

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 09, 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, Joe Ceballos, Jason Martin and Daniel Hess, City Attorney Allison Kuhns and Assistant City Clerk Melissa McGuire. Also present were Lake Manager Don Dutton and new Coldwater Chief of Police Devon Duffield.

Visitors: Robert Cardoza and Chris Bruckner.

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

Justin York was not present to make comment on the Solid Waste Contract. Allison had prepared a draft copy for review. Members present advised they would review the contract at the January meeting.

Don Dutton reported he will be gone for a couple of weeks after having surgery. He also reported he had installed lock boxes on both cabins and that Danny and Kristal both have the combination. Don said he has gotten a lot of the trees trimmed and removed and that the benches are coming along. One of the cabins is rented on the 27th and 28th and there was an inquiry about the New Years' weekend. He is waiting to start reservations for 2020, as instructed, until April 1st.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield reported that he is looking at KLETC in March, possibly February, as there are no openings for the January class. He is certified with CPOST as they have signed his paperwork. He stated the county sheriff's officers have been working with him to get training with them. Devon reported he has ordered new uniforms and equipment and has kept the costs down to around \$200.00. He will order summer uniforms later. He also needs to be fully outfitted before KLETC and asked about ordering ammunition. After suggestions from the council, he will look around for pricing. The board acknowledged the need for a new desktop computer for the office and commented on the current 'ghost' stickers on the police vehicle. Discussion included new stickers or a light bar.

City Attorney Allison Kuhns requested to remain in open session to discuss the solid waste contract. Allison had looked over Justin York's' mark-up and thought that it was basically okay as "city won't allow not having trash service if a water meter is present." She wondered about changing the wording regarding non-residential or commercial and needs to clarify wording with Justin. Allison will contact Justin and have a new contract worked up by next meeting.

In administration, the council present discussed the police chiefs hours and the probation time of 90 days to receive benefits, thinking that was okay. They also discussed paying the same amount during his training period at KLETC though he would not be able to work while in training. They agreed that he should be paid during that time.

Mayor Bruckner presented a CMB renewal application from Jennifer King at Kings Corner 2. Daniel made a motion to approve the CMB renewal license for Kings Corner 2, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Council members then discussed employee holiday bonuses and with Joe motioning and Daniel seconding, the motion passed to raise the amount by \$25.00. Penny has the current list and will pass that to Kristal to work up. Daniel also motioned to add Becca Nuzum, assistant pool manager, to the bonus list at the part-time amount. Members also discussed the holiday pay policy and would like Kristal to take a look at the policy regarding newly hired Charlie Austin.

Mayor Bruckner then requested the members present decide on the days off for the upcoming Christmas holiday as well as New Years. Daniel motioned to give December 24 and 25 off for Christmas, Renee seconded and the motion passed. Mike then motioned to close down at noon on New Year's Eve and be closed on New Year's Day, Daniel seconded and this motion passed.

Mayor Bruckner then requested the members present choose a day for the end-of-year council meeting. Monday, December 30th at 5:30pm was decided upon.

Joe Ceballos presented a hand-drawn diagram for his sewer line plans, stating the line has plugged several times requiring him to call in a plumber to rooter the line. Joe proposed paying for the cost of materials and equipment rental if the city would do the work. Penny proposed waiting until January and work with the new budget. That way the city would be able to do the work in the spring. Joe will come to the January meeting for further discussion.

Mike reported he had met with Barbara Crane, who has paid for the new trees, and the tree guy, Larry. He stated Larry recommends a sprinkler irrigation system be installed at a cost of \$883.00 to keep plenty of water to the new trees as they require 7 gallons per day for the first couple of summers and water once a month in the winter. Daniel motioned the sprinkler system be installed at the above cost, Renee seconded and the motion passed. Mike will let Larry know.

Bills in the amount of \$66,057.38 were presented for payment. Jason made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Daniel and the motion carried.

With no other business presented, Daniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Jason and the motion carried.