

**COTTER CITY
COTTER COUNCIL MINUTES
September 24, 2020
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, Carolyn Gill, Cameron Ross, Kerry Ann White, Mertice Kray 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 August 27, 2020, regular 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 Cameron Ross. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Works Report was given by Mayor Caradine
Fire Department Report was given by Chief Lyle Jack
Police Department Report was given by Chief Travis Hopson
Building Permit Report was given by Andrea Kray
Planning & Zoning Commission Report was given by Jason Nazarenko
Cotter/Gassville Sewer Commission was given by Mayor Caradine
Tree Board Report was given by Marsha Taylor

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

In the first order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2020-13 – A Resolution to set Tax Levy (Mills) assessed in 2020 to be collected in 2021. Mayor Caradine had Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Resolution 2020-13 in its entirety. Councilman John Bell questioned the 4/5 mill split and made the suggestion of giving 5 mills to the Fire Department to save for a Fire Truck. Councilwoman Mertice Kray moved to pass Resolution 2020-13 – A Resolution to set Tax Levy (Mills) assessed in 2020 to be collected in 2021 as presented with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the second order of New Business, Council considered Resolution 2020-14 – A resolution to apply for an Arkansas Historic Preservation Restoration Grant for the NAYC. Mayor Caradine provided information pertaining to the grant as it addresses environmental issues. Mayor Caradine had Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray read Resolution 2020-14 in its entirety. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to pass Resolution 2020-14 – A resolution to apply for an Arkansas Historic Preservation Restoration Grant for the NAYC with a second provided by Councilman John Bell. **Motion passed unanimously.**

In the third order of New Business, Mayor Caradine asked Council to consider the change of scope for the Street Department budgeted repairs. Mayor Caradine presented a list of recommended items in order of need to repair with the remaining \$37,870.52 in the line item for street repairs. See 2020 Street Department approved budget for Special Projects. Hearing no objections from Council, Mayor Caradine will move forward with the recommended Street Repairs.

In the fourth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine asked Council to set dates for the November and December 2020 Regular Council Meetings. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to set November's meeting to 11/19/20 and December's meeting to 12/20/20 with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ORIGINAL

In the fifth order of New Business, Mayor Caradine asked Council to set a Budget Workshop meeting for 11/16/20 at 6:30 pm. Councilman Cameron Ross moved to set a Budget Workshop meeting for 11/16/20 at 6:30 p.m. with a second provided by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.** A second Budget workshop has been tentatively set if needed for 12/8/20 with a motion by Councilman John Bell and second by Councilman Chuck Sugg. **Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION

During information, Mayor Caradine that the Waste Connections CPI-Urate will increase from \$12.05 to \$12.12 on the October 2020 bill. This is a contracted rate increase. The final Movie in the Park is set for 9/25/20 and lots a great vendors will be in attendance. Coordinator Jason Nazarenko spoke about the event inviting Council to attend.

SIGN-UP SHEET REQUESTS

No sign up sheet requests.

AUDIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.) Jason Nazarenko provided Council with information about a Special Ops excursions planned for the area. He is seeking sponsorships for the event and looking to make it a reoccurring event.

2.) Mayor Caradine provided Council with an update on the 1st meeting for the Christmas in the Park event. He also announced the AR Ballot Issue #1 pertaining to the existing Transportation Sales Tax. He showed a video on the importance of this tax to continue financing the street aide that cities receive. Councilwoman Mertice Kray suggests posting this video on the City's Social Media platforms. He also updated Council on the plans for the plumbing renovations at the Big Spring Park Bathrooms and that CARE Ministries has completed the work on the park cabanas.

3.) Marsha Taylor spoke on behalf of the White River Marathon for Kenya run.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chuck Sugg thanks everyone for attending and states that Council will figure it out.

Councilwoman Kerri Ann White brings up the topic of two camping trailers on new construction lots being used. She has tried to research P & Z regulations but cannot find any rules addressing the issue. She is completely against living in campers on lots with new construction. Mayor Caradine stated that he was just following previous protocol from former Public Works Directors. The guidelines are that owners have a 1-year timeline from the permits being issued. Mayor Caradine suggests reviewing our current ordinances to make this matter more clear.

Councilwoman Carolyn Gill shares that she sees the beauty in the differences among the Council members. She sees where some are strong in areas and some are weaker in other areas, but that is what makes it all better for Cotter. She feels tonight's discussions are not conflicts but an exchanging of ideas.

Councilwoman Mertice Kray dittos what Councilman Ross states. She says Cotter is progressing. She thanks both John Bell and Kerry Ann White for their service on the Council and congratulates Linda McCarthy.

Councilman Cameron Ross states that good things are happening in Cotter. He states that we all may disagree on the order of importance of things, but it is a privilege to work with each and every one of the Council Members.

Councilman John Bell appreciates audience attendance. Announces this will be his last term on City Council due to work restrictions. He apologized for missing last month but continues to be amazed at what growth is coming back to life in the City of Cotter.

ORIGINAL

Mayor Caradine everyone in attendance and appreciates Councilwoman Kerry Ann for bringing the temporary housing issue to his attention.

Councilman Cameron Ross moved to adjourn with a second provided by Councilwoman Mertice Kray.
Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor MacGeorge Caradine

ATTEST:



Recorder/Treasurer Andrea Kray

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