

**COTTER CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 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 Melissa Gray as Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray was absent. 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 May 23, 2019, public hearing 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 John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Works Department Report was given 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

Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission—No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In the first order of Unfinished Business, Councilman Nathan Buck moved to have Ordinance 2019-02: An Ordinance to amend 2009-10 establishing rates for service placed on its third and final reading by title only with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.** Melissa Gray read Ordinance 2019-02: An Ordinance to amend 2009-10 establishing rates for service by title only. Councilman Nathan Buck moved to pass Ordinance 2019-02: An Ordinance to amend 2009-10 establishing rates for with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.** The Ordinance will go into effect 30 days from passage.

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Mayor Caradine presented Resolution 2019-12: Amending Resolution 2019-10 to include sale of Lot 1191 on Dalton Ave. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to pass Resolution 2019-12: Amending Resolution 2019-10 to include sale of Lot 1191 on Dalton Ave. with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the second order of New Business, Mark Kapshandy from the North Arkansas Youth Center provided Council with an update and spoke about the center applying for a Fun Park Grant. The grant would be up to \$50K and is a 100% non-matching grant. The center is looking to repave the tennis court to an all-purpose court. Tina Cole from the NWAEDD will be hosting an informational meeting on 6/29/19 for questions. Brandon Harbor gave a financial update on the center and new members of the youth center board were introduced.

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In the third order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2019-13: City of Cotter authorized to apply for FUN Park Grant thru AR-DP & T on behalf of the NAYC/Warrior Park at 412 Powell Ave. Councilman Nathan Buck moved to pass Resolution 2019-13: City of Cotter authorized to apply for FUN Park Grant thru AR-DP & T on behalf of the NAYC/Warrior Park at 412 Powell Ave. with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fourth order of New Business, the 2017 SL Audit letter was read into the minutes. The audit was completed and submitted on 6/6/19 @ 1:30 p.m.

INFORMATION

During information Tina Cole from the NWAEDD invited everyone to an informational meeting on 6/29/19 for the NAYC's FUN Park Grant thru AR-DP & T process. Mayor Caradine explained the difficulty of the water meter loan project and continuance of further requirements to continue with the project. No action was taken by the Council at this time. He also updated Council on the sale of the donated lots previously owned by the City. Mayor Caradine requested \$2K of these funds be used towards purchasing surveillance cameras for the Big Spring Park. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to use \$2K to purchase surveillance cameras for the Big Spring Park with a second provided by Councilwoman Kerry Ann White. **Motion passed with 4 in favor and Councilmen Nathan Buck and John Bell opposed.** Mayor McGeorge Caradine asked Council to set a workshop for 7/15/19 at 6:30 p.m.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

There were no Sign-Ins.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanked NAYC for being here and supports them.

Councilwoman Kerry Ann White thanks those for coming and had questions about the meters for proper determination of usage on sewer going through lines. Justin and Mayor Caradine both reply to her questions.

Councilman Nathan Buck thanks all for being here and thanks Justin and the Mayor for their work and common goals for the good of the City. He states it is an honor to sit on the City Council and be a part of its leadership.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanked everyone their attendance and thanked Mark Kapshandy for providing information on meeting at the Youth Center.

Councilman Cameron Ross thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked the Youth Center board members.

Councilman John Bell is excited about the BBQ coming up and asked about a playground equipment status update. It still needs a quote for sandblasting. There was a good Cotter/Gassville Rural seminar he attended and is happy for the Youth Center.

Mayor McGeorge Caradine looking into a BCBS grant for playground equipment in amount of \$150K--100% funded.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Gary Flippin—Thanked the City on behalf of the NAYC board members and recognized Jan & Peter Peitz for starting the Youth Center. Peter Peitz spoke on behalf of challenges of putting the center together.

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- 2) Justin Morrow—Advertised the BBQ Cook-off and status of where they are with the event. Will have duck races and car show. Building a committee for show now and is working on vendors being able to sale sandwiches. Free samples were awesome, but competitors cannot sale their BBQ—only give it away. Set for Saturday August 31, 2019, with all funds donated to park. Looking for sponsors to to qualify for bigger recruitment of nation-wide competitors.

Councilman John Bell moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor McGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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