

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, January 14, 2019

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in regular session with the following present: Mayor Penny Bruckner presiding, Council members Mike Bushnell, Joe Ceballos, Andrew Evans, Daniel Hess and Jason Martin, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, City Employees Rodney Keith and Jason Roberts, Chief of Police Tyson Rosenberger, City Attorney Allison Kuhns and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors included Daryl Dupree, Steve Heft, Diana Thompson, Jene Allen, Chris Johnson, Bret Nixon, Dan & Kay Rich, Bill Woodward, Dennis Byram, Ron & Ronda Yancey, Mike Heiland, Mona Kindsvater, other seasonal lake campers and Chris Bruckner. Minutes from the December meetings were approved as written, motion by Jason, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Daryl Dupree with Murphy Tractor in Dodge City told the council that Danny had asked him to come give the council some ideas and options with the City's 15-year old loader. He explained options include repair of the current loader, replacing it with another used machine, replacing it with a new machine and several lease-purchase programs. He said he knows the City has a situation with the loader and it would take \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to put a new engine in it. He said if they want to go with a new loader, a new one would cost \$150,000.00 to \$175,000.00 depending on the options it has. A smaller loader would cost \$130,000.00 to \$150,000.00. He said the cost of a used loader would depend on the size, age and number of hours on it. He told the council if they had any questions about the loader or the different options, he would be available anytime to answer them.

Steve Heft with Heft & Sons LLC of Greensburg, said his company does asphalt overlay & chip sealing and said Mayor Bruckner had asked him to come speak to the council about the City streets, he said they are getting ready to do 15 to 20 blocks for the City of Protection this year. Steve said that overall Coldwater has good city streets and once they are chip sealed there are some things the maintenance crew could do to help prolong their life. Steve went through the different maintenance programs to handle different problems with street paving. After discussion, the council agreed to have Steve inspect the City streets and give bids on different options for the streets.

Chris Johnson read a statement to the council, he said he is grateful to live in this city and that the mayor, council and city employees are doing a good job. He urged citizens to attend the city council meetings more frequently and asked everyone to be civil and not doubt one another, to work together to make this a better city to live in.

Diana Thompson, administrator of Pioneer Lodge, told the council she felt that they had been misinformed from Danny about the issue of "disposable wipes" in the Pioneer Lodge sewer, she explained that on October 11, 2018, her husband said he had a conversation with Danny about the Pioneer Lodge flushing "disposable wipes" and clogging up the sewer, she said Wayne Thompson asked Danny to borrow the sewer machine and it was never brought to Pioneer Lodge. She didn't know why Danny had not visited with her personally about the issue instead of her husband. She also said that the city maintenance employees didn't completely clean out the sewer which they were having a problem with and they didn't come back to complete the job, even though she offered Pioneer Lodge to pay the cost of using the machine. Diana also said she had never received the letter the council had instructed the city attorney to send regarding flushing the disposable wipes. Daniel made a motion the council go into executive session for nonelected personnel for 15 minutes with Diana present, seconded by Andrew and the motion carried. After returning to open session, no decisions were made.

Mayor Bruckner announced they will jump down the agenda to discuss lake prices since that's why the lake campers were in attendance. Mike said he has checked around to some area

lakes, Meade, Cheney, Horse Thief which most of the prices are governed by the State Wildlife & Parks and found that our lake prices were lower than most. Ronda Yancey, spokesperson for the lake group, said she and her husband have been coming to the lake for the last 30 years and said they are now paying \$275.00 a month plus utilities from April through September, they do their own mowing and upkeep of their space and help maintain the lake while they are there. She said the seasonal campers take pride in the lake, they help pick up trash etc. and they are wondering where the money is being spent. She told the council that instead of raising the rates of the monthly campers, they should raise the daily rates since they are the ones that are only there for a short period of time and more often than not, they are the ones vandalizing the restrooms, etc. Ronda did also say she wished the city employees could do a better job of cutting down the tall grass growing at the edge of the lake since there is a lot of snakes that stay in that grass and children like to play and swim around it. Bret Nixon, from Freedom, OK said the reason he's up here is because of the people and it's the nicest lake around. Andrew Evans said raising the rates is a bad idea and if it came to a vote, he would vote against it. After discussion, Daniel made a motion to leave the monthly rates and permit fees the same as last year and to look at raising the daily rates at the next meeting, seconded by Joe and the motion carried. The lake group applauded after the council vote.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw said he gave them wrong figures on the cost of replacing the swimming rope at the lake, if they want to go back with the rope and buoys it would cost about \$2,000.00 and they would replace that rope every two years, the 3 inch poly pipe would cost around \$5,000.00 and will last "many years". Danny reported his laptop crashed, and has a bid of \$350.00 to fix it, he told the council it is 5 years old. He priced a new one at \$1,200.00 and asked the council if they want him to fix it or get a new one. The council thought \$1,200.00 was high priced for a laptop and asked him to shop around for other prices. Allison told Danny to get with her, she may be able to get him a better price on one. Danny told the council the roller needs a new hydraulic motor and he needs to get it to Dodge City to get an estimate on what it would cost to fix it. He also reported the mower lease is up, he hasn't priced John Deere mowers to see if they had gone up in price, he said he's also looked at Grasshopper mowers as well. The council told Danny to get mower prices from different companies and bring them back. Danny asked the council if they want to move forward with the water tower maintenance program. He told them both McGuire Iron and Viking Co., have offers on the table and said he has a copy of the contract from Viking Co. with him. The council asked Allison to review the new contracts. Danny reported the tables and chairs donated by Henry Sherich have arrived and some of the tables were good and some were bad, he said the chairs alone were worth the freight price. Danny asked the council to make a "no loan policy" so we can hopefully keep these tables and chairs in nice condition for a long time. The council asked Danny to check with the fair board to see if they were going to loan theirs out and bring back to the February meeting. Danny said he would like "no truck" signs to be put up on Washington street south from fourth street to the lake entrance. After discussion, the council tabled the decision until the February meeting, they want to go look at the street first. Danny said he came up with a cost of \$80,000.00 to build a base and go back with a 3 inch overlay of asphalt on South Washington Street. He said to save money they could use rock for the 3 inch base and then seal it for about \$51,000.00. Danny reported he has had 3 applicants for his maintenance job opening. After discussion, the council told him to wait until they get prices from Heft & Sons regarding the streets before he hires another employee. Mike made a motion to go into executive session for non elected personnel to discuss job performance with Danny for 15 minutes, seconded by Joe and the motion carried. After returning to open session, no decisions were made.

