

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Friday May 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in special session for the purpose of discussing the COVID-19 Pandemic and Lake Coldwater, with the following present: Mayor Penny Bruckner, Council members Renee Blasi, Mike Bushnell, Robert Cardoza, Cleta Lampe and Ashta Rosson, and City Clerk Kristal Sherman. Lake Managers Don and Debbie Dutton joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Bruckner called the special meeting to order.

Mayor Bruckner told the council the County Mayors, Commissioners, Emergency Management Director, County Health Nurse, County Health Officer as well as a few others met Friday morning to discuss the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, and the fact that the Governor's stay-at-home order will be lifted on Monday, May 4th. She said they have been told the city can open the playgrounds and the lake, but she really wanted the council's input on how to go about opening the lake. She did say it was discussed at their meeting Friday morning they didn't think the City could discriminate against anyone from certain counties, even though Ford, Seward and Finney Counties are the "hotspot" virus counties in our area of Kansas. The council asked Don and Debbie how they felt about opening up, and they said they would feel comfortable opening up to the "seasonal campers" and Comanche County residents only. Don and Debbie also said they would be ok with opening up one bathroom, and they suggested the bathroom on the east side be the one to be opened since it has been newly renovated, Don said he thought he would be able to clean it at least every two to three hours. After a lengthy discussion, Mike made a motion to open the lake to our "seasonal campers" and Comanche County residents only, there will be no dry camping allowed. One bathroom on the east side will be opened for use, and will be cleaned every two to three hours. There will not be any parties or big events allowed at this time and the cabins will not be open until memorial weekend. Further opening of the lake will be revisited at the regular council meeting on May 11, 2020 and possibly no changes until May 18, 2020, which goes along with Phase 1 of the Governor's plan to reopen Kansas. The motion was seconded by Ashta and the motion carried.

With no further business presented, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mike and the motion carried.