

**COTTER CITY  
COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
June 22, 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 Carolyn Gill, Mertice Kray, Nicole Hatchet and Linda McCarthy. Absent was: Chuck Sugg and Shelia Wingard

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

**REPORTS**

Approval of the May 25, 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 Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **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 not given.  
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 to consider Ordinance 2023-03: An Ordinance to change zoning behind 134 Harding Blvd. from R1 (Single Family Residential) to MU1 (Multiple Use). Mayor Caradine asked Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray to read the Ordinance in its entirety. Councilwoman Linda McCarthy moved to place Ordinance 2023-03: An Ordinance to change zoning behind 134 Harding Blvd. from R1 (Single Family Residential) to MU1 (Multiple Use) on its 1st reading by title only with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2023-03 by title only.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill moved to place Ordinance 2023-03: An Ordinance to change zoning behind 134 Harding Blvd. from R1 (Single Family Residential) to MU1 (Multiple Use) on its 2nd reading by title only with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2023-03 by title only.

Councilwoman Nicole Hatchet moved to place Ordinance 2023-03: An Ordinance to change zoning behind 134 Harding Blvd. from R1 (Single Family Residential) to MU1 (Multiple Use) on its 3rd reading by title only with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2023-03 by title only.

Mayor Caradine then asked Council to consider passage of Ordinance 2023-03. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to pass Ordinance 2023-03: An Ordinance to change zoning behind 134 Harding Blvd. from R1 (Single Family Residential) to MU1 (Multiple Use) with a second provided by Councilwoman Nicole Hatchet. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Caradine then asked Council to consider emergency passage of Ordinance 2023-03. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill moved to pass Ordinance 2023-03: An Ordinance to change zoning behind 134 Harding Blvd. from R1 (Single Family Residential) to MU1 (Multiple Use) as an emergency with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**ORIGINAL**

**INFORMATION**

During information, Mayor Caradine shared that the advertising for bids for Sanitary Sewer Collection System Phase II improvement is being advertised in the Arkansas Gazette and bids will be opened on July 13, 2023, at 10:00 am at Cotter City Hall Plans available for viewing at the Cotter City Hall. The ARPA funds received in 2021 are 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. Arkansas Legislative Auditor completed Cotter's General 2022 Audit and the report shall be submitted to the Legislative Committee for approval. The 2022 Water and Sewer Rate study is being performed by the Arkansas Rural Water Association. On July 6th and 7th, Britney Sellers with Scoffer Studios Production will be shooting a final movie scene in Big Spring Park.

**SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS**

None at this time

**AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jane Hatchet appreciates the clearing of trees near the bridge last year, but those saplings are starting to come back this year. Mayor Caradine stated that the area wasn't under the maintenance of the City, but that he'd reach out to Steve Lawrence to see if the State Highway is going to maintain.

Jane also shares that the Cotter Bridge Market has been granted license to sell beer to consume off premises and to sell wine @ 9% or less alcohol.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill had no comment.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray good to see everyone in attendance.

Councilwoman Nicole Hatchet had no comment.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy had no comment.

Mayor Caradine shared that there was a possibility of not having a July Council meeting due to lack of an agenda. He also thanks Jane and Nicole Hatchet for hosting Coffee with the Mayor that recently had an article covering the event in the Baxter Bulletin.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Nicole Hatcher. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:51 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

**ORIGINAL**