

**COTTER CITY
COUNCIL COUNCIL MINUTES
August 22, 2019
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 McGeorge Caradine. He asked for roll call by Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray. Present were: Council Members Chuck Sugg, Kerry Ann White, Nathan Buck, Mertice Kray, Cameron Ross, and John Bell.

The invocation was given by Councilman Cameron Ross followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

REPORTS

Approval of the July 25, 2019, regular minutes was the first item of business. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to accept the minutes with noted corrections from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of the July 30, 2019, public hearing minutes was the second item of business. Councilman Nathan Buck moved to accept the minutes as written from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed with three in favor and Councilwoman Mertice Kray and Councilmen Cameron Ross and John Bell abstaining.**

Public Works Department Report was given by Justin Morrow.

Fire Department Report was given by Chief Lyle Jack.

Police Department Report was read by Chief Travis Hopson.

Building Permits Report was read by Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray.

P & Z Commission Report – no report was given

Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Councilman Nathan Buck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In the first order of Unfinished Business, Mayor Caradine updated Council on the Community Depot Building - USDA Application response letter dated July 31, 2019. He deferred discussion of this topic to the next City Council Workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Paul Shuttleworth with Waste Connections to presented the annual CPI-U rate adjustment per contract. There will be a rate adjustment of .22 cents making the new rate \$12.04 per month. This is a 1.9% increase. Councilman Nathan Buck moves to proceed with the adjustment with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed with 5 in favor Councilwoman Kerry Ann White opposed.**

In the second order of New Business, Mayor Caradine read into minutes the action taken by the Cotter-Gassville Sewer Commission voted to make the 2019 payment plus an additional payment towards the ANRC loan out of the CGJSC Ductile Iron Depreciation Fund. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray later asked for this to be addressed in the form of a motion as it would affect the current operating budget. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to make the 2019 payment plus an additional payment towards the ANRC loan out of the CGJSC

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Ductile Iron Depreciation Fund with a second provided by Councilman Nathan Buck. **Motion passed with 5 in favor Councilwoman Kerry Ann White opposed.**

In the third order of New Business, Ellen Provenzale and Gary Blanck addressed Council to discuss White River Lions Club mission and 2019 Duck Race/Fundraiser at the Cotter BBQ Cook-off. They currently have 14 members and are looking for more to help with their events. They are also serving as hosts for Council meeting. They meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at the Flippin Christian Church at 5:00 p.m.

In the fourth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine asked Council to schedule a workshop to review proposed changes to ordinances for Truck Routes, Sale and Use of Fireworks, Animal at Large and Pit Bull/Vicious Dogs. Councilman John Bell moved to set a workshop for August 27 at 7:00 p.m. with a second provided by Councilman Nathan Buck. **Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine presented an estimate of \$22, 080.00 to revamp playground equipment purchased from Flippin and suggests Council look more closely at this figure during budget planning for next year. The 2nd Annual BBQ Contest, Car Show, and Duck Race on Saturday August 31, 2019, in the Big Spring Park. A donation from the Cotter Fire Department Auxiliary was used to purchase 3 sets of Rope Rescue Systems. Mayor Caradine announced the Baxter County Mayors' Meeting with Judge Pendergrass on August 27, 2019, at 10:00 am at City Hall as well as the Baxter Regional Hospital will have the Mobile Mammogram Unit in Cotter at Big Spring Park on September 10, 2019 from 9-2. Unit will be parked in front of the Pavilion. Contact Sue Whittington 870-656-0720 for information about appointments. Mayor Caradine also thanked the Lions Club for hosting the City Council meeting.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign up sheet requests.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg expressed his gratitude for Justin Morrow and his crew, thanks the Lion Club for hosting the Council meeting, and appreciates everyone coming out.

Councilwoman Kerry Ann White thanked everyone for their attendance.

Councilman Nathan Buck thanked everyone for their attendance as well as Joel Richardson for his service to the City of Cotter. He thanks the workers of the city for maintaining operations even when understaffed. He also invites the citizens out to the BBQ cook-off and reminds people of the Back Pack Program fundraiser the following weekend.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanks the Lion's Club for their presentations and was impressed with the statistics they shared. She appreciates the auxiliary members for their donation and commends all those involved in planning for the BBQ Cook-off.

Councilman Cameron Ross thanked the Lion's Club for hosting and is looking forward to the BBQ competition as well as the Cotter Alumni Reunion.

Councilman John Bell thanked those in attendance and is looking forward to the BBQ.

Mayor Caradine appreciates everyone's attendance and encourages citizens to use the city's website by signing up for notifications. He also explains the nonemergency number to contact the Baxter County's Sheriff's office when the City of Cotter does not have an officer on duty.

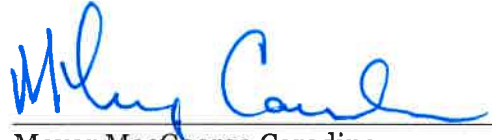
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AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Phyllis Burnett thanked the Council for their continued efforts for the City of Cotter.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman Nathan Buck. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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