

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 9, 2023, 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 Clela Lampe, Britt Lenertz and Ashta Rosson, Lake Managers Don and Debbie Dutton, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitor: Vanita Blundell

Mayor Ceballos called the regular council meeting to order, City Clerk, Kristal Sherman conducted roll call. Council members Mike Bushnell and Robert Cardoza were absent. Minutes from the December meetings were approved as written, motion by Clela, seconded by Britt and all voted Yes.

Vanita Blundell with United Country Real Estate told the council since it's the new year, it's time to renew the agreement for her to market the Comanche Estates lots. Vanita also told the council she has an offer of \$10,000.00 from Brad Haskell for 2000 Winchester Way which is Lot B in Block 4 of Comanche Estates. She said the lot is originally priced for \$11,500.00, and with title expenses his total costs would be \$11,410.00 and the amount the City would receive is \$9,590.00. Vanita also let the council know that Galen and Amy Robbins refused the council's counter offer they made last month and did not want to make another offer. Britt made a motion to keep Vanita for the City's real estate representative at Comanche Estates, seconded by Clela and everyone voted Yes. Mayor Ceballos told Vanita the council would discuss the offer she presented of the sale of Lot B in Block 4 later in the meeting, and Kristal will let her know their decision.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw said first, on behalf of him and his guys, he wanted to say thank you to the council for the Christmas bonus and extra days off. Danny reported Circle C Paving has given him an estimated proposal of \$82,000.00 for chip sealing the city streets this year and includes the price of the rock which he needs to sign and return. Clela made a motion to approve the estimated proposal of \$82,000.00 from Circle C Paving, seconded by Britt and everyone voted Yes. Danny also reported he has tried to call KC Gunito regarding the pool, they told him they would be returning his call after the first of the year; also there is a company coming down to inspect the basin well next week, and told the council if the City doesn't go ahead with the water project, we might need to purchase another pump for the basin; he also explained there was a problem with the water tower over the Christmas holiday that caused it to overflow due to a faulty sensor, which has since been fixed. Danny again asked the council if he could cut the trees down in front of the veteran's building, after discussion, Ashta made a motion to remove the trees in front of the veteran's building, seconded by Britt and everyone voted Yes. The remaining trees were discussed, and the council agreed to have the City Attorney write a letter to the downtown businesses informing them they are ultimately responsible for the tree/trees in front of their business. Mayor Ceballos asked Danny to look at the west fence between the lake and golf course and see what he could do, he said it's leaning pretty bad.

Lake Manager Don Dutton also told the council thank you for the bonus and days off. Don told the council he thinks it's a good idea if they have CPR and first aid training just in case something would happen at the lake, they could administer first aid before help could get there. The council agreed and Devon told Don he had an extra first aid kit he could give him for the lake pickup. Don also reported there have been biologists from Kansas Wildlife and Parks come to the lake to test some geese and ducks that had died at the lake, with the tests coming back positive for the bird flu. He is checking around the lake every day to dispose of them so hopefully it will cut down on others getting sick. Don also reported the big tree by Ryan's Cabin has been taken out.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield also told the council thank you for the bonus. Devon reported since the last meeting he has written 23 tickets and 6 warnings and the New Years' holiday was pretty quiet. Devon also reported he's looking at the middle of February or March to receive the new patrol car and after it is delivered, he will take it to Andover to get the camera and radar switched out. He

also said he's looking for a new camera system for the new car which he priced at \$11,125.00 and is hoping to find a grant to help pay for it. Devon reminded the council he will be gone tomorrow thru Friday for class.

Mayor Ceballos asked the council if they had reviewed the new Solid Waste Contract with Justin York of Red Hills Waste Solutions, LLC., the contract is pretty much the same as it has been in the past, but with Ashland landfill raising their prices, Justin has raised the price of trash pickup about 10% which will go into effect on the February bills. Ashta made a motion to approve the contract with Red Hills Waste Solutions, LLC, seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes.

Mayor Ceballos presented a CMB renewal application from Dollar General. Cleta made a motion to approve the application for the Dollar General CMB renewal license, seconded by Britt and everyone voted Yes.

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

Building inspector: Danny Shaw

Chief of Police: Devon Duffield

Code Enforcement/Public Officer: Devon Duffield & Danny Shaw

Animal Control Officer: Danny Shaw

Meeting time: second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the City Building

Mileage reimbursement rate: 65.5 cents per business mile (IRS Rate)

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

Mayor Ceballos 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 17th thru 27th, seconded by Britt and everyone voted Yes.

Mayor Ceballos presented Resolution No. 2023-1 which waives the Generally Accepted Accounting Principals to prepare financial statements and reports for the City of Coldwater for the year 2023. Ashta made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-1, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.

Mayor Ceballos presented the 2023 "engagement letters" with the auditing firm of Vonfeldt, Bauer and Vonfeldt. Britt made a motion to approve hiring Vonfeldt, Bauer and Vonfeldt as the City's auditing firm for the 2023 year, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

Mayor Ceballos said he asked for the water project to be put on the agenda. Joe says our water wells are old, but he thinks we can still use them, he said he hates to have the city go right back into debt for 30 years after just getting the last water project paid off this past year. He recommends that the water committee, (Robert and Britt) himself and Danny have a meeting and get a 5-year plan in place to do the necessary additions and repairs to the water system a step at a time. The council agreed.

Bills in the amount of \$74,080.05 were presented for payment. Cleta made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Britt and all voted Yes.

Under new business, discussion was held on the lots at Comanche Estates and the offer Vanita presented earlier in the meeting. After discussion, Ashta made a motion to accept the offer of \$10,000.00 from Brad Haskell for Lot B in Block 4 at the Comanche Estates, seconded by Britt and everyone voted Yes.

With no other business presented, Britt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.