

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 13, 2018

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in regular session with the following present: President of the Council Jason Martin presiding, Council members Mike Bushnell, Joe Ceballos, and Andrew Evans, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Chief of Police Tyson Rosenberger, Lake Co-Managers Debbie Dutton and Sam McCleary, Parks Manager, Lynda Cooley, City Attorney Allison Kuhns and City Clerk Kristal Sherman. Mayor Penny Bruckner and Council member Daniel Hess were absent.

Visitors included Mike Jellison, and Connie McCleary.

Minutes from the July 23rd meeting were approved as written, motion by Andrew, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Mike Jellison passed around a hand-out explaining how the new ballfields came to be and what all has taken place with the ballfields from 1996, to date. He further explained to the council he has been on the ballfield committee since 1998 and said he's here because the ballfields need some help, he said the South field grass is almost completely gone and attention needs to be given to the condition of the grass which he and his wife Nicci mow and water.....he said "we need better soil and we need fertilizer". He told the council he had a bid of \$900.00 per field to fix the soil problems. The council thanked Mike for coming to the meeting and going through the history of the new ballfields with them. They said they will see what they can do.

Lynda Cooley, parks manager for the city, told the council this year has been worse than normal for weeds, she said she would like to have ProTech Spraying Service out of Cimarron come spray for weeds and has received a bid from them of \$909 for the west park, \$303 for Big Toy Park and all Heritage Park needs is crabgrass preventer because it gets sprayed every year. She also said the trees in the west park are in need of spraying for elm bugs or they're going to lose all the trees. She reported some of the trees are 80% dead already, she said her and Danny could go through the trees and pick which ones should be treated and which ones are already too far gone for it to do any good. After further discussion, Joe made a motion to spray the west park and Big Toy Park for weeds, to treat the iron deficiency tree for \$130.00 and spray 24 trees for \$1,500.00, seconded by Andrew and the motion carried.

Lake Co-manager Debbie Dutton told the council there is a family who are wanting to donate mattresses for Ryan's Cabin to replace the ones that are there, she said they use the cabin an average of once every two weeks. The council agreed that if they want to donate new mattresses that is fine, but said if the mattresses are in bad shape and need to be replaced, we should pay to have them replaced in the future.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw asked the council to consider having Prairie Plaza Apartments pay back the city for the years the city paid their insurance and other expenses when they didn't have the funds to do so. They asked if there was any way to get a total amount and Kristal said she would see if she could get a figure together. The council agreed they would consider it. Danny reported he had talked with Mike at EBH about grants for the Comanche Estates water project, he said our water rates are too low to qualify for most grants that are out there for water projects, and he suggested the city do the job itself which would save money. Danny also reported that water well #5 radio frequencies do reach, but he doesn't have a clear cost of what it would be, he thought it would be around \$21,000.00 and if that changes drastically, he will let the council know. Danny told the council at some point they need to be making decisions to either get the streets sealed or turn some back to dirt. Joe asked Danny what they discovered was wrong with his pickup since he noticed it was a pretty expensive fix (\$2,332.57), he told him it was the cam phasers.

Chief of Police Tyson Rosenberger told the council all he had to report was an update on the decals for the patrol car, they should be done by the end of the week. Council member Mike Bushnell asked him if the amount they cost is still \$800.00, Tyson said it was and that Danny Bruckner is the one doing them. Joe asked Tyson if he knew how much he has left in his budget for extra expenses through the end of the year, Tyson said the last he knew it was \$2,400.00. Joe told him it was less than that now and was wondering what the training is for listed at \$599 in the bills to be paid. Tyson told him it was for a drug interdiction class. Joe then asked him if he needs to take the training to get his hours for the year or if he has all of them taken care of, because if he does have all his hours in, his budget will go over if he does end up going by the time he added room & meals. Tyson told him he didn't know how many hours he had, but would check and let them know. Joe stated they would not pay the bill to Relentless LLC dba Desert Snow for \$599.00 until Tyson lets them know if he needs the class for his hours. Mike asked him why he has an Amazon prime account, which was listed on this month's credit card statement for \$119.00 without a receipt. He told them he gets his supplies through Amazon. After further discussion, Tyson told them he canceled his Amazon prime membership. The council told Tyson he really needs to watch his spending and to make sure he gets all receipts to the city clerk.

City Attorney Allison Kuhns told the council that since everyone wasn't here they would wait until next meeting to go over the codification of ordinances. Allison then asked the council to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss job performance for 5 minutes, Andrew so moved and Joe 2nd. Motion carried. After five minutes, Andrew moved to go back into executive session for the same reason for 15 minutes, seconded by Joe and the motion carried. After returning to open session, no decisions were made.

President Jason Martin told the council he had been in contact with Deborah McDonald regarding her 2015 and 2016 \$3,600.00 mowing bill she has for the property she owns behind the Coldwater Apartments. He said she told him she didn't need a phone conference, but wanted them to consider her deal of paying \$300.00 this year and \$300.00 next year for a total of \$600.00 with her being able to make payments on the \$600.00. After discussion, Joe made a motion to decline her offer with the \$3,600.00 mowing bill still being owed, seconded by Mike and the motion carried.

President Martin presented a Cereal Malt Beverage license renewal for Family Bowl. Mike made a motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage license for Family Bowl, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

City Clerk Kristal Sherman told the council that Steve Paul had made an application for an animal permit for 6 head of cattle for the purposes of grazing the grass and weeds to reduce the fire hazard. Joe made a motion to approve the animal permit for Steve Paul for 6 head of cattle, seconded by Andrew and the motion carried.

Mike Bushnell asked Lake Manager, Sam McCleary about the lake cabins, since it was reported one had not been cleaned when someone rented it. Sam said it was a lack of communication and yes it was dirty, he thought him and Debbie had the miscommunication worked out.

Bills in the amount of \$74,240.04 (after subtracting the bill to Relentless LLC dba Desert Snow for \$599.00) were presented for payment. Andrew made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Under new business, Joe told the council he would like to go back to one meeting a month, he doesn't think they are any better informed having two meetings, plus he said he's talked to Kristal and it has created a lot more work for her having two meetings per month, the other council members in attendance agreed they don't feel any more informed, he said he wants to bring the committees back. After discussion, Joe made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-5 changing the council meetings back to one meeting per month, seconded by Andrew and the motion carried. Kristal asked Allison when the change will take effect, she said as soon as the ordinance is signed and published in

the paper. Joe said he thought the committees should be set as policy committees and not as supervisory committees, no decisions by a council member can be made outside a meeting with policy committees. After reviewing the different committees, the council set the committees as follows:

Code Enforcement & Police: Joe & Mike

Lake & Comanche Estates: Andrew & Daniel

Parks & Pool: Mike & Jason

Streets, Sewer & Water: Joe & Daniel

Shooting Range: Andrew & Jason

Joe made a motion to approve the committees as listed above, seconded by Mike and the motion carried.

With no other business presented, Andrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m., seconded by Joe and the motion carried.