

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in special session for the purpose of discussing code enforcement and employee uniform contract, with the following present: Mayor Penny Bruckner, Council members Renee Blasi, Mike Bushnell, Joe Ceballos, Daniel Hess and Jason Martin, Public Works Supervisor Danny Shaw, and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Wade Sherman

Mayor Bruckner called the special meeting to order.

Code enforcement officer Danny Shaw passed around pictures he had taken today to show the status of properties owned or leased by Dennis Daniel/Becky Brown, Teresa Brooks and John Lehman/Kelly Heupel. City Attorney Allison Kuhns told the council they have been down this road several times with Dennis Daniel and she just wanted them to know they are going to have to “grow a backbone” this time to get his properties cleaned up. She said it’s going to be a lot of work for her, Danny and Kristal to get it done. She said the first thing that needs to be done is the code enforcement letter needs revised to show the change to the code that needs referred to instead of the ordinance listed on the current letter and the letters that were sent over 10 days ago will need to be resent. The letters are going to need to be very detailed with specifics as to what needs cleaned up, therefore, she suggests Danny get pictures of all the vehicles, trailers, etc on each property that needs to be listed so they can be referred to on pictures if need be. Kristal asked Allison if she would be willing to meet with her and Danny to go through the letters and make sure they do everything right before they are sent out. Allison said she would be willing to do that and plans on being over here on Thursday. She said the protocol will be to get the new letters out, the letter recipients will have 10 days to request a hearing in front of the council, if they haven’t requested a hearing or cleaned their property within the 10 days, the council will need to pass a resolution to have the City abate the property. After the resolution is passed, they will be given 10 more days to clean the property, then if it is not cleaned up after those 10 days have passed, the City can go in and abate the property. After a lengthy discussion of the properties and the process, the council agreed they will all be on board to get these properties cleaned up.

Danny told the council he would like to cancel his contract with UniFirst Corp., the company that supplies him and the maintenance employees their uniforms. He said for the past 6 months they have changed where they are getting their clothes from (somewhere in Germany) and they do not fit anybody right, he said he has complained several times to the company and they aren’t doing anything about it. Allison told the council the contract is a 5 year contract and they are asking for an early termination fee of \$5,035.99. She further explained there are various ways of voiding a contract, one being Danny really didn’t have council approval to sign the contract in the beginning with them, the minutes do not reflect a motion and vote from the council to approve the contract. The council agreed to have Allison write a letter to UniFirst saying Danny didn’t have the authority to sign the contract.

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