

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, June 10, 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, Joe Ceballos and Jason Martin, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, City Attorney Allison Kuhns, Chief of Police Tyson Rosenberger and City Clerk Kristal Sherman. Council members Mike Bushnell and Daniel Hess were absent.

Visitors included Jean Turley, Kathy Bilyeu, A. J. Prusa and Chris Bruckner.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved as written, motion by Jason, seconded by Renee and the motion carried.

Jean Turley informed the council she has sold her insurance agency. She said Berkshire Hathaway is still the company that has the city's policy, and she is still the agent for the City's insurance policy and will remain the agent until the new owner is licensed to serve as the agent for the policy. She just wanted to make sure everyone knew she still gets information from the company and we can get a hold of her anytime.

Debbie Dutton, Lake Manager, told the council last weekend was a really good weekend at the lake and this coming weekend they are full, they only have spaces open for dry camping and tent campers. She said a couple of Oklahoma lakes are closed because of high water and we are getting some of their business. Debbie discussed the way cabins and camping spaces have been reserved in the past and wondered if they should keep it the same or change it to where anyone can call and make reservations up to a year in advance. After discussion, the council told Debbie they agreed with the way reservations have been handled up to this point.

AJ Prusa met with the council to ask them to set the dates and times to shoot fireworks. She said she has some competition selling fireworks this year in Protection and asked the council to allow an extra shoot day on July 5<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, Joe made a motion to allow fireworks in the City on Monday July 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> all day until 11pm and Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> all day until Midnight and Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 9pm to Midnight. The motion was seconded by Renee and the motion carried.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw told the council he has received a zoning variance request from Leon Rogers and Beverly Clark at 504 and 510 S. Baltimore for a fence. He explained they are wanting to build all the way to the property line on their property and Mike Jellison's property. Danny said Leon and Beverly have permission from Mike Jellison for the fence. After discussion, Joe made a motion to approve the variance for Leon Rogers and Beverly Clark (noting that the variance is for the rear of the property only), seconded by Jason and the motion carried. Danny reported he is checking into prices to install a valve on one of the water wells. He said a guy from Wichita called and is willing to install it for \$5,400.00, including mileage and everything, and also said he's still waiting on one other bid. Danny explained the valve goes on the water well and sets the pressure so water won't have to continuously run, it speeds up and slows down on its own, and in the long run will save quite a bit of money. Danny reported Circle C Paving ended up sealing 35 blocks. He said they did a good job and any extra that was done stayed west of the highway, and next time they will go east of the highway. Danny did inform the council that when budget time comes up, the street budget needs to either stay the same or go up, he said as of now he has about \$7,000.00 left in his street budget, he also told them they need to budget for \$33,000.00 for chat to seal the same amount of streets as they did this year. Kristal told the council she is going to talk to the auditor about using some of the 1% sales tax funds for the street sealing project and that will give Danny some funds back in his street budget to get through the year. Danny passed around sheets showing the price of new software for the water meter reader which is around \$25,000.00. He also told the council the pipe for the Comanche Estates water project is around \$9,000.00. Danny also reported he talked to Ellen Erwin about feeding the stray cats in town and she told him she will quit.

Chief of Police Tyson Rosenberger told the council he didn't have a report other than the one he passed around at the beginning of the meeting.

City Attorney Allison Kuhns said the only thing she had is the CMS franchise agreement and since they were short of council members it wouldn't be able to be voted on since 2 of the council members in attendance were CMS employees. Kristal told Allison she looked back and the council voted to approve the CMS franchise agreement at the April 16, 2018 meeting, it was numbered Ordinance #2018-1, she said the only thing the city was waiting on was the final draft copy from CMS to be signed by the City and CMS.

Mayor Bruckner told the council she has had complaints about the mosquitos so far this spring because of the wet weather and wondered about the city spraying for them. Danny told her he had checked on prices of a mosquito sprayer and they are \$11,000.00 to \$13,000.00. The council recommended it be put in the budget if the city wants to start spraying for mosquitos. They also discussed the fact they used to buy the chemical and borrow Protection's mosquito sprayer on the evenings they didn't use it and that worked out pretty well.

Mayor Bruckner asked Danny where he was on the code enforcement properties. Danny reported that City Attorney Allison Kuhns had come over one day and they drove around to check the properties because he wasn't sure what he should and shouldn't pick up. Danny said Dennis Daniel has pretty much done what he has been asked to do. He said he's going to start the clean-up process on Teresa Brooks' property in the next few days. Jason asked Danny about mowing at the former Blonde Grill/Coldwater Inn, said it's getting pretty bad. Danny said he called the owner Henry Sherich and he has called Greg Schultz to mow it for the summer so it should get mowed any day now. Danny told the council he has set the limb pickup day for July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Bruckner said Chuck Salisbury had asked her if Antioch Church could use the veteran's building free of charge for their vacation bible school July 28<sup>th</sup> thru August 2<sup>nd</sup>. After discussion, Joe made a motion to allow the Antioch Church to use the veteran's building for their vacation bible school July 28<sup>th</sup> thru August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the cost of \$10 per day, seconded by Jason and the motion carried.

City Clerk, Kristal Sherman told the council Haviland Telephone Co. has made equipment upgrades to the gmaxx internet and therefore, the price will be going up according to which plan you choose. She said the City is currently paying \$39.95 per month and the new, faster standard speed is \$54.95 per month and the new deluxe speed is \$89.95 per month. She said they shouldn't need anything more than the standard speed for \$54.95 per month. The council agreed.

Bills in the amount of \$214,389.75 were presented for payment. Jason made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Renee and the motion carried.

Under new business, Danny informed the council the equipment he put up for auction will sell June 27<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>.

With no other business presented, Renee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.