

**COTTER CITY
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES
February 27, 2020
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 January 23, 2020, 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 Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Works Department Report was given by Justin Morrow.

Fire Department Report was given by Chief Lyle Jack.

Police Department Report was given by Chief Travis Hopson.

Building Permits Report was given by Andrea Kray.

P & Z Commission Report was given by Jason Nazarenko.

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, Council considered Resolution #2020-02: A Resolution to apply for USDA grant for Emergency Storm Siren. The full amount is budgeted in this year's budget. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to pass Resolution #2020-02: A Resolution to apply for USDA grant for Emergency Storm Siren with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Resolution #2020-03: A Resolution to apply for Ark Rural Development Grant on behalf of the Cotter. This is a 50/50 matching grant for three pieces of equipment. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to pass Resolution #2020-03: A Resolution to apply for Ark Rural Development Grant on behalf of the Cotter with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Council considered Resolution #2020-04: A Resolution supporting Arkansas House Joint Resolution 1018 of 2019. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill questions how state is going to make this amendment permanent. Councilman John Bell moves to pass Resolution #2020-04: A Resolution supporting Arkansas House Joint Resolution 1018 of 2019 with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motions passes with 5 in Favor and Councilwoman Kerry Ann White opposed.**

In the fourth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine asks Council to consider setting a Workshop to discuss Phase II for Ductile Iron Replacement. Councilman Cameron Ross moves to set a Workshop on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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INFORMATION

During information, Councilwoman asked Mayor Caradine about the Mulberry Lane properties as they are in terrible disarray and a hazard for the City. Mayor Caradine stated that a certified letter had been sent to the person that has been paying taxes on the properties. The Mayor is aware of the history of fines paid and has a citation will be issued after 30 days. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read into the minutes that the 2019 Amended Budget, the Annual Cash-flow Financials for 2019 City Municipal Funds, and the 2019 Water Dept Funds have been posted for 30 days in two locations (Cotter City Hall Lobby and Cotter Post Office Lobby) for auditing purposes. The US Census starts on April 1, 2020, and April 17, 2020 at 8:00 am-1:00p.m. the US Census Takers will be a City Hall to assist Cotter Residents who have not filed. The Cotter VFW Fire Department Chili Supper / Fundraiser is set for March 7, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. The Planning and Zoning Public Hearing will take place on March 12th, 6:30 p.m. for consideration of a Variance and Zoning Change Request. The Cotter Warrior Foundation Annual 5/10K Race will be held on April 4, 2020. Registration will be at 7:00 a.m. at Pavilion. Cotter will have a City-Wide Yard Sale on April 24-26, 2020, with a Large Item Pickup on Cotter, Monday, April 27, 2020. The Cotter Trout Festival is scheduled for May 2, 2020, and the ladies of the Saturday Club of Cotter provided refreshments and cookies after the meeting.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

None at this time.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Jason Nazarenko asked about the trailer next to the City Park ball field and if it could be placed on the list of properties needing to be cleaned up.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg had no comment.

Councilwoman Kerry Ann White had no comment.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill said that the new billboard is cool

Councilwoman Mertice Kray encouraged the audience to attend the coffee with the Mayor and thanked the Fire Department for their service. She asked citizens to attend their chili supper to show support of these men and women. She also thanked the ladies of the Saturday Club for hosting the Council Meeting.

Councilman Cameron Ross thanked those in attendance and appreciates all the hard work the Ladies Auxiliary and the Saturday Club members. He appreciates Jason Nazarenko and thinks he is doing a great job for the City of Cotter.

Councilman John Bell thanked those in attendance and asked that the trees be trimmed neat the new billboard.

Mayor Caradine gave an update on the cleaning out of the City building behind Snappy Mart and the playground equipment. He also shared that Sonny Cooke (Cotter resident and business owner) has passed away on 2/26/20.

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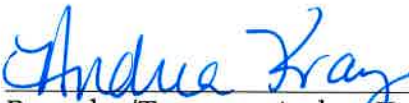
Councilman John Bell moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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