

**COTTER CITY
COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 30, 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, Chuck Sugg, Shelia Wingard, 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 October 23, 2023, regular minutes was the first item of business. Councilwoman Linda McCarthy moved to accept the minutes as presented from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilwoman Shelia Wingard.

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 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 to accept the resignation of Councilwoman Nicole Hatchet for Ward 3, Position 2. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill moved to accept the resignation of Councilwoman Nicole Hatchet for Ward 3, Position 2 with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.** Nicole Hatchet has been a valuable asset to the Cotter City Council and all members of the Council look forward to one day working with her again. Council shall vote at the next scheduled meeting to fill the vacancy and will be accepting applications until January 5, 2024.

In the second order of New Business, Brian Haas presented the 2022 Water and Sewer Audit. He complimented Stefanie in her job duties and stated the water budget is in great shape. There is nothing of not and he is waiting on a letter from Roger Morgan and then he will submit.

In the third order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2023-15: A resolution to adopt the 2024 Operating Budget. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to adopt the 2024 Operating Budget with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fourth order of New Business, Council considered Ordinance 2023-06: An Ordinance to consider calling for a Special Election on March 5, 2024, for electors to approve issuing bonds in the amount of \$2,400,000, to finance the remaining portions of Phase II Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill moved to place Ordinance 2023-06: An Ordinance to consider calling for a Special Election on March 5, 2024, for electors to approve issuing bonds in the amount of \$2,400,000, to finance the remaining portions of Phase II Sewer Rehabilitation Project on its 1st reading by title only with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilwoman Shelia Wingard moved to place Ordinance 2023-06: An Ordinance to consider calling for a Special Election on March 5, 2024, for electors to approve issuing bonds in the amount of \$2,400,000, to finance the remaining portions of Phase II Sewer Rehabilitation Project on its 2nd reading by title only with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to place Ordinance 2023-06: An Ordinance to consider calling for a Special Election on March 5, 2024, for electors to approve issuing bonds in the amount of \$2,400,000, to finance the remaining portions of Phase II Sewer Rehabilitation Project on its 3rd reading by title only with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ORIGINAL

Councilwoman Shelia Wingard moved to pass Ordinance 2023-06: An Ordinance to consider calling for a Special Election on March 5, 2024, for electors to approve issuing bonds in the amount of \$2,400,000, to finance the remaining portions of Phase II Sewer Rehabilitation Project as an emergency with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilwoman Shelia Wingard moved to pass Ordinance 2023-06: An Ordinance to consider calling for a Special Election on March 5, 2024, for electors to approve issuing bonds in the amount of \$2,400,000, to finance the remaining portions of Phase II Sewer Rehabilitation Project with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine stated the budget meeting scheduled for December 14, 2023, has been canceled. He shared that Coffee with the Mayor shall be held at Cotter City Hall, followed by City Hall Christmas Open House on Friday December 15, 2023, from 8-Noon and encouraged citizens to please enjoy the Christmas Spirit with our Staff. He also announced that Christmas in Cotter with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be held on December 16, 2023, from 5-7 pm.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

None at this time

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg felt we had a great year and is proud to be a part of the Council. He thanked all the City Departments and felt they do an outstanding job.

Councilwoman Shelia Wingard commends the Police and Fire Department. She also shares that Nicole Hatchet has been a huge blessing to the Council and the City. She is proud to know all of the people she serves with.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill had no comment.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray was extremely pleased and thankful to the Mayor for the continued service to the citizens of Cotter. She also stated to Nicole Hatchet that it was an honor to sit next to you on the Council.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy stated that Cotter is a hard working city with joyful people and that we will be seeing Nicole Hatchet again.

Mayor Caradine thanks the Nazarenko's for their continued support of the citizens of Cotter as they bring a special touch to all that they do. He thanks Council for their service and support to the city and he asks for their continued prayers during his absence.

Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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