

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 11, 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, Britt Lenertz and Ashta Rosson, Lake Managers Don and Debbie Dutton and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitor: A. J. Prusa

Mayor Ceballos announced first there would be a Revenue Neutral Rate hearing, City Clerk noted there was a quorum present, with council members Robert Cardoza and Clela Lampe both absent, and with no citizens appearing for public comment, there were no objections relating to the revenue neutral rate and proposed tax rate. Ashta made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-3 which allows the City to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate, seconded by Mike, and the result of the roll call vote: Michael Bushnell, Yes; Britt Lenertz, Yes and Ashta Rosson, Yes. Britt made a motion to adjourn the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. Mayor Ceballos opened the 2024 budget hearing, and with no citizens appearing for public comment on the proposed 2024 budget, Mike made a motion to approve the 2024 budget as published, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. Ashta made a motion to adjourn the budget hearing, seconded by Britt and all voted Yes.

Mayor Ceballos called the regular council meeting to order. Minutes from the August meeting were approved as written, motion by Ashta, seconded by Mike and all voted Yes.

AJ Prusa first thanked the council members for serving on the city council, she told them it was a thankless job and she appreciated their service. AJ said herself, Becky Bruckner and Victoria Selzer want to do a another Santa Fun Run 3K walk/run on December 2nd, kind of like last year, but they may change the route around a little from last year. The council all agreed to allow them to have the Santa Fun Run again this year, with the proceeds going towards the July 4th fireworks fund. The council thanked AJ for coming to the meeting.

Lake Co-Manager Debbie Dutton passed around copies of two different complaints towards the same camper in the F section, noting it is the same camper that was sent the Termination of Lease back in April, since he cured the violations of his lease back in April, he was allowed to stay. Since then he has violated more terms of his lease. After discussion, the council agreed Michael Heiland in campsite #F-15 will not be welcome back next year and a letter will be written by the City Attorney after September 30th telling him that he or anyone from his household will not be welcome to bring his camper to the lake next year. Lake Co-Manager Don Dutton reported the security cameras have been taken down, he said one of them was taken down, opened and the batteries taken out by someone. The council asked Don to get with Devon to look at the camera footage to see who took the batteries out. Don asked the council if he was going to go by the last few years of working the offseason at 20 hours a week, the council agreed. He said this winter he has some trees he's going to take out, the east boat dock has some repairs that need made, water seal both cabins, add lights to ceiling fans and build 5 new picnic tables.

Mayor Ceballos asked the council if they wanted to change the October meeting from October 9th since it is the Columbus Day Holiday. Mike made a motion to change the October meeting from October 9th to October 16th because of the Columbus Day Holiday, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes.

The council discussed advertising for the Chief of Police position, Kristal said she would work on getting the ad drafted and posted in different places. Ashta suggested she post it in Indeed, along with the law enforcement websites that were suggested.

Britt made a motion the City adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1 the 2023 Uniform Public Offense Code, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

Ashta made a motion the City adopt Ordinance No. 2023-2 the 2023 Standard Traffic Ordinance, seconded by Mike and all voted Yes.

Mayor Ceballos told the council he didn't think we needed to keep Devon on as part-time law enforcement. After discussion, Mike made a motion to terminate Devon Duffield as part-time law enforcer and midnight on the 29th of September will be his last day with the City, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes. The council said he will need to turn in all of his equipment, passwords, keys and specific contacts to the city clerk.

Mayor Ceballos presented a new cereal malt beverage license application for Sherri Odell d/b/a Odells Bar & Grill at 400 N. Central Ave. (what formerly was the Kremee) for approval. Mike made a motion to approve the CMB license application for Sherri Odell d/b/a Odells Bar & Grill, seconded by Britt and all voted Yes.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw had left a bid from Mongan Painting & Sandblasting for the council to review. The bid was for the lake spillway & pool deck joint sealing at a total cost of \$42,855.00. The council gave Danny a call to ask a few questions they had about the job he needed done that covered that bid, they also asked Danny to get more than one bid for the job.

Bills in the amount of \$114,551.51 were presented for payment. Britt made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

Under new business, Britt reminded everyone of the upcoming Economic Development meeting this Wednesday, she said she wasn't going to be able to attend, but was hopeful other governing body members could attend. She said she would like to see the City have their own public forum for the water project sometime in the future. Britt also said she had been approached by the beautification committee asking permission to put in a "pocket park" in the City's empty lot between Main Street Pharmacy and Hatfield-Prusa Furniture. She said she had talked to Lisa Gales at the pharmacy, and they were ok with it. Ashta made a motion to allow the beautification committee put in a pocket park, seconded by Mike and everyone voted Yes.

With no other business presented, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Britt and all voted Yes.