

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday February 8, 2021, 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, City Attorney Charley Herd, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitor: Chris Bruckner.

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

Public Works Director Danny Shaw told the council he talked to Ty Theurer, the principal at SCHS, about closing the street west of the high school which would be East Garfield Street and the 500 Block of North Baltimore Street. Ty said he would recommend they did not close the street because it is just one of two ways to leave the school, and said when they had to evacuate the school for a gas leak a few years ago, it was the only street open to evacuate. Ty said he would rather see it become a one-way street going west. The council discussed putting up a guard rail around the corner and leaving it a two-way street. Chief of Police Devon Duffield said he would like to see a reduction in speed on that street from 20mph. After discussion, Robert made a motion to keep both streets open to two-way traffic, to install a guard rail around the corner and to reduce the speed limit from 20mph to 10mph, the motion was seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes. Danny asked the council if they wanted Circle C Paving to do crack sealing again this spring, he said what they did last year was 5 pallets for \$25,000.00. Robert made a motion the city contract with Circle C Paving for 5 pallets of crack sealing material & labor for \$25,000.00, seconded by Mike and all voted Yes. Danny reported that John Zielke's property in the southwest part of the city is getting pretty "junky", and he knows of someone that's cleaning their property in town and moving it out to John's property and asked the council about zoning out a 3 mile radius around to keep him from moving the "junk" outside the city limits if they send him a code "clean-up" letter. After discussion, the council instructed Danny to visit with John before discussing the legal process to rezone the property.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield reported he has written 43 tickets in the past month and February 22nd through March 3rd he will be enforcing wearing seat belts in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Transportation and the SAFE program. Devon also reported he has sent code enforcement letters out to four properties, and has started a facebook page for the police department.

Ashta made a motion the council, police chief and city attorney go into executive session for 15 minutes for nonelected personnel, seconded by Cleta and the motion carried. After returning to open session, no decisions were made.

Newly appointed City Attorney Charley Herd asked the council if they want him to attend monthly meetings or if they just want him to come when they have a question for him since he is charging by the hour. The council said they would like him to come to the monthly meetings and stay for an hour, Charley agreed. The council made Charley aware of the zoning violation they have been dealing with for over 6 months with Jash Clark's camper. Charley said he would check the zoning and report back to the council. Charley also told them it is a legal process that has to be done to demo a vacant house, and he is willing to do it but wanted to make them aware it is a process.

Mayor Bruckner told the council she has heard from Haviland Telephone regarding the vacant lot on main street where they were wanting to put a fiber optic box. She said they contacted and visited with Tony & Lisa Gales, owners of Main Street Pharmacy and thought they were agreeable, but later heard back from them that they were not, so Haviland Telephone has since backed out and will not be purchasing the lot.

Mayor Bruckner said last month Danny reported he wasn't going to schedule a tree limb and appliance pickup day, she thought that maybe we should or people will just let them set on their property. Kristal told the council the city hasn't done an appliance pickup for a few years because the landfill charge is expensive and everyone pretty much knows to call Rodney Keith and he will pick up most any appliance to dispose of. After discussion, the council agreed there needs to be a tree limb pickup day, but to only pick up limbs from citizens that have called into city hall to get on the list, and also specify tree limbs only will be picked up. They also agreed Danny will schedule the date when it works for him.

Mayor Bruckner told the council Mike Jellison gave her an update on the ballfield to pass along, saying the recreation commission agreed to purchase a batting cage for use at the ballfields.

Discussion was held on the new generator purchase for the veteran's building and how the bids for the generator and installation were agreed on. A phone call was made to emergency manager, Britt Lenertz to discuss the matter with her.

Bills in the amount of \$92,234.91 were presented for payment. Mike made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.

With no other business presented, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.