

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 15, 2018

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in regular session with the following present: Mayor Penny Bruckner presiding, Council members Mike Bushnell, Joe Ceballos, Andrew Evans, Daniel Hess and Jason Martin, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Chief of Police Tyson Rosenberger, City Attorney Allison Kuhns and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors included Vanita Blundell, Dave Rose and Chris Bruckner.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved as written, motion by Jason, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Vanita Blundell with United Country Real Estate told the council it had been a year since they contracted with the City to sell the lots at Comanche Estates, and since the contract was only good for a year, she asked if they want to renew the contract with them. Vanita said they had sold 5 lots in the last year. Daniel made a motion to renew the contract with United Country Real Estate, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw reported he is looking for a new brand of mowers since the lease is up in 2019 with John Deere, he said he is very unhappy with the service and parts at John Deere, telling the council the warranty had expired on the mowers and they have had a couple of big repair bills on them. Danny also reported he wanted to add some piling to the drainage ditch on west main street, he said it costs \$132.00 a sheet, but he already has some that he going to use and see how far he gets. Danny told the council the guy that was here a few months back regarding the water tower maintenance contract has changed companies, but he's still offering the same maintenance that he offered before with McGuire Iron. The council told Danny to get a copy of the maintenance contract he's offering with the new company, compare the two and report back to the council. Danny also reported that parts have been ordered for water well #5 and they should be here within the next 30 days to install them. Mayor Bruckner said she wanted to discuss code enforcement with everyone, and asked City Attorney Allison Kuhns if the house on east main is ready to be torn down. Allison told Penny it could be torn down anytime. Danny said it would make a good winter project. Daniel told Danny he appreciated the job he and the maintenance crew did on sealing main street, thought it looked good. Danny said the only other thing he had to report was an ongoing sewer problem at Pioneer Lodge, he said they have been cleaning out sewer lines and once again he has run into problems with Pioneer Lodge flushing "flushable wipes" down the sewer, even though he has told them time and time again they do not "flush", they actually clog up the sewer system. After discussion, the council asked Allison to write a letter to Pioneer Lodge asking them to stop flushing the wipes down the sewer. Danny also said he wanted to commend Don Dutton on the job he has done at the lake this summer, saying he has gone above and beyond the job he was hired to do. The council agreed.

Chief of Police Tyson Rosenberger said he didn't have a report. The council asked him how the speed sign was working, he said he thought it was working well and told them the cost of purchasing it is \$4,680.00 and the better model costs \$8,540.00. He did say if they want to purchase the sign he didn't know if he'd have room in his 2019 budget for it, and that they may have to wait and budget for it in 2020.

City Attorney Allison Kuhns told the council that she has reached out to both oil & gas lease companies regarding the insurance, she said one of the companies had responded and will look into it, but she hasn't heard from the other company. Allison asked the council to go through the remainder of the ordinances they didn't get through at the last meeting. After she looked through them, she realized they had pretty much gone through them all that she had a question about. She

told the council she would have the codification finished by next meeting and have the ordinances in binders.

Mayor Bruckner told the council the city crew went through the veteran's building tables on October 10th and as of that date there were 235 folding chairs, 16 round tables, 14 of the plastic tables and 15 of the more heavy tables and only 5 "loaner" tables, she said they threw some of the tables away that were in such bad shape. After discussion, the council instructed the city clerk to get prices for tables and chairs and report back, and they also discussed changing the policy to not allow any tables and chairs to leave the building.

Mayor Bruckner told the council the "back road" to the lake is getting pretty bad, they discussed the fact that the road either needs taken back to dirt or spend money to repave it. After discussion, it was agreed to take the pavement out south of Jene Allen's house.

Council member Joe Ceballos said he had met with city employee Lynda Cooley, who takes care of the parks, they looked over all the trees in the west and east parks and said there are 14 trees in the west park and 1 in the east park that need to be cut down, they have been infested with bugs and are pretty much gone. Joe said he would cut the trees down for \$2,000.00 if the city maintenance guys haul them off. After discussion, Daniel made a motion to have Joe cut down the 15 trees in the parks for \$2,000.00 and have the city maintenance guys haul them off, seconded by Jason and the motion carried. The council then agreed that after they are cut down, Danny needs to plant trees to replace those that are removed.

A letter from Danny and Kay Rich, who are seasonal campers at the lake, was read by the council. They complimented the city on how nice the lake looked this summer with Lanny and Don spending endless hours of mowing and the city guys trimming the trees and picking up limbs. They thanked Debbie for all the hours she put in at the booth to make things run smoother. They pointed out there are a few areas that need attention which is the cleanliness of the bathhouses and cabins, they hoped those areas could be addressed. The council agreed.

Bills in the amount of \$1,304,262.03 were presented for payment. Kristal pointed out the reason the bills were so high is because of the new pool bond issue and paying off the "old" bonds on September 11th. Daniel made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Council member Daniel Hess made a motion the council and Danny to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss job performance for 5 minutes, seconded by Joe and the motion carried. After returning to open session, no action was taken.

With no other business presented, Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.