

COTTER CITY
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES
April 25, 2024
6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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, Mertice Kray, Ben Woodard, and Linda McCarthy. Absent was: Carolyn Gill

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 28, 2024, regular minutes was the first item of business. Councilwoman Shelia Wingard moved to accept the minutes as presented from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously with Councilman Ben Woodard abstaining.**

March 2024 Financials were included in the packets
Public Works Department Report was given by Mayor Caradine
Fire Department Report was given by Sharon Kaster
Police Department Report was given by Sargant Michael Paterson
Building Permit Report was given by Andrea Kray
Planning & Zoning Commission Report was not given
Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Mayor Caradine
Tree Advisory Board Report was not given

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In the first order of Old Business, Council considered placing Ordinance 2024-01 on its 2nd reading. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to place Ordinance 2024-01 on its 2nd reading by title only with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2024-01 by title only. It will be placed on the May 2024 Agenda for its 3rd and final reading.

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Council was presented a check in the amount of \$4,413.60 by Annette Thrasher, Secretary of the Cotter Saturday Club from their Perpetual Care Fund. These funds are designated for maintaining the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

In the second order of New Business, Council considered renewing the Waste Connections contract for the City's waste disposal. Council was addressed by Kendrick Ketchum. The current rate is \$12.61 and will increase to \$16.50 as of June 2024. These contract renewal is for 5 years which includes no service on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to renew the Waste Connections contract with a second provided by Councilwoman Linda McCarthy. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Mayor Caradine asked to postpone the consideration of Ordinance 2024-02 until the May Council meeting.

In the fourth order of New Business, Council considered scheduling a workshop for May 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to set a workshop for May 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with a second provided by Councilwoman Shelia Wingard. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fifth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine presented Council with an update on the current pending City grants.

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine shared the Cotter Trout Festival is set for Saturday, May 4, 2024. He also shared that the F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour is May 25, 2024, and that the Cotter Fly Casting Contest is set for May 25, 2024. He also shared the Cotter Bridge Ultra Running Event will be held in Big Spring Park on June 8-9, 2024. The next Coffee with the Mayor is scheduled for May 17, 2024, at 8:00 am at Cotter Bridge Market, and the Next Council meeting will be held on May 23, 2024.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

None at this time.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jason Nazarenko thanks everyone for being willing to serve and appreciates the community working together. He requests keeping the City of Bull Shoals in our thoughts and prayers.

Shelia Wingard shares that she is having a difficult time leaving the community of Cotter. She loves the citizens and the town.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg felt the night went well.

Councilwoman Shelia Wingard shared she will miss everybody, but she'll be back to visit.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray reflected on how much work Mayor Caradine did to educate the Council and citizens for Phase II. She thanked the Mayor for all his hard work in educating the Council and our citizens. She thanked Sharon for attending and thanked Annette Thrasher for all her dedication and commitment to the Cotter Saturday Club.

Councilman Ben Woodard had no comment.

Councilwoman Linda McCarthy thanked the Mayor for the summary of grants and invites everyone to attend the Trout Festival. There are close to 80 vendors.

Mayor Caradine shared there will be 6 officers for traffic control. He thanked Council and appreciates their hard work on behalf of the citizens. Having a supportive and informed Council makes his life easier in making the best decisions he can for the City of Cotter.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman Ben Woodard. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:47 p.m.

APPROVED:


Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:


Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray