

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday January 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in regular session, with the following present: Mayor Joe Ceballos presiding, Council members Mike Bushnell, Robert Cardoza, Cleta Lampe, Britt Lenertz and Ashta Rosson, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Co-Lake Manager Don Dutton, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Jayne Ceballos, Larry & Sarah Woodrum and boys

Before the meeting was called to order, newly elected Mayor, Joe Ceballos, and city council members Michael Bushnell and Britt Lenertz, were sworn into office by City Clerk, Kristal Sherman.

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

Lynda Cooley, part-time city employee, told the council she is going to stand by her \$18.00 per hour to paint the interior of the veteran's building, she said she has checked with others who do painting as part of their regular job and they charge their regular hourly rate to paint which is more than double what she charges. Lynda also told the council that her wages for maintaining the parks and cleaning the veteran's building have not been raised in the past three years. Mayor Ceballos asked her how many hours she thought it would take her to paint and Lynda thought it would take two weeks. After discussion, Mike made a motion to pay Lynda Cooley \$18.00 per hour to paint the interior of the veteran's building, seconded by Cleta. All voted Yes.

Lake Manager Don Dutton passed around a picture of the new entrance sign that will go up at the lake. Don reported that he hasn't been putting in his regular time at the lake the past few weeks because Debbie "blew out her knee on her birthday, December 31st". She will be seeing the doctor soon to hopefully get her knee fixed. Don also reported he wants to replace the bathroom floor in the locust cabin because of water damage caused by a mouse chewing through a water line. The council agreed and discussed different types of flooring to use, Don said he would be going to Wichita soon and will shop around to get a good price.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw told the council he needs an attorney to draw up a contract between the City and a landowner on West Main Street for a test well at a location where drilling a new city water well has been proposed. Danny also said he has talked to Skip Herd about the pasture leases and he recommends the pasture that John Zielke (and LeRoy Zielke before him) has rented for years, be put up for bids, he said we're only being paid for 45 acres and would like to see it rent for the full 99 acres. After discussion, the council agreed to leave it with John Zielke, since leases are ready to go out for the year and we shouldn't change it for someone that has been renting it for years without notice. Danny presented a new mower lease for the two lake mowers, he said he would like to stay with the Grasshopper mowers, they worked well the past three years. The lease agreement is for three years and is \$12,541.78, we do all the oil changes and they do all the warranty work. After discussion, Cleta made a motion to accept the lease with Omni Partners for 2 mowers for three years at the price of \$12,541.78, seconded by Robert and all voted Yes. Danny reported that the extreme windy day of December 15th, more of the veteran's building's guttering came down and he asked the council if they wanted to go back with guttering or remove the remainder of it. The council discussed the situation, and asked Danny to get prices of going back with guttering and price going back with awnings over the east doors of the building and bring back to meeting. Danny told the council the dump truck needs the hydraulic cylinders fixed and there is a mechanic in Fairview, OK that will fix it. Robert made a motion to allow Danny to get the dump truck hydraulic cylinders repaired, seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes. Danny asked the council to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters. Ashta made a motion to go into executive

session with Danny and Kristal regarding personnel matters for 20 minutes, seconded by Mike and everyone voted Yes. After 20 minutes Ashta made a motion to go back into executive session for 10 more minutes, seconded by Mike and everyone voted Yes. After returning to open session, Mike made a motion to extend employee Rodney Keith's Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance for 90 days, since he will soon be out of sick and vacation time, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. Mayor Ceballos told Danny he noticed there was some equipment that is sitting out in the elements and asked if there was room to store that equipment inside somewhere. He said they could move some things around and get what they can inside.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield told the council he needs to start getting hours of education and has three classes coming up he would like to attend. The 1st is a drug identification class in Dodge City on February 2nd. For \$20.00, the 2nd is an essential Spanish class March 15th thru 17th in Dodge City for \$70.00 and the 3rd is a crisis intervention training, 4 day class May 16th thru 20th in Hutchinson and is free. The council agreed to the classes.

Danny told the council he wanted to add that so far the rural water show is going to be held the end of March this year and asked permission for him and Jason Roberts to attend. Danny said he needs continuing education hours and employee Jason Roberts has expressed an interest to get his wastewater certification. The council agreed for them both to attend.

Mayor Ceballos said the council needs to elect a new President of the council, the responsibility of the President is to reside over the city council meetings in the absence of the Mayor; and if something would happen to the mayor, the President would step into that role. The President of the council is also the President of the Coldwater Housing Authority and resides over their meetings. Ashta nominated Cleta Lampe as President of the Council, Robert seconded the nomination and Cleta was voted as the new President of the City Council.

Mayor Ceballos asked the council if they wanted to continue with the council committees. It was explained the committees work with the various departments of the city and report back with recommendations to the council, no decisions are made by committees alone. Everyone agreed they would like to continue the committees which they chose as follows:

Police & Code Enforcement: Ashta & Cleta
Lake & Comanche Estates: Mike & Britt;
Parks & Pool: Ashta & Cleta;
Streets, Water & Sewer: Robert & Britt.

Mayor Ceballos asked the council to review the annual appointments as follows:

Official banks: Peoples Bank and Bank of Coldwater
Official paper: The Western Star
Municipal Judge: Rustin Martin
City Treasurer: Johnita Stalcup
City Clerk: Kristal Sherman
Clerk of the Municipal Court: Kristal Sherman
City Attorney: Skip Herd – as interim until a permanent attorney can be found
Building inspector: Danny Shaw
Chief of Police: Devon Duffield
Code Enforcement/Public Officer: Devon Duffield
Animal Control Officer: Danny Shaw & Devon Duffield
Meeting time: second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the City Building
Mileage reimbursement rate: 58.5 cents per business mile (IRS Rate)

Mike made a motion to approve the appointments listed, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes.

Mayor Ceballos told the council he had contacted Hannah Brass, an attorney in Medicine Lodge to be city attorney, she declined but gave him the name of Chay Howard from Greensburg. Joe said he contacted him and Chay said he would think about it, talk it over with his wife and let him know.

Mayor Ceballos presented Resolution No. 2022-1 which waives the Generally Accepted Accounting Principals to prepare financial statements and reports for the City of Coldwater for the year 2022. Ashta made a motion to accept Resolution 2022-1, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.

City Clerk, Kristal Sherman asked the council if they wanted to offer the lake permits at a discount as they have done in years' past. After discussion, Ashta made a motion to only discount the vehicle permits, not the boat and jet ski permits, the vehicle permits will be \$10 per permit from January 18 thru 28, seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes. Kristal also presented the 2022 Seasonal Camper Lease Agreement with the changes made from the 2021 agreement for the council to approve. Mike made a motion to approve the 2022 Seasonal Camper Lease Agreement, seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes. Kristal also asked the council if they had read her letter she had drafted to send to the seasonal campers with the lease agreement, she said if they agreed, this will be the last year a mass mailing will be done. Next year they plan to get the lease agreement on the website or they can pick it up at city hall and have it back to city hall before the March 1st deadline. The council agreed.

Mayor Ceballos presented the 2022 "engagement letters" with the auditing firm of Vonfeldt, Bauer and Vonfeldt. Mike made a motion to approve hiring Vonfeldt, Bauer and Vonfeldt as the City's auditing firm for the 2022 year, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

Bills in the amount of \$45,180.18 were presented for payment. Robert made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.

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