

**COTTER CITY
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES
November 21, 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, Mertice Kray, Cameron Ross, and John Bell. (Councilwoman Carolyn Gill would later be installed into office during this meeting.)

The invocation was given by Councilman Cameron Ross followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

REPORTS

Approval of the October 24, 2019, regular minutes was the first item of business. Councilman John Bell moved to accept the minutes as written from Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **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 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 Councilwoman Kerry Ann White.

Tree City USA Report was given by Marsha Brower

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In the first order of Unfinished Business, Council considered placing Ordinance No 2019-04: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 93-01 regulating Animals at large on its 3rd reading by title only. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to have Ordinance No 2019-04: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 93-01 regulating Animals at large placed on its 3rd reading by title only with a 2nd provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray placed Ordinance No 2019-04: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 93-01 regulating Animals at large on its 3rd reading by title only.

In the second order of Unfinished Business Council then considered passage of Ordinance No 2019-04: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 93-01 regulating Animals at large with a motion by Councilman Chuck Sugg and a 2nd provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of Unfinished Business, Council considered placing Ordinance No 2019-05: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2002-05 regulation Pit Bull Terrier Breed and Vicious Animals on its 3rd reading by title only. Councilwoman Kerry Ann White moved to have Ordinance No 2019-05: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2002-05 regulation Pit Bull Terrier Breed and Vicious Animals on its 3rd reading by title only with a 2nd provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray placed Ordinance No 2019-05: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2002-05 regulation Pit Bull Terrier Breed and Vicious Animals on its 3rd reading by title only.

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In the fourth order of Unfinished Business, Council then considered passage of Ordinance No 2019-05: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2002-05 regulation Pit Bull Terrier Breed and Vicious Animals with a motion by Councilman Mertice Kray and a 2nd provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fifth order of Unfinished Business, Council considered placing Ordinance No 2019-06: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2004-06 regulating the use and sale of fireworks on its 3rd reading by title only. Councilman John Bell moved to have Consider Ordinance No 2019-06: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2004-06 regulating the use and sale of fireworks placed on its 3rd reading by title only with a 2nd provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray placed Ordinance No 2019-06: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2004-06 regulating the use and sale of fireworks on its 3rd reading by title only.

In the sixth order of Unfinished Business, Council then considered passage of Ordinance No 2019-06: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2004-06 regulating the use and sale of fireworks with a motion by Councilman John Bell and a 2nd provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Brian Haas, CPA, presented Council with findings for the Municipal Wastewater Audit. No critical findings in the audit. The budget is managed well, and he will consult with the city's attorney to confirm no existing lawsuits prior to his releasing the report. He compliments Melissa Gray on her management as she stops issues before they ever get to him. He states that the water loss can cause problems, but Justin Morrow and his crew do a good job of replacing systems when they appear, and he suggest keeping the well. One change he noted for future years was internal control over financial statement preparation and review. Starting in 2020, Mr. Haas will no longer be able to verify our bookkeeper's disclosure checklist establishing internal control over the financial statements preparation and review.

In the second order of New Business, Mayor Caradine stated that one application had been submitted to fill the vacated Ward 1 Position 1 seat by Mrs. Carolyn Gill. Mayor Caradine asked for a nomination recommendation. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to appoint Carolyn Gill to fill the vacant Ward 1 Position 1 seat with a second provided by Councilwoman Kerry Ann White. **Motion passed unanimously.** Mayor Caradine then installed/swore Carolyn Gill into office with her term ending December 31, 2020.

In the third order of New Business, Mayor Caradine presented Council with the AR Municipal League Death and Dismemberment plan. There was no motion to consider purchasing this insurance.

In the fourth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine presented the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District partnership agreement for the 2020 Calendar Year. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to continue the partnership with the NWAEDD at a cost of \$110.00 to be added to the 2020 budget with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the fifth order of New Business, Councilman John Bell moved to approve an extra payment of \$7,967.00 be made to the ANRC loan for Phase I of the Ductile Iron repairs with a second provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed with 5 in Favor and Councilwoman Mertice Kray opposed.** This will be the 2nd extra payment made this year.

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine asked Council to review the 2020 Budget before the workshop on November 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The Cotter Sewer Expense for 2020: 36% Cotter and 64% Gassville, and the next Council Meeting will be on Thursday, December 18th at 6:00 pm. The White River Marathon will be held on Saturday November 23, 2019, and Christmas in Cotter Tour of Lights will be on December 1-January 2, 2020. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in the Big Spring Park, December 21, 2019 5:00 pm. Waste Connections

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will be using the side cart loader starting the 1st week in January. There will be a free cart for all water accounts and the cart comes with instructions. A 2nd can is available for \$48 per year. The City of Cotter provided refreshments and cookies after the meeting.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign up sheet requests.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg appreciated everyone coming out and is proud of all the City Departments (Public Works, Police and Fire).

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill thanked the Mayor for organizing the park decorating.

Councilwoman Kerry Ann White thanked everyone for hard work and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray welcomed Carolyn Gill and appreciated her volunteering to fill the position. She thanked the citizens for working together to create such a wonderful atmosphere in the Big Spring Park.

Councilman Cameron Ross thanked everyone for their hard work in decorating the Big Spring Park and invited everyone to join him at the 1st Baptist Church's yearly Thanksgiving dinner.

Councilman John Bell appreciates everyone in attendance and thinks the park looks awesome! He also thanked Carolyn Gill for accepting the appointment to the Council.

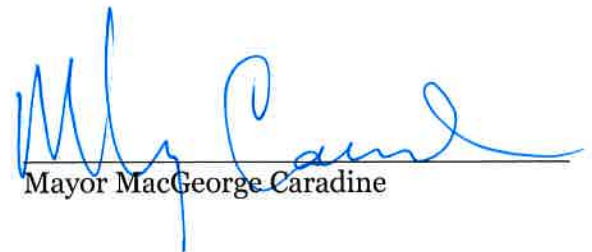
Mayor Caradine thanked Councilwoman Carolyn Gill for accepting the appointment to the Council bench and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shannon Nelms thanked Carolyn Gill for volunteering to fill the vacated Council seat.

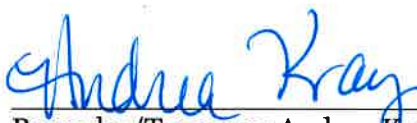
Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 6:53 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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