

**COTTER CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 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 April 25, 2019, public hearing minutes was the first item of business. Councilman Nathan Buck moved to accept the minutes as written from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilman Kerry Ann White. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of the April 25, 2019, regular minutes was the second item of business. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to accept the minutes with note corrections from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilwoman Kerry Ann White. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Works Department Report was given by Mayor McGeorge Caradine.

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—was given by Councilwoman Mertice Kray.

Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Mayor McGeorge Caradine.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In the first order of Unfinished Business, Councilman John Bell moved to have Ordinance 2019-02: An Ordinance to amend 2009-10 establishing rates for service placed on its second reading by title only with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2019-02: An Ordinance to amend 2009-10 establishing rates for service by title only. It will be placed on next month's Agenda for its third and final reading.

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Mayor Caradine presented Ordinance 2019-03: An Ordinance superseding Ordinance 2016-03 dated, May 26, 2016, in its entirety with a new policy and procedures manual for the Cotter Police Department as promulgated by the Cotter Chief of Police. Mayor Caradine had Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2019-03 in its entirety. Police Chief Travis Hopson explained changes and updates as the policy aligns with current Arkansas law. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to have Ordinance 2019-03 placed on its 1st reading by title only with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed with 5 in favor and Councilman Nathan Buck opposed.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2019-03 by title only. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to have Ordinance 2019-03 placed on its 2nd reading by title only with a second provided by Councilwoman Kerry Ann White. **Motion passed with 5 in favor and Councilman Nathan Buck opposed.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2019-

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03 by title only. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to have Ordinance 2019-03 placed on its 3rd reading by title only with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed with 5 in favor and Councilman Nathan Buck opposed.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance 2019-03 by title only. Councilman Chuck Sugg then moved to have Ordinance 2019-03 passed as an emergency with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed with 4 in favor and Councilman Nathan Buck and Councilman John Bell opposed.**

In the second order of New Business, Mayor McGeorge Caradine sought Council's approval to write a letter to pursue a partnership with the AR Department of Transportation for the consideration of taking over maintenance of US Hwy 62B in exchange for a 1-time paving of it. Resolution 2019-11 was prepared for this partnership, but Council took no action on Resolution 2019-11, but instead set a Workshop on June 11, 2019, at 7:00 pm to discuss the matter further. Councilman Nathan Buck moved to set said workshop with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third and fourth orders of New Business, Mayor McGeorge Caradine read into the minutes the Automatic Aid agreements of the Cotter/Gassville Rural VFD and the Cotter VFD and the Cotter VFD and the Gassville FVD Auto Aid Agreements, respectfully.

In the fifth order of New Business, Pastor Jimmie Snow addressed Council promoting Wesley United Methodist Church's hot dogs in the park events on June 11th, July 9th, and Aug. 6th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. They will also be giving out school supplies during the Aug. 6th event. She is open to ways to the Church can help in the City of Cotter. They have already established the Blessing Box at the City Hall. She suggested ready to eat items and personal hygiene products.

INFORMATION

During information Mayor McGeorge Caradine shared the American Legion Memorial Day Celebration on May 27, 2019, at 1:00 pm with the Rosie the Riveter Dedication during the ceremony. He also shared that the sealed bids for the 9 properties of 3 different parcels of land came in for a total of \$7,150.00. He thanked the Wesley United Methodist Church's members for hosting the City Council Meeting.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

There were no Sign-Ins.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanked those in attendance.

Councilwoman Kerry Ann White thanked Chief Hopson for his hard work.

Councilman Nathan Buck Pastor Jimmie Snow and the members Wesley United Methodist Church for all the activities they sponsor in the City of Cotter. He also stated that his no vote was due to the fact that he feels no ordinance should be passed with the emergency clause.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanked everyone their attendance and is thankful to be able to serve the citizens of Cotter.

Councilman Cameron Ross thanked everyone for their attendance. He appreciated all the hard work that went into the Saturday Club's annual luncheon he attended. He also thanked the Wesley United Methodist Church members and looks to future partnerships with them.

Councilman John Bell was appreciative of the donation of the truck to the VFD.

Mayor McGeorge Caradine announced that Councilman John Bell is serving as the acting Fire Chief of Cotter-Gassville Rural VFD. He thanked everyone for coming and promotes the new City of Cotter website.

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AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Annette Thrasher of the Cotter Saturday Club shared that the Little Yellow Library is up and running at the Big Spring Park and asks that those wanting to donate books to gear the reading level to ages 1-6 years.
- 2) Kelly Orsborn asked about an update on the stop light at Hwy 62 and Denton Ferry. Mayor McGeorge Caradine has recently gotten permission to get flashing lights/beacons installed to encourage drivers to slow down.

Councilman John Bell moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:51 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor McGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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