 2023.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

None at this time

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg stated that it was a good meeting.

Councilwoman Shelia Wingard stated it was her bedtime.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill had no comment.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanked Jason Nazarenko for providing all the information he did tonight.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy welcomed Shelia Wingard to the Council.

Councilman Cameron Ross announced that he would have to resign his Council position as he is moving out of the ward.

Mayor Caradine appreciates the work Cameron Ross has done for the City of Cotter and representing Ward III.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 7:21 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

ORIGINAL