

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 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, Lake Manager Don Dutton, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Mike Younger and Matt Cramer

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

Mike Younger and Matt Cramer with EBH Engineering met with the council about the future water project, and said he would like to know from the council tonight if they want to proceed and if so, how they want to proceed. They passed out sheets to show the path moving forward and two different choices: Plan A: Reduced Project which would consist of replacing wells 3 and 4, installing a new SCADA System, and installing 8" main to Comanche Estates, which would cost around 2.7 million. Plan B: Comprehensive Project which would consist of replacing wells 3 and 4, rehabilitating well 5, installing new SCADA System, Installing 8" main to Comanche Estates, Bore in new HDPE force main and 4" water line section north of lake, distribution system improvements: Central, Cottonwood, Baltimore, which would cost around 4.9 million. Discussion was held for over an hour about both choices and whether there could be grants applied for to help with the costs, and where to get the loan from. During the discussion, Danny asked the council to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Cleta made a motion the council go into executive session for personnel reasons with Mike Younger, Matt Cramer and Danny Shaw for 15 minutes, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. After returning to open session, no decisions were made. The council asked Mike Younger to work up a proposal to move forward on replacing well 4 and bring it back to the council for the city attorney to review, and they will see how to move forward from there.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield made a request of the council that Danny Shaw be officially named as a secondary code enforcement officer. He explained when he needs to enter someone's property, he legally can not do that since he is also law enforcement officer and this way Danny could do it for him. Robert made a motion that Danny be named as a secondary code enforcement officer for the City, seconded by Britt and everyone voted Yes. Devon reported he has written 20 tickets since the last meeting, and Halloween night was pretty uneventful, despite the fact there were a lot of kids and parents out that night. Devon told the council he may need to purchase a new battery for his newer laptop that he purchased last year, it's not holding a charge, he also said he will be on vacation for several days: November 26<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>. He also asked if it would be ok to take the day off tomorrow to work on his personal car, the council agreed.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw reported he is talking to Mike Younger about putting the sewer and water project together, he said there are some sewer lines that are getting pretty bad and we're going to have to do something about them. He said he has seen other cities do it, so knows it can be done. Danny asked about going ahead and buying chat for the streets since they are going to seal some streets next year. He has checked with Nace Farms and the last time he bought chat it was \$23.00 a ton, now it's \$40.00 a ton, and to get enough to do the streets next year would be about \$28,000.00, the council agreed to have Danny go ahead and get chat. Danny asked about the boat the county bought being stored at the lake, he was going to move equipment out there to be stored for the winter. Danny asked the council if they want to fix the chat spreader or sell it, he said the conveyor belt system was bent and not sure if it's fixable or not. It was agreed to have Danny try and fix it. Danny asked about advertising the two pasture leases for bids since it's getting close to the end of the year, discussion was held and decided to go ahead and get them advertised to take bids until January

3<sup>rd</sup>, also make clear that the City will provide the fencing materials and the renter will provide the labor to fix any fences. Mayor Ceballos asked Danny about the new maintenance employee....Danny said he didn't really know a lot about him, his name is Chris Mills and he's from Arkansas. The council thought it would be a good idea if he came to a meeting and introduced himself. Mayor Ceballos also told Danny the big shelter on the west side of the lake is needing some attention, the rafters are sagging and needs fixed. He also asked about the tornado siren at the lake, which doesn't appear to be working. Cleta said they are testing tornado sirens on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month and will make sure Danny is called to go out to see if it's working or not, and if it's not, need to see about getting it fixed. Mayor Ceballos also asked Danny if he has contacted the company to fix the Veteran's Building guttering and install the ice clips, Danny said he will call and check on that.

Lake Manager Don Dutton reported that Debbie is doing great after her knee replacement surgery and he's now back out here working a few days a week. Don reported he wants to repaint the floors in the entrance bathroom and close them for the weekend so they will dry good, the council agreed. He also reported he has been working on the picnic tables, and needs to order more boards. Don also said there is a few dead trees that he needs to take down, the Mayor told him and Danny to ask Brett Swingle if he'd be interested in taking those down since he did the one in the park.

Mayor Ceballos said he was approached by a citizen asking if there could be something done with the outside door to City Hall, there are times it is really hard to open. The council discussed putting in a handicap door to the outside of city hall, like they did the door to the veteran's building, and also discussed putting a drop box on the outside of the building somewhere.

Bills in the amount of \$245,387.67 were presented for payment. Britt made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.

Under unfinished business, discussion was held about holding meetings on Facebook live. Cleta said she would at least like to try it, other members said if people would like to come to the meetings, they are more than welcome, but were not in favor of going on Facebook.

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