

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

Monday December 7, 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 Renee Blasi, Mike Bushnell, Robert Cardoza, Cleta Lampe, and Ashta Rosson, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Lake Co-Manager Don Dutton, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Chris Bruckner.

Mayor Bruckner called the council meeting to order, City Clerk, Kristal Sherman conducted roll call. Minutes from the November meeting were approved as written, motion by Robert, seconded by Mike and all voted Yes.

Mayor Bruckner told the council that City Attorney Allison Kuhns would be attending the meeting, but would be late since she had to go a different route to get here due to a wreck between Ashland and Meade.

Lake Co-Manager Don Dutton told the council he will be going home December 15<sup>th</sup> for a month or so.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw asked the council for some clarity of a plan if he or one of the maintenance guys tests positive for COVID. The council discussed different scenarios and asked Danny if they can distance themselves so they don't all work together. After discussion, the council said if it happens, they would work it out on a case-by-case basis and Robert said he would be willing to help out with checking the water wells & sewer if everyone has to be quarantined. Mike asked if the Kansas Department of Labor had been contacted to see if the City qualifies for their program to reimburse wages if an employee has to be quarantined at home. Mayor Bruckner said she hadn't contacted them and if she was supposed to, she forgot. Kristal hadn't contacted them either, but said she would find the sheet that Mike sent and see about contacting them.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield told the council he had signed the police department up for a program to get additional funding, he said he would have to participate in 3 events a year to qualify and said for future events, he would like to run an ad in the paper when the events are taking place. Devon also informed the council he had sent out two code enforcement letters a couple weeks ago and as of today nothing had been done to either of the properties. Mayor Bruckner told Devon he needs to let Allison know when she gets here and she'll do the paperwork.

Mayor Bruckner presented CMB renewal applications from The Snappy Stop, Dollar General and Jennifer King at Kings Corner 2. Mike made a motion to approve each of the CMB applications for renewal licenses, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes.

City Clerk, Kristal Sherman asked the council to set a special year-end meeting to approve bills. The council agreed to set the special meeting for Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Council members then discussed employee holiday bonuses, Kristal gave them the sheet that listed what had been paid last year. After discussion, Mike made a motion to increase employee bonuses as follows: 15 years plus - \$500.00; 5 to 15 years - \$400.00; 5 years and under - \$300.00; Part-time - \$150.00, the motion was seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes.

Mayor Bruckner asked the council if they want to give the employees an extra day off for the Christmas Holiday. After discussion, Mike made a motion to give City employees all day December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup> off for the Christmas holiday, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes.

City Attorney Allison Kuhns said she had only received two seasonal camper leases back with proposed changes and asked the council to review the final draft. After discussion on the final draft of the lease, Ashta made a motion to accept the agreement and allow Allison to make changes to the

lease without changing the meaning, the motion was seconded by Clea. Robert, Mike, Clea and Ashta all voted Yes and Renee voted No.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield told Allison he has two code enforcement letters that have had notice over the 10 days and no progress has been made on clean-up. Allison told Devon she would draft resolutions for the two properties and have them for the council to approve at the special meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Bills in the amount of \$125,877.93 were presented for payment. Mike made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Robert and all voted Yes.

Under unfinished business the council discussed Jash Clark's camper still parked in Angie and Steven Carrithers yard. At the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting the council voted to give Jash six months to figure out an alternative living arrangement and move the camper, the deadline would be at the January 11, 2021 council meeting. Council member Ashta Rosson said the neighbors are complaining and are wanting to see him move. City Attorney Allison Kuhns said she will send Steven Carrithers a letter. The council also revisited the topic of raising water rates, and after a lengthy discussion, agreed to table the matter again for the January meeting.

With no other business presented, Renee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Robert and all voted Yes.