Chief of Police Tyson Rosenberger said he has talked to his committee (Mike & Joe) and asked the council to consider lowering his minimum monthly working hours from 200 to 170 to 180 and using the rest as on-call time. The policy states that if he does not work the full 200

hours, he is to use vacation time to make up for it. Mike stated that if they do lower his hours from 200 to 170 or 180 that they should also lower his salary to reflect the hours, if they don't, it would be amount to a \$6.50 per hour raise for Tyson. After discussion, the council agreed to think about it until the next meeting and then make a decision. Mike said he talked to the service manager at Lanterman Motors at Pratt and he said if we have the patrol vehicle serviced locally it would not void the warranty, he said as long as the correct type of oil is used it would be fine. Tyson said he had been told the service work had to be done at a Ford dealership in order to keep the warranty in good standing. The council agreed that Tyson could service the vehicle himself or have it done at a local shop.

City Attorney Allison Kuhns reported she was able to get one of the oil and gas company certificates for the insurance and sent it on to Jean and still lacks one more. Allison also reported she has researched what it takes for annexation into the City limits and went through the process with the council. After discussion, the council agreed to think about it and table it to the February meeting. Allison also told the council she received the contract for Viking Co. from Danny, and will review it.

Mayor Bruckner presented Resolution No. 2019-1 for the year 2018 which waives the Generally Accepted Accounting Principals to prepare financial statements and reports for the City of Coldwater. Daniel made a motion to accept Resolution 2019-1, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Daniel asked the council to review the lake manager job description before they do interviews for the lake manager, and he would like to get some feedback from the council whether they would like to do co-managers as was done last year or have a manager and assistant manager as has been done in the past. After discussion, the council agreed it would be best for the applicants to be interviewed and then the committee's recommendation for lake manager could decide whether to have co-managers or manager and assistant manager.

Mike said he had put handicap parking on main street on the agenda after seeing a handicapped young lady, who works at the pharmacy, having to go behind cars in her wheelchair to get to the ramp to make it onto the sidewalk which is very dangerous for her. After discussion, Daniel made a motion to have Danny paint the markings on handicapped parking spaces and mark them also with signs, as well as paint the remaining parking spaces on the two blocks of east main street and one block of west main street (business district), seconded by Jason and the motion carried.

Mike said he had questions about the City's website and how progress is being made on it. Mayor Bruckner said she has been in contact with the guy who set it up and has been able to get the last 6 months of council meeting minutes on the website and is still working to do more.

Mayor Bruckner presented the 2019 contract with the auditing firm of Vonfeldt, Bauer and Vonfeldt. Daniel made a motion to approve the contract with Vonfeldt, Bauer and Vonfeldt for the 2019 year, seconded by Andrew and the motion carried.

Andrew Evans told the council he resigned his position at the Christian Church yesterday and has accepted a new position in Richland, Missouri so regretfully he is going to have to resign his council position as well. The council told Andrew they were sorry to see him leave and wished him well on his move to Missouri.

Bills in the amount of \$40,632.75 were presented for payment. Daniel made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Jason and the motion carried.

Under new business, the council discussed the front-end loader further. Daniel said he has visited with Robin Roberts who owns a business in the Kansas City area and he would make a deal on a loader. The council said they will visit with Danny about getting prices on a new loader and maybe getting a smaller one than we have now.

With no other business presented, Daniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Andrew and the motion carried.