

COTTER CITY
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES
September 26, 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, Mertice Kray, Cameron Ross, and John Bell. Councilman Nathan Buck was absent.

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

REPORTS

Approval of the August 22, 2019, 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 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 – no report was given

Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Mayor Caradine.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Linda Reed from the American Legion addressed Council pertaining to the VFW and American Legion partnering. The Legion has completed the Fire Ring project and is looking to update the roadside park located on Hwy 62. They'd like to rename the park honoring the veterans in the area. She is seeking Council's approval to proceed with the project and would like the City's assistance with ground work as needed. She announced the American Legion's Block Party on Oct 5th and an event on November 11 with special guest speaker Jason Nazarenko. She also explained the legion's new flag maintenance in the cemetery.

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Ordinance No 2019-04: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 93-01 regulating Animals at large. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance No 2019-04: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 93-01 regulating Animals at large in its entirety. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to have Ordinance No 2019-04: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 93-01 regulating Animals at large placed on its 1st reading by title only with a 2nd provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance No 2019-04: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 93-01 regulating Animals at large by title only.

In the third order of New Business, Council considered Ordinance No 2019-05: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2002-05 regulation Pit Bull Terrier Breed and Vicious Animals. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance No 2019-05: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2002-05 regulation Pit Bull Terrier

Breed and Vicious Animals in its entirety. 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 placed on its 1st reading by title only with a 2nd provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Ordinance No 2019-05: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2002-05 regulation Pit Bull Terrier Breed and Vicious Animals by title only.

In the 4th order of New Business, Council considered Ordinance No 2019-06: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2004-06 regulating the use and sale of fireworks. Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Consider Ordinance No 2019-06: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2004-06 regulating the use and sale of fireworks in its entirety. 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 1st reading by title only with a 2nd provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.** Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Consider Ordinance No 2019-06: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No 2004-06 regulating the use and sale of fireworks by title only.

In the 5th order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2019-18: A Resolution to set Tax Levy (Mills) to be accessed in 2019 to be collected in 2020. Councilman John Bell questioned availability of the extra mill in the General Fund and if it could still be used for the fire department if needed. Councilman John Bell moved to accept Resolution 2019-18: A Resolution to set Tax Levy (Mills) to be accessed in 2019 to be collected in 2020 with a 2nd provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the 6th order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2019-19: A Resolution amending the 2019 Fire Department Operating Budget for 3 Rope Rescue gears. Councilman John Bell questioned why the Auxiliary didn't just purchase the set. For auditing purposes, the Fire Department needs to purchase the equipment. Councilman John Bell moved to accept Resolution 2019-19: A Resolution amending the 2019 Fire Department Operating Budget for 3 Rope Rescue gears with a 2nd provided by Councilman Cameron Ross. . **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the 7th order of New Business, Council considered reallocation of approximately \$8K in available Street Department funds to purchase (2) sets of Flashing Beacon Lights to be placed on Highway 62/412 instead of the budgeted hedge trimmer. Councilman John Bell questioned whether this money should be used for this or moved into the Stop Light fund. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to reallocate approximately \$8K in available Street Department funds to purchase (2) sets of Flashing Beacon Lights to be placed on Highway 62/412 instead of the budgeted hedge trimmer with a 2nd provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the 8th order of New Business, Council considered amended Personnel Policy Handbook dated September 9, 2019. Kay Laughry from the audience questioned if the current employees were allowed to see the handbook before voting. Mayor Caradine and Councilman Chuck Sugg stated there were two workshops held in which the changes were discussed. Kay Laughry stated she was unaware of the 2 workshops. Councilman Chuck Sugg moved to amended Personnel Policy Handbook dated September 9, 2019 with a 2nd provided by Councilwoman Kerry Ann White. **Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION

During information, the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee to review on September 12, 2019, the City of Cotter Audit ending December 31, 2018 was read into the minutes. The Community Neighborhood Block Party will be October 5th 4:00 pm to 8 p.m., and a Tree Planting by the Cotter Tree Advisory Board at NAYC and Big Spring Park will be held on October 22, 2019. The Trunk-R-Treat is scheduled for October 25, 2019 in Big Springs Park at the Pavilion, and a Tree Pruning Seminar by the Cotter Tree Board and Arkansas Forestry will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Caradine thanked VFW/American Legion for hosting tonight's meeting.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign up sheet requests.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg appreciated everyone coming out and appreciated Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray for reading the lengthy ordinances.

Councilwoman Kerry Ann White thanked everyone for their interest and thanked Justin Morrow and all the crew that had a hand in making the BBQ Cook-off a success.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray thanked everyone for their attendance, appreciated the VFW/American Legion for hosting the meeting, and congratulated Justin Morrow on the success of the BBQ Cook-off.

Councilman Cameron Ross thanked the Lion's Club for hosting and invited everyone to attend the 1st Baptist Church's block party. He also invited everyone to attend the "Great Cotter Revival" on October 15-17, 2019. Pastors from the 1st Baptist Church, the Methodist church, and the Assembly of God will each preach a night of the event at the Big Spring Park.

Councilman John Bell thanked the VFW/American Legion for hosting the meeting, thanked Justin Morrow for his fine work, and expressed his appreciation for the 3 local fire departments working together for the benefit of the citizens of Cotter and Gassville.

Mayor Caradine thanked Justin Morrow and his crew for their hard work at the BBQ and stated that the Round House parking was a success. He spoke about the VFD Ladies Auxiliary and the Saturday Club of Cotter partnering to decorate the Big Spring Park and have the tree lighting ceremony with an old fashion Christmas in the Big Spring Park. Looking at possible tree lighting dates of 12/14/19 or 12/21/19.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Myrna Bingham questioned the Ordinance pertaining to shots for animals and asked the city to remind citizens to renew their animal tags.

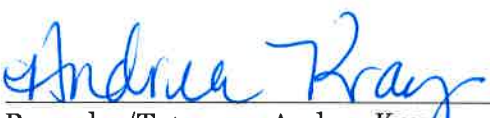
2) Andrea Kray announced the Cotter Schools Fall Festival on October 4, 2019, and the Cotter FBLA BINGO on October 25, 2019.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting ended at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVED:


Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:


Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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