

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday August 9, 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, Co-Lake Managers Don & Debbie Dutton and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: LeAnn Alley, Bob & Gail Harrington, Britt Lenertz and Chris Bruckner.

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

LeAnn Alley met with the council after she had submitted a dog kennel license application last month, the council said they wanted to know what her intentions were for the dog kennel. LeAnn told the council she is a foster parent to dogs and said they will be kept inside her house. As of now, she has six dogs all together, which includes her three dogs. She also said six dogs will be the most she will have. Cleta made the motion to grant LeAnn a dog kennel license, seconded by Renee and all voted Yes.

City Attorney Charley Herd told the council he has the real estate sale contract with Haviland Telephone for the purchase of the lots behind the veteran's building/library. He said the purchase price of the lots will be providing three consecutive years of internet service to city hall at \$61.95 per month from 8/20/21 to 8/20/24. Renee made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the contract and deed for the sale of the lots to Haviland Telephone, seconded by Robert and all voted Yes. Charley reported he has revised the golf cart and work site utility vehicle permit applications so they are allowed to cross Central Avenue, he also said the Sheriff suggested there could be certain provisions the governing body could waive if need be. Ashta made a motion to approve the golf cart permit application, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes. Ashta made a motion to approve the work site utility vehicle permit application, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.

Gail and Bob Harrington met with the council to ask them to reconsider their animal permit application for goats. Gail said she wanted to clarify their permit application where they had said they wanted "two or more goats", she said they would have 2 female goats for their milk, unless they would come back and ask the council for more. Bob said they wouldn't be the first thing you saw coming into the north end of town, which he knew was another concern the council had. He said they would be back far enough where it would be hard to see them from the highway and they were also going to put in a little milk barn. The Mayor and council told the Harringtons they appreciate all the work they have done to clean-up that area, it looks so much better. Ashta made a motion to approve the Harringtons animal permit application for two female goats, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw told the council he had priced a few utility vehicles and they cost anywhere from \$12,000.00 to \$54,000.00, so he said he's back to asking for a cheap pickup, he knows it will be hard to come by, but will let them know if he finds anything. Danny reported the backhoe is currently in Wichita being repaired, he said he would have taken it to Dodge City, but they couldn't get to it for 2 weeks and Wichita could get to it the next day. He said it needs it back as soon as possible to fix the water leaks they've been having. Mike asked Danny if they are spraying the weeds in the streets, said he saw a homeowner mowing the grass/weeds out in front of his house recently. Danny told Mike the guys had just started on that job. Mike also asked Danny about patching streets that need it, specifically the one in front of Zack Ellis' house on west 1st street. Danny said the holes were bad enough on that street, it probably wouldn't be worth patching, that it was one he has on a list that needs re-asphalted. Mike also said he drove down in the southeast part of town where some patching was needed as well. Danny told the council that Rodney Keith has already been out for 2 weeks due to an injury (not at work) and was going to be out for 6 to 8 more

weeks since he's going to have shoulder surgery on the 20th. He asked for permission to hire a part-time employee until Rodney can get back. Ashta made a motion the council go into executive session to discuss personnel for 10 minutes, seconded by Renee and everyone voted Yes. After returning to open session, Ashta made a motion to allow Danny to hire a temporary, part-time employee while Rodney Keith is out for surgery and recovery, seconded by Renee and all voted Yes. The council asked the city clerk to check into the city's Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance policy to see if short-term disability is covered under the policy.

Lake Co-Manager Debbie Dutton told the council she has a camper who just moved into the D section a couple weeks ago and is now talking about staying several months, she presented the lease agreement to the Mayor for her signature. Debbie said she would like to see the lease agreement reworded to where it's easier to understand. The council told her the lease agreement will be gone through once the lake season is over.

Bills in the amount of \$191,863.62 were presented for payment. Mike made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Renee and all voted Yes.

Under new business, Renee asked whether we should be keeping the pool open for only 3 kids. There was discussion, but no decisions were made to change the policy to close if there were only a few at the pool. Mayor Bruckner told the council Steven Carrithers had contacted her about another way to take his pickup and trailer to his back yard. Danny said he has an alley, he should use that to get to his back yard. Penny said that's what she told him the alley was for. Mike said he had been approached by someone asking for permission to drive their ATV at the lake since they have it tagged in town. It was noted that it's in the rules and regulations of the lake, ATV's are not allowed.

With no other business presented, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Renee and all voted Yes.