

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Thursday, December 27, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in special session for the purpose of discussing South Washington Street, finalize the Codification of Ordinances and approving 2018 year-end bills, with the following present: Mayor Penny Bruckner, Council members Mike Bushnell, Joe Ceballos, Andrew Evans, Daniel Hess and Jason Martin, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Chief of Police Tyson Rosenberger and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Robin Allen, Jene Allen, Nancy Schultz, Johnita Stalcup, Zack Ellis, Lynn Wagnon, Jennifer King, Edwin Rogers, Amy Wilson, Kathy Bilyeu, Jerri McKnight, A. J. Prusa, Garth Koehn, Gwen Thompson, Johnita Stalcup, Chris & Katelyn Johnson, Kelsey Thompson, Mike Hamor, Wayne Thompson, Tate Reed, Zack Ellis and Diana Thompson.

Robin Allen was the first to speak, she told the council she loves Coldwater, it is her home, the City she has lived in most of her life and will be buried here. She said her and Jene talked to 4 different council members and got 4 different stories as to why the street was tore out. She urged the council to fix the street back to pavement.

Jene Allen asked the council WHY? Why was the street taken out when all they had to do was fill in some potholes. He said the potholes have been a problem for years and all they have done is fill them in with dirt so they have been getting bigger and bigger. He said if the maintenance crew would get out of their pickups, take the time to fill in the holes and patch them like they are supposed to, we wouldn't be here today. He said turning streets back to dirt is making the town go backward instead of forward.

Nancy Schultz said she has seen the map that has streets marked that are recommended to go back to dirt and the street she lives on is one of them marked. She said she hopes the council doesn't let it go back to dirt because there is a low spot she is afraid would cause a mess if it was dirt.

Diana Thompson made a statement and asked simply that South Washington street be fixed since it is highly used by her family and friends and most citizens of Coldwater as a back way to the lake and golf course.

Johnita Stalcup said she has seen the map that Danny has marked with streets he has recommended go back to dirt and her street is on that map. She said there isn't anything wrong with her street and she would hope the council didn't vote to take it back to dirt.

A.J. Prusa said she didn't agree with the street being taken out, but it's done and everyone needs to move forward, she did say that she is bothered by the fact the council is not owning up to agreeing to tear out the pavement. She said she didn't think it would have happen had Danny thought he didn't have their ok to do it. She also said she would like to see the street fixed.

Zack Ellis said the street in front of his house was one on the map suggested to be taken back to dirt, he told the council his street was a natural waterway from Main Street and said it wouldn't be a good idea for it to go back to dirt. He also asked if the City had raised the mil levy in the last few years. Daniel told him it had pretty much stayed the same.

Lynn Wagnon said his street was on the map of suggested streets to be turned back to dirt, he asked the council to not vote to do that, he said there's nothing wrong with the street except some bad places on the edge which he said he could put some rock in there. He said Ron Lytle had that paved when he built the house and he would like to keep it.

Kelsey Thompson suggested to the council they contract the street work out to a paving company. Danny said that had been discussed before and when he checked into pricing, it was

going to cost \$3,500.00 per block and the city employees would still need to prep the street for paving. The council said that is something they could maybe look at again as a possibility.

Andrew suggested to the council, so this doesn't happen again, they take a vote before any streets are discussed to tear out again. Daniel made a motion to have Danny bring costs and report to the council what it's going to take to repave South Washington Street to the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Mike asked Danny if there was another economical base to put on that street, other than spending the money to pave it back. The council instructed Danny to work, as soon as possible, on getting a base on that street. Discussed having a company contract to pave the City streets, wondering if they would cut us a break if they paved so many blocks a year over 5 years. Asked Danny to check into that possibility.

Allison passed around divider pages and correction pages for everyone to add to their code binders, she also said she has made the 10<sup>th</sup> binder, so the new codification of ordinances will go into effect on January 1, 2019.

Bills in the amount of \$57,736.62 were presented for payment. Jason made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Daniel and the motion carried.

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