

**COTTER CITY
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES
December 19, 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 Caradine. He asked for roll call by Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray. Present were: Council Members Chuck Sugg, Kerry Ann White, Carolyn Gill, 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 November 21, 2019, regular minutes was the first item of business. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to accept the minutes as written from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Works Department Report was given by Justin Morrow.

Fire Department Report was given by Mayor Caradine.

Police Department Report was read by Mayor Caradine.

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

P & Z Commission Report was given by Councilwoman Mertice Kray

Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Councilwoman Kerry Ann White.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Jake Anderson addressed Council pertaining to the Arkansas Ultra Running Championship Event to take place over a 24 to 48-time period in the Big Spring Park in May 2020. This would be a qualifying event for the National Championship in Tennessee. It would bring commerce to our area and if all went well, this could become a yearly event. Jake Anderson and his team of volunteers would be providing the timing equipment, course markings as well as 1st aid and medical staffing. Councilwoman Kerry Ann White questioned the entry fee and Councilwoman Carolyn Gill questioned a temporary suspension of our current Park Ordinance pertaining to closing times. Hearing no objections from the Council, Jake Anderson will enter into further conversations with Mayor Caradine to decide on a date and other logistics of the event.

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2019-20: A Resolution to adopt the 2020 Operating Budget. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to pass Resolution 2019-20: A Resolution to adopt the 2020 Operating Budget with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2019-21: A Resolution establishing a City Council Code of Conduct. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to accept Resolution 2019-21: A Resolution establishing a City Council Code of Conduct as presented with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ORIGINAL

In the fourth order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2019-22: A Resolution establishing a Conduct of Meeting and Activities. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to accept Resolution 2019-22: A Resolution establishing a Conduct of Meeting and Activities with a second provided by Councilwoman Kerry Ann White. **Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine informed Council that Ordinances 2019-04, 2019-05, & 2019-06 would go into effect on December 21, 2019. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read the 2019-2 Semi Annual Inventory in the minutes as well as read the Telephone Building items to be disposed of. Mayor Caradine shared that Cotter was approved by Governor Asa Hutchinson to receive a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Parks and Tourism for handicap parking and convert old tennis courts to multi-use courts. He also updated Council on Phase II Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The Public Works department installed a picnic table donated by Paul Stone for The Stone Family Children's Park on Combs Ave. The City Offices will be closed on December 24-25 & 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020. Mayor Caradine announced a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning - Mertice Kray's five-year term ends December 31, 2019. Any interested citizens may contact Mayor Caradine for more information. Christmas in Cotter with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Big Spring Park will be held on December 21, 2019 at 5:00 pm. The City of Cotter provided refreshments and cookies following the meeting.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign up sheet requests.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Audience Announcements.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanked everyone for their attendance.

Councilwoman Kerry Ann White wished everyone a Merry Christmas and loves the lights.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill thanked everyone that decorated with lights and enjoys seeing Harding Blvd all lit up.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanked the audience for all their support and is impressed with everyone that helped decorate with lights not only in the city park, but all over town. She also is excited for Jake Anderson's Ultra Running event and is excited about its potential to be an annual event in Cotter.

Councilman Cameron Ross thanked Councilwoman Mertice Kray for her service on Planning and Zoning Commission and serving with his dad, Joe Ross. He thanks the audience for their attendance and is looking forward to Christmas in Cotter. He also invites all in attendance to the 1st Baptist Church's Christmas program on Sunday at 6:00 pm.

Councilman John Bell is proud to serve on the Council and proud of the town's participation. He stated, "There are some amazing people that live here. Merry Christmas!"

Mayor Caradine stated it was a fast year and has enjoyed serving this community and all their support. He thanked Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray for keeping him in line, and Public Works Director Justin Morrow for knowing this city so well. He will continue to do his best for the citizens and the City.

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Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed with 5 in favor and Councilman John Bell opposed.** Meeting ended at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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