

RESOLUTION NO. 13-75

WHEREAS, the City of Cotter has previously planned, and taken bids for certain needed and necessary water system extensions and improvements, and

WHEREAS, the bids received 8-27-74 on said improvements were \$203,807 over the estimated costs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Cotter did reduce the scope of its over-all improvements to a construction cost of \$611,960 from the \$922,670 bid for the entire project, and

WHEREAS, in reducing said project it was necessary to delete a booster pump and storage standpipe at a cost of \$96,000, that would have made service possible to 73 additional signed-up customers, and

WHEREAS, during construction of the reduced project, cost over-runs from solid rock and driveway repairs were encountered in the amount of \$30,000, so that a change-order was necessary to remove 5500 feet of water transmission main, which is vital to provide a second or back-up source of supply to the City of Cotter, and

WHEREAS, all efforts to obtain additional funding have failed, and the project remains "shut-down" until additional funds can be obtained;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Cotter as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to file an Application with the Arkansas Department of Local Services for funding assistance to: (a) restore to the project the transmission main loop (\$30,000) and (b) add to the project the Buford Area improvements (\$96,000).
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the Department of Local Services that a "Special Need" exists by reason of the 22.4% of elderly (over 65) citizens of Cotter, and likewise due to the low per capita income.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the Department of Local Services that all possible sources of funding have been exhausted, and that the City's construction contractor has been stopped from further work on the Project until additional funding is obtained. Also that the water rates necessary to secure the existing Water Revenue Bonds is highest of all north Arkansas towns and cities and therefore the City cannot increase said rates or assume additional debt service payments at the present time.

4. The Mayor is hereby directed to Certify that all Federal funds for this project have been received; and that supplemental State funds are necessary immediately to avoid the need to re-advertise and re-bid the much needed improvements.

5. The Mayor is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the City of Cotter such Grant and/or Loan funds as the Department of Local Services may approve, provided it shall not be necessary to increase the present water rate schedule.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Cotter this the 6th day of October, 1975 by the following vote:
4 ayes; NO nays.

APPROVED

By Rex S. Bayless
Rex S. Bayless, Mayor

(Seal)

ATTEST:

Larry Rainwater
Larry Rainwater, Recorder