

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Because of the Columbus Day Holiday, the regular scheduled city council meeting was postponed one day. 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, Lake Co-Managers Don & Debbie Dutton, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

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

Public Works Director Danny Shaw reported the water basin was down all last week, the basin has two pumps and one of the pumps is bad and one is good...he said when we get the new water project going, it will replace the basin, well #3 and well #4, but it could be a year or so before that happens and is hoping the one basin pump will last until then. The council asked Danny how much a new pump costs, he said he wasn't sure, the last one they got from Ron Lehl was in 2016 and cost around \$5,000.00, he's guessing it would cost anywhere from \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00. After discussion, the council agreed to wait to change out the pump. Danny asked the council to take a walk down the street and look at the tree on main street in front of Kelsey Thompson's building, and see what it's doing to the sidewalk and his building. Mayor Ceballos suggested the council take a 5 minute break and go look at it. When they returned, it was agreed to talk to the business owners that have trees in front of their businesses and ask if they want their trees to remain there. Danny also reported this last summer the pool basketball goal was replaced with a new backboard and net, he said this summer (and nearly every year) they have broke the backboard and the pipe that hold it up. He said the kids get to hanging on it and break it, and every time they replace it the cost is at least \$140.00. The council agreed to have Danny fix the goal this time and then tell the pool manager to try to keep the kids from hanging on it.

Lake Managers Don & Debbie Dutton reported it's pretty quiet at the lake, and most of the seasonal campers have left for the season. Don said he has started repairing the picnic tables and is going to take them home to work on when Debbie has her surgery then bring them back when he gets them done.

Council member Mike Bushnell reported him and Britt Lenertz met with the lake managers and Danny to go over some of the lake forms to get ready for next season. Discussed the seasonal camper lease for 2023 and agreed to a couple changes. Also discussed the golf carts, Don and Debbie say the golf carts are becoming a problem and asked that they limit the golf carts to one or two for each campsite. After discussion, the council agreed to leave the golf cart permit application the same, but told Devon there are a lot of under age drivers of golf carts out there and asked if he would spend more time at the lake on the weekends, especially the holiday weekends. The cabin agreements were also discussed and agreed to change the 100 percent refund to "3 or more days" prior to arrival date, instead of "30 or more days"

Chief of Police Devon Duffield reported since the last meeting he has written 33 tickets.

City Clerk Kristal Sherman presented a kennel license application and letter from Christa Minton since she could not be here herself. Christa lives at 1999 Prairie Parkway at the Comanche Estates and is requesting a kennel license to board dogs whose owners need to go out of town, and to offer doggie daycare for those people who need someone to exercise their dog while at work. She said she would board a maximum of 8 dogs (which does not include the 4 dogs she owns). After discussion, the council agreed to table Christa's request until she checks with the State about obtaining a boarding license.

Mayor Joe Ceballos asked the council to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Mike made a motion to go into executive session for personnel reasons with the City Attorney present for 25 minutes, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. After 25 minutes, Mike made a motion to go back into executive session for 15 minutes for personnel reasons, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. After 15 minutes, Mike made a motion to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for personnel reasons, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. After 10 minutes, Mike made a motion to go into executive session for personnel reasons with the City Attorney and Danny present for 15 minutes, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. After returning to open session, no decisions were made.

Mayor Ceballos asked Danny if Circle C Paving was still on schedule for crack sealing the City streets. Danny said it should be this fall sometime and should be done by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Bills in the amount of \$109,237.35 were presented for payment. Robert made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Mike and all voted Yes.

Under New Business and Reponse to Public Comment, it was discussed to form a committee to go through the employee handbook. Mayor Ceballos asked the council who would like to be on the handbook committee, Ashta and Mike volunteered. Kristal said she would be on there as well. Ashta and Cleta told the council they would like to see the council meetings go to Facebook live.....after discussion they asked the other council members to think about it and make a decision by the end of the year.

With no other business presented, Cleta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m., seconded by Robert and all voted Yes.