

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 13, 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, and City Clerk Kristal Sherman. Council members Daniel Hess and Jason Martin were absent as well as City Attorney Allison Kuhns.

Visitors included Justin York, Robert Cardoza and Chris Bruckner.

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

Public Works Director Danny Shaw reported Berry Tractor in Wichita has estimated the cost to repair the street sweeper to be \$11,975.00, he said the problem is in the rear suspension and the mechanic told Danny they hadn't ever seen this problem before, and thought the problem was the result of an accident or possible abuse. After discussion, Joe made a motion to have Berry Tractor repair the street sweeper for \$11,975.00, seconded by Renee and the motion carried. Danny asked the council if they had thought about replacing the asphalt at the south end of the lake with the quartz rock which was presented at the July meeting, he said it would be the same rock they used on South Washington Street. Joe asked Danny how much he estimated it would cost to lay asphalt, Danny thought around \$7,000.00 compared to \$2,500.00 for the rock. After discussion, Mike made a motion to proceed with replacing the broken asphalt at the south end of the lake with quartz rock for \$2,500.00, seconded by Joe and the motion carried. Danny reported his pickup is in the shop again down at Woodward for the same problem he took it down there before, and also reported he is pretty sure the transmission is going out of the 2000 Chevy pickup which has around 90,000 miles on it. The council instructed Danny to check to see what it would cost to put a new transmission in the 2000 Chevy pickup and report back. Danny told the council he wanted to put in his resignation as code enforcement officer, telling them it wasn't worth the \$61.00 a month he received at the time they added the job to his duties. Renee made a motion to accept Danny's resignation as code enforcement officer, seconded by Joe and the motion carried. The council thanked Danny for doing a good job as code enforcement officer, telling him he was making progress on getting properties cleaned up. Danny reported the need to replace the meters in the well houses since they are not reading the correct amount of water that is being pumped from the well, he said it would cost \$2,140.00 for 4" meter and \$2,460 for 6" meter. After discussion, the council agreed to replace one meter now and see where the budget is at the end of the year to possibly get another one replaced at that time. Danny told the council the guys have been flushing the fire hydrants, something that hadn't been done for a long time, while flushing the hydrants, they discovered there is a fire hydrant at the high school that needs replaced, and said a new one would cost \$1,650.00. Joe suggested they try replacing it with a reconditioned hydrant they already have on hand, the council agreed. Danny told the council he had an inspection of the water system last week by KDHE and it was discovered that Steve Broussard never properly plugged the water well that he drilled by the City's water well. Alan Nichols, the inspector, told Danny the City needs to send Steve Broussard a letter informing him to plug the well. The council agreed that Allison Kuhns needs to send the letter telling Mr. Broussard the State is needing him to get his well property plugged. Joe suggested to Danny that he take pictures of the current condition of the well. Danny reported on the Variable Frequency Drive for the water wells that had been tabled from the July meeting. He said he had contacted Roger Davis who had priced his companies VFD at \$6,500.00 and said he couldn't come down from that price with the warranty he gave. The company from Wichita is charging \$5,500.00, but Danny didn't know what warranty they offered. The council agreed to table the matter until the September meeting asking Danny to get warranty information on each one before they make a decision. Danny told the council the roller has gone to Wichita for a second time and the estimated cost is \$5,000.00 to get it fixed. The council agreed to spend the \$5,000.00 to get it fixed. Danny also reported he had a guy approach him the other day offering to purchase the old boat docks that were taken out of the lake in

the spring. The council agreed to let Danny sell them to him and to “ask him what he’ll give us for them”. Mike asked Danny where they were at on getting handicapped signs and painting handicapped parking spaces on Main Street which had been voted on earlier in the year. Danny said he will work on doing that.

Justin York, owner of Red Hills Waste Solutions, met with the council regarding the situation with Sherry Gossett and Leann Alley dumping the excessive amount of trash from their mother, Sherry Shelton’s house and now refusing to pay the bill. He explained to the council he noticed back in March her trash in at least 3 different dumpsters around town and said he had told Jody Alley (LeAnn’s husband) they needed to get a dumpster if they had a lot to throw away. Justin said he was told they were not going to pay for a dumpster. He said after that he had talked to parties involved and they admitted to dumping trash in random dumpsters over a period of 8 weeks so he called City Clerk, Kristal Sherman and asked her to add double the trash charge (\$37.70) to Sherry Shelton’s bill every month for the next year to compensate for all the trash they dumped in dumpsters. Justin was told that Sherry Shelton’s daughters have opted to only pay for her water and sewer and not the trash on the City bill, so on July 22nd, her water was disconnected for non-payment of her bill and is still disconnected today, they are refusing to pay the trash portion of the bill. Justin said he just wants to get along and will offer to work with them on the extra bill if they will agree to go back to paying the single residential charge for trash on their bill, which would allow the city to reconnect their water. Justin also gave Dennies Andersen a list of regulations to publish in the paper, to remind citizens what trash he will and will not pick up. The council thanked Justin for coming in and letting them know his side of the situation.

Joe motioned that the City adopt Ordinance No. 2019-3 the 2019 Standard Traffic Ordinance, the motion was seconded by Renee and the motion carried. Joe motioned that the City adopt Ordinance No. 2019-4 the 2019 Uniform Public Offense Code, seconded by Mike and the motion carried.

Mayor Bruckner presented an animal permit application for Max Williams, asking for permission to allow one horse in a pasture next to his home. Joe made a motion to approve Max Williams’ animal permit application for one horse, seconded by Renee and the motion carried.

Mayor Bruckner presented a cereal malt beverage license renewal application for Anthony W. Smith d/b/a Family Bowl for approval. Mike made a motion to approve the CMB license application for Anthony W. Smith d/b/a Family Bowl, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Joe said he had the police department added to the agenda to get the council’s input on what they see for the future of the police department. After discussion, Mike recommended they let the job ride for a while and in the meantime he and Joe (the police committee) will put together a job description for the position for everyone to review at the next meeting, and then possibly take applications after that. They talked about having code enforcement be a part of the law enforcement position.

Mayor Bruckner told the council they went ahead and held the budget hearing last night at 7:00p.m., because that’s what was published in the paper. Present for the hearing were: Mayor Bruckner, City Clerk, Kristal Sherman and Council Members Renee Blasi and Joe Ceballos, no one from the public made an appearance so Mayor Bruckner asked the council to approve the 2020 budget. Joe made a motion to approve the 2020 budget as published, seconded by Renee and the motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$98,904.57 were presented for payment. Mike made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Under unfinished business Mayor Bruckner asked Mike if he had talked with Mike Jellison about the ballfields and he said he had not, but will try to get with him soon.

With no other business presented, Renee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.