

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2019

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

Visitors included Ashta Rosson, Pat Dunn, Samantha, Spencer & Hailey Rosenberger, Kathy Bilyeu, Jerri McKnight, Brett Swingle, Wade Sherman, Dennis Daniel and Chris Bruckner.

Minutes from the March meetings were approved as written, motion by Renee, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Kathy Bilyeu told the council she was proud to be from Coldwater and wants her neighborhood and the entire town to look like something citizens can be proud of. She thanked them for the work that has been done so far on the clean up of properties in her neighborhood and around town and asked each of the council members if they are going to stand behind the lawyer in getting these properties cleaned up, but said "if you won't stand behind your lawyer, then I think you need to be looking for a different job". Kathy said there was also an old silo over on the "Swisher" property that could be a danger if kids are playing around it, she also said skunks are a problem and thinks they are living over in the problem area. Kathy asked if there was an ordinance against abandoned rental houses.... City Attorney Allison Kuhns explained that the city didn't have "building codes", but the codes that were just adopted by the City did set forth minimum housing requirements. Pat Dunn said there were some properties in her neighborhood that need some attention, she also said she hoped the council continued to move forward with clean up of the properties. Brett Swingle asked what the maximum height of grass was before the city sends out a letter, Allison told him the code book states grass shouldn't be more than 8 inches in height. Brett said there was a lot behind the purple house that didn't get mowed all summer long last year.

Lake manager Debbie Dutton reported the lake is getting filled up, especially the holidays.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw reported he still has not heard from the fair board to see if they were going to rent or loan out their tables and chairs, but he wishes the council would agree not to loan out our tables and chairs. After discussion, Joe made a motion not to loan out the tables and chairs from the veteran's building, seconded by Mike and the motion carried. Danny also reported that a couple of the waterless urinals at the lake need replaced and they cost from \$300 to \$500 each. Joe made a motion to purchase 3 new waterless urinals for the lake, seconded by Renee and the motion carried. Danny said he didn't have equipment charges on his agenda, but he recommends the charges we currently have in place be changed. He went through the different charges with the council and what he would recommend they get changed to: Front-end Loader from \$60/hour to \$160/hour; Grader from \$60/hour to \$140/hour; Backhoe from \$60/hour to \$120/hour; Ford Tractor from \$20/hour to \$100/hour; Skid Loader from \$40/hour to \$50/hour; Dump Truck from \$20/hour to \$60/hour. Mileage from 48.5 cents a mile (all over five miles) to current IRS mileage rate; Mowing - \$150 per lot, not to exceed 7,500 ft. per lot. After discussing the rates, the council agreed to think about it for a month and table it to the May meeting.

Chief of Police Tyson Rosenberger told the council he did not have a report, but he did expect to get the remainder of his office moved after this weekend since there is a wedding in the building.

City Attorney Allison Kuhns told the council she still hasn't heard back from one of the oil and gas companies for insurance purposes. Allison passed around a nuisance abatement flowchart which outlines the code enforcement process and shows what steps would need to be taken before the City could abate the nuisance(s) on a property.

Kristal asked the council if they would set the lifeguard pay, she said in years' past they have started first year lifeguards out at \$8.00/hour and gave them a .25 cent raise if they returned the next

year. Renee made a motion to start lifeguards' pay at \$8.00, then if they return to lifeguard the next year they get a 25 cent raise, seconded by Mike and the motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$98,953.99 were presented for payment. Mike made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

With no other business presented, Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm, seconded by Renee and the motion carried.