

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

Monday February 14, 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: Wynn Alexander, Sarah & Parker Woodrum

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

Wynn Alexander told the council the county-wide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is a 3 year renewal process, and at renewal time he needs approval from every entity that receives tax dollars in Comanche County to be able to keep the program in place. He said it started back in 2005 and has been a very good program to have, it has promoted a lot of new building because of the tax incentive.....the 1<sup>st</sup> year is totally tax free, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> year is 90% tax free and so on. Mike made a motion to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes.

Vanita Blundell with United Country Real Estate asked the council if they want to renew the agreement to have her market the Comanche Estates lots, she explained United Country gets a 10% buyer's premium to sell them. Cleta made a motion to retain United Country to sell and manage the Comanche Estates lots, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

Parker Woodrum, 10-year old son of Larry & Sara Woodrum, asked the council for permission for two bucket calves at his house at 505 N. Boston Ave. until the middle of July (after the Comanche County Fair) for a 4-H project. Robert made a motion to give Parker Woodrum an animal permit for two bucket calves in his yard until after the county fair, seconded by Mike and everyone voted Yes.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw told the council Jason Henson, who has recently purchased Jane Deewall's house at 208 W. Cottonwood, wants to put up a fence and is requesting a zoning variance along the alley on the east side of the property. Mike asked if it would interfere with any utilities and Danny told him it would not. Danny said he didn't see a problem with the variance. After discussion, Cleta made a motion to approve the zoning variance for Jason Henson, seconded by Ashta, and everyone voted Yes. Danny gave an update on the water project, said Mike Younger from EBH Engineering came down and did some measuring for the test water wells. He said they have been in contact with a geologist and trying to coordinate them being here at the same time which will probably be sometime soon. Cleta made a motion the council to go into executive session with Danny and Kristal for 15 minutes for personnel issues, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. After returning to open session, no decisions were made.

Lake Manager Don Dutton reported he has started on the floor in the locust cabin and got the new entrance sign put up. Don also reported that Debbie will be having knee replacement surgery on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield told the council he is on a 45 day trial run with LensLock for a body camera. He said the system in the car is made by Watchguard, they want \$2,500.00 and no warranty, and said it does not operate very well. The LensLock camera is \$899.00 per year, and if anything happens to the camera, they take care of it for free, he said the customer service so far has been great. It has 64 gigs of data on the camera, everything is downloaded to the cloud and is set-up on a 5-year contract. After discussion, Ashta made a motion to approve the LensLock camera for \$899.00 per year on a 5-year contract, seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes. Devon also told

the council he would like to upgrade the trailcam system, he said each camera is \$120.00 plus \$15.00 per month for each camera if being used, and would like to purchase 4 cameras. After discussion, Cleta made a motion to purchase two cameras at \$120.00 per camera, then review the police budget later in the year and possibly purchase two more. The motion was seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. Devon also reported he would like to change the class he was to take at the end of March to a DUI class, the council agreed.

Council member Mike Bushnell told the council it was brought to his attention to put up “Slow Children At Play” signs along a two block area of South Washington Ave. After discussion, Cleta made a motion to install two “Slow Children At Play” signs – one at Washington Ave. & Main St. and the other at South Washington Ave. and Third St., seconded by Mike and everyone voted Yes.

City Clerk, Kristal Sherman asked the council to consider changing over the city phone system from AT&T to Haviland Broadband when they get the fiber optics installed throughout the City. She had a print-out from Haviland Broadband listing the cost of the City phone lines, which totals \$384.07 per month (The current AT&T bill is \$501.22 per month) and will save the City about \$120.00 per month even with the addition of internet to the lake and pool. After a brief discussion, Mike made a motion to approve the phone system change-over from AT&T to Haviland Broadband, seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes.

City Clerk Kristal Sherman passed around 54 Seasonal Camper Lease Agreements and a new signature card for the Bank of Coldwater for everyone to sign.

Mayor Ceballos presented the council with a letter from the SCHS Sophomore class asking for donations to their after prom activity in April. Kristal told the council that in years’ past, the City has donated lake permits for them to give away. Ashta made a motion to donate 10 lake permits to the SCHS Sophomore class for their After Prom party, seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes.

Bills in the amount of \$104,190.10 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, Ashta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.