

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in special session for the purpose of discussing water and sewer rates, and the proposed sale of a Comanche Estates lot, with the following present: Mayor Penny Bruckner, Council members Renee Blasi, Mike Bushnell, Robert Cardoza, Cleta Lampe and Ashta Rosson, and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Evan Jackson, Vanita Blundell, Shawn and Amber Harmon.

Mayor Bruckner called the special meeting to order.

Shawn Harmon told the council they have submitted an offer of \$7,500.00 for lot #2003 at Comanche Estates, he said they would like to have the north 100 ft. x 125 ft. lot where the oil well is that the city owns and is offering \$3,500.00, he said he would grant the city a 30 foot easement because of the oil well. He further explained their plans are to make it a “commons area” for anyone who would want to use it as access to the lake from Comanche Estates. He further explained in the future they might use it to build on if they are ever able to purchase the lot next to it owned by Susan Hansen. Mike made a motion to allow the Harmons to purchase the “extra lot” for \$3,500.00, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes. Renee made a motion to allow the Harmons to purchase Lot #2003 for \$7,500.00, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

Water rates were discussed. Danny discussed with the council the possibility of drilling another water well at the lake for the Comanche Estates houses. He said with all the housing going up out there, they really need to be thinking about upgrading the water to the Estates. After considerable discussion, Robert made a motion to raise the water base rate by \$10.00 to \$35.00, which would include 1,000 of useage and to raise the per 1,000 gallon rate from \$2.25 to \$2.50, effective March 1, 2021. Renee, Robert, Mike and Cleta all voted Yes with Ashta voting No. Mike made a motion to reduce the south water dock (water dock #2) from \$8.40 to \$4.00, effective March 1, 2021 seconded by Renee and all voted Yes.

Sewer rates were discussed. It was discussed heavily whether to go ahead and raise sewer rates now or wait. Robert said it was his opinion they should go ahead and raise the sewer rates now, Cleta and Ashta felt like they should wait a while after raising the water rates to raise the sewer rates. After further discussion, Mike made a motion to raise the sewer rates for residential customers from \$12.00 to \$14.00 and commercial customers from \$14.00 to \$16.00, effective March 1, 2021. Renee, Robert and Mike voted Yes, Cleta and Ashta voted No. Motion carried.

Mayor Bruckner told the council she and Kristal both had contacted the new county attorney from Ashland to see if he would be interested in being our city attorney and he has not returned a call or email. Kristal said she checked with the City of Greensburg and they have an attorney from Dodge City. Mayor Bruckner said she recommends going ahead and appointing Charlie Herd for a year, since he just wanted to serve a one-year term, and then maybe during this year we can be searching for a new city attorney. Mike made a motion to approve the appointment of Charlie Herd as City Attorney, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

With no further business presented, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Renee and all voted Yes.