

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 13, 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 Mike Bushnell, Robert Cardoza, Cleta Lampe, Britt Lenertz and Ashta Rosson, Lake Co-Manager Don Dutton, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitor: Dennis Daniel

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 Cleta, seconded by Britt and all voted Yes.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw told the council he had met with the ASCS (Farm Services Agency) director at Ashland and he printed out a paper that says the pasture that Danny Huck is renting from the City is 140 acres. He also said Danny Huck was in his office one day and Danny Huck also agreed with him that it was 140 acres. After discussion, the council agreed to have City Attorney Skip Herd write Danny Huck a letter letting him know it is 140 acres. Danny reported when he had the water inspection, the water conservation plan is something we have to have for emergency situations and go over it ever year, the State wants us to get involved with the schools to promote water conservation and he passed around a pamphlet that has material you can purchase, which would cost \$668.00 plus shipping for the elementary/middle school kids. After discussion, Cleta made a motion to purchase the training materials for the elementary/middle school kids for \$668.00, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. The council also told Danny it would be a good idea if he would go and speak to the kids about water conservation at the time he gives them the materials. Danny reported he got a hold of KC Gunitite, the company that built our pool and asked them if they would come out and help detect the water leak, he said they could but not until June, so he called Ultra Modern Pools in Wichita and is currently waiting for a call back. Danny said he's worried if we don't get someone out here soon, we're not going to be able to get the leak detected before the pool needs to open, so he called American Leak Detection (who charges \$5,000.00 per day, including travel time) the closest one is in Oklahoma City, OK, they say they can test everything outside the pool without water in it. After discussion, Britt made a motion to hire American Leak Detection to come to look at the pool, seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes. Danny asked Joe if he had been to a Lead & Copper Rule class yet, he said he had not, but saw there was a class at the Rural Water Conference toward the end of March and was planning to go then, Danny said he needs to think about getting started with the inventory to have it done by the deadline of October, 2024. Danny also reported he has received a proposal of \$2,500.00 from Mongan Painting and Sandblasting out of Hume, Missouri to clean and inspect the tank at the water basin. Cleta made the motion to approve the contract with Mongan Painting & Sandblasting, seconded by Britt and everyone voted Yes. Danny also said one of the pumps at the basin needs replaced at a cost of \$7,396.00 from Salina Supply Company, but he wants to wait until after the inspection before they approve a new pump. Danny reported he has until April, 2024 to get the dam inspection done at the lake, the repairs that were done last time, are not holding up like they should which costs around \$15,000.00. He just wanted the council to keep that in mind so it can be put in the 2024 budget. Danny asked the council if he and Charlie Austin could attend the Kansas Rural Water Conference toward the end of March, the council approved. Council member Robert Cardoza asked about adding silt traps at the lake, saying we need to do something to stop the silt from coming into the lake, the council discussed the situation saying there needs to be grants found for financial assistance, because the cost is so high and there is also environmental issues that go along with doing that as well.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield reported since the last meeting he has written 25 tickets and 7 warnings. Devon said there has been numerous vandalism issues at the lake during the night time this winter and asked to close the lake from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. during the winter months from

November 1st through March 30th. He said there are fire rings and picnic tables ending up in the lake, also finding burnt tire marks on the roads, peoples just going out there and messing around when there really doesn't need to be anybody out there during those hours. The residents at Comanche Estates will be able to use the back gate to come and go during those hours if need be. After discussion, Cleta made a motion to close the lake each night beginning March 1st through March 31st from 8:00 p.m. through 8:00 a.m., seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes. The council agreed to make March a "trial run" and see how it goes and then look again at closing during the night time come November. Devon reported he is wanting to get an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) unit for the police department, saying most of the time he is the first to respond to an emergency situation, he is waiting for Terri Brosius to get back with him to see if EMS can help pay for the cost which is \$1,470.00.

Lake Manager Don Dutton thanked Danny and the city crew for all the work they have done out at the lake this past month. Don said he has two sections of picnic tables done and is working on more, he said things will be ready at the lake come April 1st. Don also asked about advertising for lake mowers, he said he is willing to help mow but with everything else he needs to do, it's hard for him to be one of the mowers.

Mayor Joe Ceballos told the council there has been a lot sold at Comanche Estates since the last meeting by Tamara Shaw and her husband, they paid full price for the lot and the sale should close on February 21st.

City Clerk Kristal Sherman passed around 59 seasonal camper lease agreements, that have been turned in, for the council to sign.

Under new business, council member Ashta Rosson told the council there are talks about the Seaboard Company bringing in a hog farm somewhere in the county. She just wanted to mention it and make sure the council is aware.

Bills in the amount of \$83,831.52 were presented for payment. Britt made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.

With no other business presented, Britt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.