

**COTTER CITY
COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 27, 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, and Linda McCarthy. Councilwoman Nicole Hatchet was installed into office during New Business.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Mertice Kray followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

REPORTS

Approval of the March 23, 2023, Special 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 Shelia Wingard. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of the March 23, 2023, 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.**

Public Works Department Report was given by Mayor Caradine
Fire Department Report was given by Assistant Chief Freddie Wooten
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 not given.
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, Council heard from Nicole Hatchet as she contacted Mayor Caradine about the open Ward 3 Position 2 seat. She is a resident of Cotter moving from the Dallas area two years ago She is the co-owner of the Cotter Bridge Market and has been excited about building her home here. She has a background in education and loves to connect people. She hoping to share her leadership talents as she learns and grows in this position. Mayor Caradine asks Council if they have any questions and Councilwoman Shelia Wingard commented it's refreshing that a young person is interested in the position on Council.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to recommend Nicole Hatchet to serve the remaining term of Ward 3 Position 2 with the term expiring 12/31/24 with a second provided by Councilwoman Shelia Wingard. **Motion passed unanimously.** Mayor Caradine swore Nicole Hatchet into office following the vote.

In the second order of New Business, Mayor Caradine presented the Arbor Day Proclamation and stated there would be a booth a Tree City USA booth at the Trout Festival.

In the third order of New Business, Mertice Kray, President of the Cotter Saturday Club, presented a check from the Perpetual Care Fund in the amount of \$3796.70 to the City of Cotter to help with maintenance costs of maintaining the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine shared that the Annual Cotter Trout Festival will be held on May 6, 2023. The F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour and Cotter Fly Casting Contest will be held on May 27, 2023. The Arkansas Backyard Ultra Championship will start at 6:00 am on June 10, 2023, in Cotter Big Spring Park, and the Cotter School Summer Baseball/Softball League will be using the Jere Reagan Field in Cotter's Big Spring Park.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

None at this time

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrea Kray shared the success of the Cotter FBLA students at their state leadership conference. They will be attending the NLC Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA. They are seeking fundraising opportunities and business sponsorships. She also shared that Councilwoman Mertice Kray was named the Arkansas Business Person of the Year and will represent Cotter FBLA at the National Level this June.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanked everyone for being in attendance and welcomes Nicole to Council.

Councilwoman Shelia Wingard welcomes Nicole and tells Cameron Ross she will miss him.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill had no comment.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray welcomes Nicole as well.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy thanks Nicole for applying and shares she has flyers and maps available for the Cotter Trout Festival.

Councilwoman Nicole Hatchet thanks everyone for welcoming her.

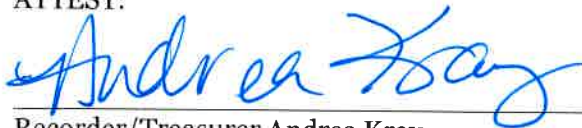
Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Nicole Hatchet.
Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 6:48 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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