

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday December 13, 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 Mike Bushnell, Robert Cardoza, Cleta Lampe, and Ashta Rosson, City Attorney Charley Herd, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Co-Lake Managers Don & Debbie Dutton, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Mike Younger, Matt Kramer & Britt Lenertz

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

Mike Younger, engineer with EBH & Associates from Pratt, KS introduced Matt Kramer who is also based out of Pratt. He said Matt will be working on the City's water project with him. Mike passed around a map of proposed sites for the new city water well(s) and a quote of a price from Clarke Well and Equipment, Inc. for test drilling the water wells.....he explained that both city water wells #3 and #4 are approaching 80 years old and have reached the end of their service life; KDHE requires minimum 100' easement or ownership in all directions for new well sites; 200'x200' is minimum well site, larger is preferred for flexibility and allow room for future offset well; a waiver from DWR must be granted to move a water right greater than ½ mile, or move a well within 600' of an existing domestic well; test wells need drilled to verify property quality and quantity exists before purchasing property. City Attorney Charley Herd told the council before the City decommissioned well #3 and well #4, the current landowner may want to purchase those wells to keep any other company from moving in. After discussion, the council told Mike Younger they want to move forward with the project, saying they believe it is necessary to upgrade our water infrastructure.

City Attorney Charley Herd told the council the seasonal camper lease agreement refers to the rules and policies of the lake, and he will be willing to rework the rules and policies and send them to Kristal to incorporate the changes to the lease.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw told the council there is money in the special highway fund here at the end of the year and asked about using it to get rock for streets. The council asked Danny to check about contracting for crack sealing next year with the special highway fund instead, since they are going to skip sealing streets in 2022. Danny reported the "state truck" need a new cylinder which would cost around \$4,500.00, the council agreed to wait until next year to repair it. Danny also reported the street sweeper has something going on with the engine, and has changed fuel filters, etc....he's going to have someone from Greensburg take a look at it. Danny asked the council if they had ideas of what to use to mark the boundaries in each camping lot at the lake, he brought a "carsonite" that he borrowed from the county, which is what they use as markers on the county roads. He said they were around \$16.00 a piece, he also said he could do post and concrete for less than \$17.00 each. The council asked Danny to see if he can shop around and get the carsonites at a cheaper price.

Mayor Bruckner asked everyone to take a break in the meeting, she had some awards she wanted to present. She presented Danny Shaw with a 20-year plaque for being employed by the City for 20 years as of June, 2021. She also presented Don and Debbie Dutton with an "Above And Beyond" Plaque for going above and beyond the call of duty at the lake, especially the last two years during the pandemic. City Clerk, Kristal Sherman asked Penny to stay standing and presented her with a plaque for her 16 years of service – It reads "With Sincere Appreciation for 8 years as City Council Member and 8 Years as Mayor of the City of Coldwater April 2005 – December, 2021.

Kristal announced there were snacks of cheese and crackers and goodies made by Sue Little of Ozzie Bakes, for everyone.

Lake Co-Manager Don Dutton told the council Danny Bruckner is working on a new entrance sign for the lake. Don asked about enrolling in a first aid class for himself and if the maintenance guys want to be included, he thought would be a good idea, the council agreed. Don also told the council he has already ordered supplies for next year since he was told some supplies may be in short supply toward the first of the year.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield told the council he was happy to be back after his nearly 3-month-off injury while on the volunteer fire department.

Mayor Bruckner presented an application from Zach Jellison for a Utility Vehicle Permit for him to travel to and from work. Cleta made a motion to approve the Utility Vehicle Permit for Zach Jellison and also waive the requirement that Zach needs to be a licensed driver, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes.

Mayor Bruckner asked the council to approve an ordinance that “Grants Haviland Telephone Company, Inc. A License To Operate And Maintain A Fiber Optic System In the Public Rights-Of-Way Of The City of Coldwater, Kansas For The Purposes Of Broadband Internet Access Service” Mike made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-6 with Haviland Telephone, seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes.

City Clerk, Kristal Sherman told the council that the project manager of the Haviland Broadband fiber optic project came into city hall last week and asked if the City would be interested in a Technology Infrastructure Support (IT) contract with Haviland Broadband. He said they were going to see how much interest they had and were going to possibly branch out to offer that service in the area. Nathan James (Haviland Broadband’s IT manager) came down last week and went through each city office’s computer equipment and put together a quote for the council to review. After discussion, Ashta made a motion to approve the Technology Infrastructure Support Services Agreement with Haviland Telephone Company d/b/a Haviland Broadband, seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes.

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 Robert and everyone voted Yes.

Mayor Bruckner asked the council what days they wanted to give employees off for the holidays. After discussion, Ashta made a motion to give December 24th and December 31st off for employee holidays, seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes.

Mayor Bruckner asked the council if they want to give employee bonuses again this year. After discussion, Ashta made a motion to offer the same bonuses as last year, but to add a “20-Year Plus” at \$750.00 for Danny Shaw, move Jason Roberts up to 5 Years at \$400.00 and add Mayor Penny Bruckner in the 15-Years Plus for \$500.00, seconded by Mike and everyone voted Yes.

City Clerk, Kristal Sherman asked the council to set a date toward the end of the month for a special year-end meeting to pay bills. Everyone agreed on Tuesday, December 28th at 5:30p.m.

Bills in the amount of \$118,124.05 were presented for payment. Robert made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

With no other business presented, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.