

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in regular session with the following present: Mayor Penny Bruckner presiding, Council members Mike Bushnell, Robert Cardoza and Cleta Lampe, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Lake Co-Managers Don and Debbie Dutton and City Clerk Kristal Sherman. Council members Renee Blasi and Ashta Rosson were absent.

Visitors: Jeanette Siemens & husband, Roy Hoffman, A.J. Prusa, Vanita Blundell and Chris Bruckner.

Mayor Bruckner called the meeting to order and minutes from the May 11th regular meeting, and May 18<sup>th</sup> special meeting were approved as written, motion by Mike, seconded by Robert and the motion carried.

Mayor Bruckner announced anyone that was here for public comment has 5 minutes each to talk to the council and would appreciate them keeping to the 5 minute time limit.

Jeanette Siemens from Pratt told the council she was representing the Sunflower Rails to Trails Conservancy group, she said she knew Linda Hart from being the former executive economic development director in Pratt. Jeanette reported a \$30,000.00 grant has been received for the trail from Coldwater to Coldwater Lake, it would include purchasing trail signs and packed limestone rock on the trail, they have also talked to Randy Unruh to do the work on the trail. She said the trail is a little over a mile long and they hope to start on it in July and complete it in the fall. Roy Hoffman told the council when the ballfields were put in, it was the hope back then for kids to be able to go back and forth from town to the ballfields on the trail. Public Works Director Danny Shaw asked who would be responsible for the upkeep on the trail, Mrs. Siemens said that “friends of the trail” or other volunteers would maintain the trail, she mentioned she didn’t think there would be much “upkeep” on the trail. Danny also asked if the trail was to end up inside the lake property, who will man the gate coming into the lake to collect the fees, Mrs. Siemens said she hadn’t thought of that happening and hadn’t made any arrangements for that. Danny also pointed out that the former railroad bridge was in bad shape and would need to be repaired, as well as fencing would need to be installed along the trail. Mayor Bruckner told Mrs. Siemens the council would discuss the matter later in the meeting and get back with her.

AJ Prusa told the council the cheerleaders would like to sell fireworks again this year, and this is their one and only fundraising activity for the year, she said they would like to sell fireworks from June 29<sup>th</sup> thru July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Bruckner told A.J. they will discuss the dates and times to sell and shoot fireworks later in the meeting and let her know.

Vanita Blundell first commended the City on the upkeep of the lake, saying she has received numerous comments, from people who have looked at purchasing lots at Comanche Estates, about how nice the lake is. Vanita also reported Brad Wynn has made an offer on one of the smaller lots, the original price was \$4,000.00 and he has offered \$3,200.00 for it. The address of the lot is 2001 Prairie Parkway, it’s just across the street from Lynn German’s house. Mayor Bruckner told Vanita the council will discuss the offer later in the meeting and get back with her.

Debbie Dutton, Lake Co-Manager, told the council that Ashta came out and helped her in the booth over Memorial Weekend which was a big help, it was a busy weekend, and she said the hookups are fully reserved through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and is already full for the Labor Day Holiday. Debbie asked the council if people entering the lake still need to fill out the covid virus questionnaire, the council agreed that is wasn’t necessary to continue having people entering the lake fill out the forms, she also asked if the north entrance gate could be opened, the council agreed.

Debbie also asked since they are full practically every weekend, if they could advertise for extra help to help clean the bathrooms and possibly help in the booth, the council agreed. Debbie also asked the council if she had the right to refuse service to anyone, she said this past weekend there was a guy, who they have had trouble with quite often in the past, he got a camping spot under someone else's name and caused a lot of trouble. The council agreed that Debbie has the right to refuse service to anyone, and they would back her up if she does. Lake Co-Manager Don Dutton told the council he has campers asking if they can cut dead trees below the damn and use for firewood, Don said he wouldn't mind them doing it but would like to be there when they do cut the trees and said he doesn't have a lot of time to do that. Danny said he wouldn't recommend letting campers cut down trees, it could become a liability issue for the City.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw reported the pool robotic vacuum has quit and a replacement one would cost around \$2,500.00. The council asked Danny if they still have a manual vacuum that works, he said they did...the council agreed to not purchase a replacement robotic vacuum at this time, the lifeguards could manually vacuum the pool. Danny also reported Teresa Brooks' house on N. Washington Street doesn't have water capability because of broken pipes, but she is living there anyway which is against city code, the council agreed to have City Attorney Allison Kuhns write Teresa a letter that she can't live in the house without running water. Danny also reported Teresa's son Jash Clark is living in a camper trailer hooked up to his sister's house on North Baltimore Street, which is against the zoning ordinance. The council asked Danny, as zoning administrator, to ask Jash to move to a designated spot that allows campers. Danny told the council he has checked into pricing for uniforms with Cintas, the cost is \$61.93 per week for four employees and in order to get the "federal contract pricing", the city will have to sign a 3-year contract. After discussion, Mike made a motion the city sign a 3-year contract with Cintas for maintenance employees uniforms, the motion was seconded by Robert and Mike, Robert and Cleta all voted Yes.

Discussion was held on appointing Lake Co-Manager Don Dutton as Lake Patrol Officer since Chief of Police Devon Duffield started KLETC class today and can not work the weekends when he's home. Mike made a motion to appoint Don Dutton as Lake Patrol Officer in accordance with City Code 13-2.4, seconded by Cleta and Mike, Robert and Cleta all voted Yes.

City Clerk Kristal Sherman told the council that since the covid-19 virus has been going on the governor made an executive order that utility companies could not shut off any customers for nonpayment, but now the order has expired and shutoffs can continue. She said there are only a few city customers that have not kept up with paying their bill and asked them to review an example of a letter another city had sent their customers that were behind on their bills. After reviewing the letter, the council agreed it looked good to send to customers behind on their bills.

Mayor Bruckner reported that since Devon is gone for the next 14 weeks, she has talked to Danny and he has agreed to fill-in as temporary code enforcement officer. Danny said he would like to purchase a new code enforcement camera, the council agreed. Robert made a motion to hire Danny as a temporary code enforcement officer, seconded by Mike and Mike, Robert and Cleta all voted Yes.

Bills in the amount of \$106,312.41 were presented for payment. Robert made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Cleta and the motion carried.

Under new business, Mayor Bruckner asked the council if they wanted to accept the offer of \$3,200.00 for the Comanche Estates lot that was originally priced at \$4,000.00. Mike made a motion to accept the offer of \$3,200.00 for the 2001 Prairie Parkway lot, seconded by Cleta and Mike, Robert and Cleta all voted Yes. Mayor Bruckner asked the council to discuss the fireworks that A.J. Prusa presented earlier in the meeting. After discussion, Mike made a motion to allow the SCHS

Cheerleaders to sell fireworks in the City from June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup> and allow citizens to shoot fireworks Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> until 11:00p.m., Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> until Midnight and a “Last Blast” Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in the evening until 10:30p.m., the motion was seconded by Robert and Mike, Robert and Clea all voted Yes. The council discussed Jeanette Siemens presentation of the Sunflower Rails to Trails and all agreed not to go forward with the Rails to Trails from town to the lake, saying it could be a liability for the City. Mayor Bruckner will call Jeanette and let her know. The council also discussed the extra help asked for by Don and Debbie at the lake, they agreed to allow for 12 hours of extra help per weekend when needed.

Council member Mike Bushnell asked Dennies about his “extra addition” to the minutes that he published in the paper from the May 18<sup>th</sup> special meeting when he wasn’t even present at the meeting. Mike said he didn’t think it was right to add to the minutes, if he wants to do a story make it separate from the minutes.

With no other business presented, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robert and the motion carried.