

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in special session for the purpose of discussing the 2021 Budget, Spark Funding Ideas and City Council Code of Conduct/Ethics, with the following present: Mayor Penny Bruckner, Council members Mike Bushnell, Robert Cardoza, Clea Lampe and Ashta Rosson, City Attorney Allison Kuhns and City Clerk Kristal Sherman. Council member Renee Blasi was absent.

Mayor Bruckner called the special meeting to order.

Mayor Bruckner asked the council to review the proposed 2021 Budget and ask any questions they may have. The 2021 budget raises the mil levy slightly to 86.363 from 85.390 in 2020 because the valuation is down \$40 per mil from 2020. After review, Ashta made a motion to approve the 2021 budget for publication, seconded by Clea and all voted Yes.

City Attorney Allison Kuhns asked the council to give her their ideas for the SPARK funding the county is receiving as a part of the CARES act due to the COVID-19 virus. After discussing ideas, the council put them in order of necessity as follows: Equipment to allow City Clerk and Public Works Director to work from home; Electrostatic Sprayer for sanitization; Cleaning supplies; Touchless sink & toilets for a bathroom upgrade; Portable hand washing stations for the maintenance employee's trucks. The only item to be added is having the city hall phone forwarded to Kristal's home phone, she will get with TJ Milford and ask what the cost would be for that and let Allison know.

City Attorney Allison Kuhns asked the council to review the sample codes of conduct she emailed yesterday. After discussion, she asked the council to highlight the points they liked in each one, email them to her and she'll put one together for the August meeting for them to approve. The council discussed and agreed that starting in January, 2021 they can miss two meetings in the calendar year, but if they miss any more than 2 meetings in the calendar year, they will not get their monthly pay for any missed meetings after that. The council also agreed to put the attendance into place this year as well, and if a council member is absent in September, October, November and December, they will not get their monthly pay in the month they are absent. It was also discussed to put the monthly council meetings on Facebook Live or Zoom to make them where the public can see the meetings as well. The council agreed not to put that into effect for a few months so they can "practice" before going live.

With no further business presented, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Mike and all voted Yes.