

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 13, 2020

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in regular session with the following present: Mayor Penny Bruckner presiding, Council members Mike Bushnell, Robert Cardoza, Cleta Lampe and Ashta Rosson, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman. Council member Renee Blasi was absent

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, there were no visitors, the meeting was moved into the big room of the veteran's building to keep to the "social distancing" rule, and the time was moved up to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Bruckner called the meeting to order and minutes from the March meetings were approved as written, motion by Mike, seconded by Robert and the motion carried.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw reported Baxter Self is putting up a privacy fence at his residence at 412 N. Leavenworth, and has applied for a zoning variance to go outside the 15 foot setbacks. Danny had sent the council members a map of Baxter's yard and outlined where he was wanting to build the fence. Danny said he doesn't have a problem with him going outside the setbacks, it will leave the water meter on the outside of the fence and will keep within a foot of the hydrant. Robert made a motion to approve the zoning variance for Baxter Self as long as the fence is to be installed within a foot of the hydrant, seconded by Mike and the motion carried. Danny told the council as far as resealing the streets are concerned, he recommends they spend \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to do crack sealing this spring and not do chip sealing. He said with the pandemic going on he doesn't want the city to struggle financially if we go ahead with the planned chip sealing of over \$100,000.00. Danny said he had talked to Aaron Koehn, the City's auditor, and he thought with the possibility of the lake not bringing in the usual revenue this year plus other factors, it would probably be the best solution to just do the crack sealing on the streets that need it the worst. After discussion, the council all agreed not to do the planned street work this summer and Ashta made a motion to go with Circle C Paving out of Goddard, KS to do the crack sealing at a cost of \$20,400.00, seconded by Mike and the motion carried. Danny also reported on the new pickup he ordered: he was originally told by Irwin Auto in Woodward, OK the new pickup he ordered would be ready by May 18th, then after the Coronavirus hit, they couldn't give him a date when it would be built, and was put on hold indefinitely. He said it could be another six months or more before it could be built. Danny explained he did some looking around at other dealers to see if they had one in stock and found one at Mark Allen Chevrolet in Tulsa, OK for \$41,712.00 which was \$200.00 more than the one the council voted on in February. He said it already has a flat bed on it, the dealer told him he would take the flat bed off and put the utility bed on which accounts for the extra \$200.00 in labor to switch out the beds. After discussion, Ashta made a motion to approve of Danny spending the \$200.00 more for the new pickup at a cost of \$41,712.00, seconded by Robert and the motion carried.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield reported he is still going out and running traffic, writing a few tickets. Devon asked permission to purchase three more uniform shirts, saying he would pay for them out of his own pocket to help save the City financially. The council told Devon, his budget allowed for him to purchase uniforms and he didn't need to use his personal money to purchase shirts. Devon also reported he has officially become a member of the local volunteer fire department. He also told the council he doesn't know how he's going to do 20 hours of code enforcement a month, telling them there isn't that much code enforcement to do at this time. The council told Devon to just adjust his time between code enforcement & law enforcement how he needs to, but with summer coming, he may have more code enforcement to do.

Council member Mike Bushnell asked Danny what the big holes were at the City park and why they were there. Danny said he filled those in today, but they had been there when he was trying to find the water lines around the basketball court where they had a water leak. Mike also asked

Danny about spraying for weeds at the City park, saying the weeds are bad right now. Danny said he and parks maintenance employee Lynda Cooley had discussed it last year that her mower is equipped to pull the sprayer and spray weeds. Mike said he had visited with her and she thought the maintenance employees were going to spray for weeds. He said it just sounded like miscommunication between Lynda and Danny. Mayor Bruckner asked Danny to visit with Lynda about her spraying the parks for weeds. They also discussed the new trees that were planted at the park and getting the timers installed on the drip system and being able to lock the hydrant so the trees can stay watered without kids messing with the hydrants.

Mayor Bruckner reported City Attorney Allison Kuhns had told her they should consider approving an ordinance so they can enforce public health orders, especially since there is one in place right now with the COVID-19 Pandemic. She asked the council to review the ordinance. After discussion, Cleta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-1 which relates to the enforcement of public health orders, seconded by Ashta and the motion carried.

Mayor Bruckner reported City Attorney Allison Kuhns told her the City really didn't need to give the lake managers a contract since they are considered "employees" and not "contract labor". They can just treat them like a regular employee and keep them hired from year to year instead of rehiring them each year. The council agreed.

Bills in the amount of \$97,822.87 were presented for payment. Mike made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Robert and the motion carried.

Under new business Mayor Bruckner told the council that lake manager Debbie Dutton had called her and said there is a company coming in to do highway maintenance work between here and Greensburg and they were asking if they could stay in a camper at the lake for the next 3 or 4 months. The council discussed the matter and said they didn't see a problem with it as long as they stayed in the "D" hookups (full hookups) and as long as they didn't have more than 10 people congregating at their campsites. Mayor Bruckner said Debbie was supposed to be calling her to let her know how many were wanting to stay. The council also discussed the pool – with everything up in the air at this time, they don't know if and/or when the pool may be able to open this summer. They told Kristal to go ahead and wait a week (the Governor's stay-at-home-order expires April 19th) and see if the stay-at-home order is extended, but after this week go ahead and advertise for lifeguards and just let them know everything is pending.

With no other business presented, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20p.m., seconded by Robert and the motion carried.