

**COTTER CITY
COUNCIL SPECIAL MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 23, 2023 -- 6:00 p.m.**

The special 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, Cameron Ross, and Linda McCarthy.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

Glen Dimmick addressed Council asking if the sewer rate is staying the same as presented in the information provided.

Mayor Caradine stated yes, and he further explained that the City of Cotter must comply with the new law pertaining to ACT 605 by establishing a water board. The Council members would be serving as the water board for the city and all members have went through the required training.


The sewer rate plan is to not increase base rates yet implement a plan that outlines a 4% yearly inflation increasing starting in 1/2024.

The water side is covering expenses from the sewer side and data has been collected that shows water sales covered \$130,000 in expenses from the sewer side from 2010-2019. A plan must be put into place to ensure that each side adequately covers the expenses it incurs and that water and sewer operate independently from each other.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill asks if there is still dedicated funds going into sewer and Mayor Caradine confirmed that there is a dedicated account for Cotter Sewer.

Hearing no further comments from the audience, Mayor Caradine sought a motion to adjourn. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:11 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray