

**COTTER CITY
COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 25, 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, Nicole Hatchet and Linda McCarthy.

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

REPORTS

Approval of the April 27, 2023, regular minutes was the first item of business. Councilwoman Nicole Hatchet moved to accept the minutes with noted corrections from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **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 Chief Travis Hopson
Building Permit Report was given by Andrea Kray
Planning & Zoning Commission Report was given by Jason Nazarenko
Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission Carolyn Gill.
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 considered Resolution 2023-06: A Resolution to amend the 2023 Operating Budget to replace the well pump and fix motor damage due to a lightning strike on March 5, 2023. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to pass Resolution 2023-06: A Resolution to amend the 2023 Operating Budget to replace the well pump and fix motor damage due to a lightning strike on March 5, 2023 with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2023-07: A Resolution to apply for a 75/25% grant from Arkansas Office of Emergency Management to purchase a generator for the highway well and to provide continuous water supply to the city during power outages or disasters. Mayor Caradine explained the 75/25 split and where the city's portion of funding would come from. Councilwoman Nicole Hatchet moved to pass Resolution 2023-07: A Resolution to apply for a 75/25% grant from Arkansas Office of Emergency Management to purchase a generator for the highway well and to provide continuous water supply to the city during power outages or disasters with a second provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Gill. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, the Council authorized Mayor Caradine to enter into a one year contract with Baxter County Animal Control with a prorated rate of \$500 for the remainder of the year. This contract would be only for dogs and cats. The facility is in Midway and personnel will send down traps. Facility has 15 kennels and space for 8 cats. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into the contract for the remainder of 2023 at a prorated rate of \$500 with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine shared that the ARPA funds received in 2021 being used to provide a new pump building, pressure pump and piping at the Highway Tank should be approved by the Department of Health within the 30 days, followed by request for bids from ESI Engineers. He read in the meeting minutes separate bank accounts were set up per Act 605 to deposit 5% of annual revenue in a Water Refurbishment and

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Replacement Account and deposit 5% in a Sewer Refurbishment and Replacement Account starting June 1, 2023. See Ordinance 2023-04 and 05. The Arkansas Legislative Audit Committee met on May 11, 2023, to review our Water and Sewer Audit prepared by Brian Hass. Waiting on the approval letter. The F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour will be held on May 27, 2023 along with the Cotter Fly Casting Contest 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. Finally, construction will begin on the sidewalks in Big Spring Park on June 19, 2023.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

None at this time

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg felt everything went good.

Councilwoman Shelia Wingard commented on how nice the Police Department graphs were in the monthly report.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill had no comment.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanked everyone in attendance and invited people to join the Saturday Club at 9:00 am the following Saturday to help place flags on the Veteran's graves.

Councilwoman Nicole Hatchet had no comment.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy thanked everyone for helping with the Cotter Trout Festival.

Mayor Caradine shared that approximately 4800-5000 people were in attendance at the festival during the day.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Shelia Wingard. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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