

**COTTER CITY  
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 23, 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, Carolyn Gill, Cameron Ross, Kerry Ann White, Mertice Kray 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 June 25, 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 Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed with 5 in favor and Councilman John Bell abstaining.**

Public Works Report was given by Justin Morrow  
Fire Department Report was given by Mayor Caradine  
Police Department Report was given by Chief Travis Hopson  
Building Permit Report was given by Andrea Kray  
There was no Planning & Zoning Commission Report  
Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission Report was given by Mayor Caradine  
Tree Board Report was placed in Council's packets.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

In the first order of New Business, Mayor Caradine recognized Ben Woodward and asked him to introduce himself to Council. Mr. Woodward resides in Rainbow Heights and works at the Ozark Mountain Trading Company promoting canoe and kayak sales. Hearing no objections from Council, Mayor Caradine appointed Ben Woodard to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fulfill the remaining term of Billy Gains.

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2020-07: A Resolution to amend the 2020 Operating Budget to reallocate Fun Grant expenses for the Fun Park Grant for the NAYC multiple use courts. Councilman John Bell moved to pass Resolution 2020-07: A resolution to amend the 2020 Operating Budget to reallocate Fun Grant expenses for the Fun Park Grant for the NAYC multiple use courts with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2020-08: A Resolution to amend the 2020 operating budget to reallocate project expenses for USDA Early Warning Storm Siren. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to pass Resolution 2020-08: A Resolution to amend the 2020 operating budget to reallocate project expenses for USDA Early Warning Storm Siren with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fourth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine had the low bid from Aaron Lewis in the amount of \$44,308.00 for the concrete work for the Fun Grant for the NAYC read into the minutes and asked Council to consider entering into a contract with Aaron Lewis. Councilwoman Carolyn Gill asked for clarification on the project improvements and steps involved in the construction process. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to enter into a contract with Aaron Lewis for concrete work at the NAYC with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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## INFORMATION

During information, Mayor read into meeting minutes Semi Annual Report for City of Cotter Inventory Purchased /Retired for year 2020. He announced the next movie in the park was set for July 31, 2020, and the Jerry Hopper Band would be playing at the pavilion July 25, Aug 8, Aug 15 from 6:30 -9:30 pm. Iron Horse Disciples Motorcycle Rally and Festival was set for August 29th and 30th for School Backpack Program. Duane Hada's latest mural has become a great tourist attraction to the Miser Building owned and operated by Joey Pegular. Mayor Caradine announced that Care Center Ministries would be doing some work painting for the City as well as the Baxter County Juvenile Services has been doing some park cleaning. The filing date for Council positions is set for July 29-August 1, 2020. There was no host after meeting

## SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign up sheet requests.

## AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

No audience announcements.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanks everyone for their attendance.

Councilwoman Kerri Ann White felt the tree cutting service did a poor job when cutting back trees for the Utility right-of-way.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill shared that the Cotter Gassville Chamber of Commerce was seeing new life. Meetings are being held at the Lazy Dog Flea Market in Gassville.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanked Ben Woodward for agreeing to serve on the planning and zoning commission. She feels the citizens are doing wonderful things for our community and appreciates Peter and Jan Peitz for the matching pledge of \$10,000 for improvements to the NAYC. She made a donation as well.

Councilman Cameron Ross was happy to see everyone and also welcomed Ben Woodward to the Planning and Zoning Commission wishing him luck.

Councilman John Bell appreciates audience attendance. Announces this will be his last term on City Council due to work restrictions. He apologized for missing last month but continues to be amazed at what growth is coming back to life in the City of Cotter.

Councilman John Bell moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross.  
**Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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