

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday June 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in regular session, with the following present: Mayor Joe Ceballos presiding, Council members Robert Cardoza, Clela Lampe, Britt Lenertz and Ashta Rosson, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: A. J. Prusa and Vanita Blundell

Mayor Ceballos called the regular council meeting to order, City Clerk, Kristal Sherman conducted roll call, Council member Mike Bushnell was absent. Minutes from the May meeting were approved as written, motion by Robert, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

AJ Prusa told the council the fireworks show at the lake is set for the evening of July 4th with a back-up “rain” day set for July 5th. AJ asked the council’s permission for the cheerleaders to sell fireworks from Friday, July 1st through Monday, July 4th, the council agreed. AJ reported the magazine container the City purchased 8 years ago to house the fireworks is in really bad shape, she said it is to the point where she can not repair it any longer. The cost for a new metal container is \$900.00, with the delivery charge of \$150.00 making the total \$1,050.00. She asked if the City would consider paying for the new container since they do not pay for the fireworks any longer. She also asked the hours to shoot fireworks be: Friday July 1st, Saturday July 2nd, Sunday July 3rd and Monday July 4th until midnight. Mayor Ceballos told AJ the council would discuss the two requests at the end of the meeting and Kristal will call her and let her know what they decide.

Vanita Blundell told the council as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, they were planning Come On Home to Coldwater September 3rd and 4th of Labor Day Weekend. She said so far plans are for: Fun Run/Walk, Arts & Crafts Show, Car Show, Face Painting, Medallion Hunt, Street Dance and Golf Tournament. Vanita asked if the 2nd block of Main Street could be blocked off for the car show and street dance, the council agreed and told Vanita when it was close to the date to get with Danny Shaw for cones to block the streets. Vanita also told the council she knew they were working on purchasing new banners for the light poles, but the Chamber is wanting to do banners as well. She said they had the idea that the banners be sponsored by a business and have their business name printed on them. She said they had asked Danny Bruckner to print them, but he told them he doesn’t have the capability to do it so they found a company that would do a dual sided vinyl banner for \$95.00. Mayor Ceballos told Vanita the council would discuss the banners at the end of the meeting and let her know.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw reported the test well that was drilled west of town out by the lake did not come back with a good water sample and will not work, he said it came back with high levels of uranium & radon. He said Mike Younger’s suggestion is to get a test from well #4, and if it’s a good test, go 50 feet from that well and drill another well. Danny also reported the county has been having problems taking yard clippings and leaves from peoples’ yards at the landfill, they would have to make a “compost pile” which consists of lots of rules and regulations from KDHE so Robert, as Comanche County Road and Bridge Supervisor, is asking the City to contact the EPA, not KDHE, and see if it would be possible to have a “compost pile” for City use in City limits. The council asked Danny to contact the EPA and see what they say and report back. Danny said he wanted to bring this up to get the council thinking about adding silt traps at the lake, he said the lake was built to be a 50 year lake and we’re at year 42, quite a few years ago the city checked into dredging the lake which was going to cost in the neighborhood of a million dollars, he said if we can stop what’s coming into the lake it would help a lot and said the Division of Water Resources would have to get involved. The council discussed the matter, but took no action. Danny told the council that he was getting ready to change the locks on the shooting range and asked if they wanted to keep the membership prices the same as they had been when it started which was \$35.00 for a single membership and \$50.00 for a couple. After discussion, the council agreed to leave the prices the same. Danny asked the council about changing the way we do the pasture rent. The council agreed

that certified letters from the City Attorney would need to be sent to the current renters to inform them of the changes.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield reported he has written 47 tickets since last meeting. Devon reported he would like to raise the fine for fireworks from \$100.00 to \$150.00. After discussion, Ashta made a motion to raise the fine for fireworks from \$100.00 to \$150.00 and all voted Yes. Devon told the council more buoys are needed for the no wake zone at the lake, he said there were jet skis inside the swimming areas and is afraid someone is going to get hurt. Danny said they get them from the Department of Wildlife and Parks, they just need to be contacted. Devon reported there have been neighborhood complains about the north & south bound traffic in the school zone on the streets between Philadelphia & Topeka and between Cottonwood & Walnut, he said he would like to move the school zone a block and get signs. After discussion, the council asked Danny and Devon to get together and map exactly where the signs need to go. Devon passed around bids for a new vehicle, he said he knows the 2023 budget planning is getting close and wants to see about getting a new vehicle into his budget. He said the current patrol car has 52,000 actual miles and 8,500 engine hours (6,500 of those are idle time), he explained 1 hour of idle time is equivalent to 27.5 miles driven so that would compute to approximately 178,000 miles on the patrol car. Prices of the new cars are \$48,705.00 from JR Audio in Holcomb, KS for a 2023 Ford Interceptor with additional accessories; \$54,615.00 from JR Audio in Holcomb, KS for a 2023 Ford Interceptor with an additional light package; \$52,986.93 from Superior Emergency Response Vehicles in Andover, KS for a 2022 Tahoe Pursuit with emergency package. There was also a quote for a new in-car camera system for \$2,505.00. After discussion, the council told Devon to talk to both banks and see about a loan with an annual payment.

Mayor Ceballos asked Danny about patching streets, Danny said he has the patching material and they plan to do some patching, but said the 400 block of west first street is too far gone to patch, they would have to take it out and start over with asphalt. Mayor Ceballos asked Danny about flushing fire hydrants, he said they did it last May, Joe thought they were supposed to flush them twice a year.....Danny said Alan Nichols with KDHE said it should be done twice a year, but to do it at least once a year. Mayor Ceballos said he also noticed some fire hydrants need painted. Mayor Ceballos also asked Danny if Circle C Paving was going to do the crack sealing this year, he said he knows they didn't get money in the budget to seal streets, but thought they were going to do the crack sealing. Danny told him Circle C has had some turnover problems and the last he talked to them, they thought it might be fall before they could get here. Mayor Ceballos told Danny he noticed the sewer cleaning ad in the paper and asked if they were finished with the sewer cleaning that was started last fall, Danny told him they got started in the fall, but then it got cold and they haven't got back to it yet, but they plan to soon. He also asked Danny to spray the grass and weeds in the streets, which Danny told the council they got started on that job today. Mayor Ceballos asked Danny if he and Rodney had a supervisor class scheduled, Danny said Rodney is going to a class July 14th and he will be going to one in November, also Jason will be going to a sewer certification class in Salina in the fall. Use of the street sweeper was discussed and Ashta asked if the street sweeper could be put on a regular schedule, the council agreed and Danny said he would try to put it on a monthly schedule.

Bills in the amount of \$317,781.13 were presented for payment. Robert made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Britt and all voted Yes.

Under New Business and Reponse to Public Comment, the council discussed purchasing the container to house the fireworks for AJ Prusa, Ashta made a motion to pay for the fireworks container at a cost of \$1,050.00, seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes. The council also discussed the dates to allow fireworks to be discharged in the City. Ashta made a motion to allow fireworks from July 1st through July 4th until midnight, seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes. Mayor Ceballos told the council he is getting a quote from Sarah Woodrum for banners, she used to work for a company that makes them, and would like to table discussion on the banners.

With no other business presented, Britt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.