

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday May 10, 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 and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Mike Younger, Dan Copeland and Chris Bruckner.

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

Mike Younger with EBH Engineering presented the council with a contract for engineering services for the water system preliminary engineering report. He went through what all the report would consist of and told the council the pre-application project submittal for the KDHE low interest loan is due June 15th. He also told the council his costs to do the report is a lump sum fee of \$10,000.00. After discussion, Renee made a motion to accept the contract with EBH Engineering, seconded by Robert and all voted Yes.

Dan Copeland with All American Associates out of Topeka, KS passed around personalized folders to the council which explained what All American Associates was about, saying they are not an insurance company, but a marketing firm. He said he understood the City employees have the option to take Aflac supplemental insurance that is offered. He told the council they could offer an alternative to Aflac Insurance with better rates and policies. He also added they have been offering insurance for the Kansas Bankers Association for 40 years and they offer insurance for the Peoples Bank employees here. The council thanked Dan for coming to the meeting.

City Attorney Charley Herd told the council he had talked to Brian Beecher with Southern Pioneer regarding the proposed franchise agreement they presented, telling he had some suggestions for the agreement. He said another representative from Southern Pioneer was going to get in touch with him as well. Charley asked the council to go into executive session for 10 minutes. Cleta made a motion the council go into executive session for 10 minutes to confer with the city attorney, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes. After returning to open session, the council asked Mayor Bruckner to visit with Tony and Lisa Gales regarding the vacant lot owned by the City beside the pharmacy, to see if they would agree to let Haviland Telephone set their fiber optic “hub” toward the back of the lot.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw told the council Devon is wanting to post a 10mph speed limit sign on the “dead-end road” and he asked the council what they thought about it. After discussion, the council agreed to post a 10mph speed limit sign along the “swimming area road” that runs north and south, at the “dead-end road” and to post a speed limit sign at the entrance of the lake that says “20 mph unless otherwise posted”. Danny reported he started filling the pool last week and realized they had a water leak. He said it took Kelsey Thompson a couple days to find the actual leak, they had to bust up quite a bit of concrete to find it.

Robert made a motion the council to go into executive session regarding personnel for 10 minutes, seconded by Renee and all voted Yes. After returning to open session, Robert made another motion to go into executive session with Chief of Police Devon Duffield for 15 minutes, seconded by Renee and all voted Yes. After returning to open session, no decisions were made.

Mayor Bruckner presented an animal permit application from Bob and Gail Harrington for “2 or more” goats on the property they own at 610 N. Central. As they discussed the application there were two concerns the council had – 1: They didn’t want goats be the first thing people would see as they come into town and 2: The concern was there for “2 or more” goats since they did not clarify. Mike made the motion the council deny the request, seconded by Robert and all voted Yes.

New health/dental insurance rates were presented from Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The new rates went up a total of \$529.36 per month from the current rates. Ashta made a motion to accept the new insurance rates, seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes.

Bills in the amount of \$107,226.02 were presented for payment. Cleta made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

Under new business, Mayor Bruckner told the council this past week the refrigerator in the veteran's building kitchen had quit and she had asked Kristal to check into replacing it with a commercial sized refrigerator. Kristal said the commercial sized was going to run \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00 and Ferguson's in Dodge City suggested putting two 22 cubic feet refrigerators together for \$2,000.00 total. The council agreed.

Ashta told the council she had heard a complaint that a council member is allowing their dog to run around without a leash and said that council members should set an example of the ordinances that are in place and have our dogs on a leash.

With no other business presented, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Renee and all voted Yes.