

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Monday July 11, 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 Mike Bushnell, Robert Cardoza, Cleta Lampe, Britt Lenertz and Ashta Rosson, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Lake Managers Don & Debbie Dutton, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Leasa Huck and Justin York

Mayor Ceballos called the regular council meeting to order, City Clerk, Kristal Sherman conducted roll call. Minutes from the June meeting were approved as written, motion by Ashta, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.

Leasa Huck told the council she is trying to put together an all-school reunion for South Central High School and is wanting to find a venue other than either school building. She asked the council if she could use the property west of the ballfields between the ballfields and the lake. She said she doesn't have a date nailed down as of yet, but was thinking of doing it before the lake season started, maybe in March or April of 2023. Mayor Ceballos told Leasa they would take her request into consideration and discuss it toward the end of the meeting and Kristal will let her know their decision.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw reported he has gotten an email wanting to have a Kan Cap meeting about water systems, rates, water pressures, etc. with city council and employees on March 15, 2023 from 4pm to 6pm and is asking to use the veteran's building. All agreed that would be fine, but asked if it could be moved to 5pm since most everyone works till then. Danny told the council Bryan Miller at 201 N. Boston, put up a privacy fence, without getting a building permit, and he ran the fence where Southern Pioneer can not get to their electric meter. Danny said actually the fence should have been set back 15 feet from the city right of way. After discussion, the council all agreed Bryan needs to move his fence in at least 4 feet, fill out a building permit, variance form and pay the permit fee. Danny said he will ask Skip to write him a letter telling him that. Danny reported he has contacted two companies to give bids for a new 7' x 9' garage door for the building at the west park. He only heard back from one of the companies which was Overhead Door from Dodge City, their bid was \$1,813.00. Joe and Mike both gave him two more companies they have used to get bids from, at least for a comparison. CRC Overhead Door from Buffalo, OK and C&E Doors from Great Bend. Danny will try to get more bids and report back. Mayor Ceballos asked Danny about the fence, that is no longer there, at the lake between the "D" section of campsites and Comanche Estates. Danny said he has plans to replace the fence that used to be there with a "sucker-rod" fence. Mayor Ceballos also asked Danny about some alleys in the city that have pot holes in them, particularly the alley behind CMS Electric and Greg Ellis's house. He just asked Danny to check the alleys once in a while. Danny said he talked to Lowell at Kansas Wildlife and Parks about needing some buoys at the lake and he said he was going to give the lake what he can. Danny told the council that him and the maintenance employees are all going to attend a lead & copper class July 21st in Pratt, and he hopes to know more about whether they will need to start checking the pipe at each water meter. Mayor Ceballos told Danny that Linda Hart had called wanting to know the status of her property purchase, Danny told him he had actually called her today and told her he's waiting on EBH's Mike Younger to let him know if we will be able to move the well to that property and said simply "if we can't move the well, we can't use the property". Council member Cleta Lampe asked Danny if there was something they could get to give the city maintenance crew some shade while they're working in the extreme heat we've had lately, like an umbrella. Danny said they make sure they stay hydrated with bottled water and Gatorade.

Justin York met with the council to tell them Clark County has decided to raise their disposal fees in January, 2023 by \$20.00 a ton. He said he's currently paying \$32.00 per ton and it will be raised to \$52.00 per ton, and at first they were going to implement the raise in rates immediately, but since he has spoke with them, they are going to wait until January 1, 2023 to raise the rates. Justin

also informed the council his contract with the City will come due in January as well, so towards the end of this year he will come back to the council with a new proposed contract.

Lake Manager Debbie Dutton told the council the lake had a good 4th of July weekend, was also full this last weekend and will be full again this coming weekend. She also reported there is one seasonal camper that still has not brought his RV to the lake yet this summer. Kristal reminded the council that paragraph #4 of the lease agreement says “Lessee must occupy the Site with an RV during the term of this lease agreement.” After discussion, the council agreed to stick to the lease and the camper will forfeit his spot if he doesn’t bring his camper. Debbie said she will call him. Lake Manager Don Dutton told the council he wants to get a boat for the city, said there is a great need for presence on the water, he said it’s only a matter of time before someone is hurt or worse. Don said he had found a boat for \$1,000.00 and after the council looked at the pictures of the boat, they discussed the need to be looking for a boat that would last. Mayor Ceballos asked the council to further discuss the boat at the end of the meeting. Don also reported he wants to anchor the buoys to the lake bed which would cost around \$400.00, the council agreed.

Mayor Ceballos asked the council if they want to add the “Juneteenth Holiday” to their list of City holidays. He said he forgot to ask that question at the June meeting, and made an executive decision the day before the holiday was to happen on June 20th to give the city employees the day off. After discussion, the council all agreed to add June 19th “Juneteenth” to the holiday list since it is a federal holiday.

Mayor Ceballos presented an animal permit application for Ericka Shanniak, she is asking that 4 cattle plus 2 calves to be permitted on her property at 601 S. Leavenworth Ave. Ashta made a motion to approve the animal permit application for Ericka Shanniak, seconded by Clea and all voted Yes.

Mayor Ceballos presented a cereal malt beverage license renewal application for Midwest Supermarkets d/b/a Venture Foods for approval. Robert made a motion to approve the CMB license application for Midwest Supermarkets d/b/a Venture Foods, seconded by Mike and all voted Yes.

The council discussed the proposed 2023 budget as presented. Mayor Ceballos told the council himself and Kristal met with the auditor, Aaron Koehn of Vonfeldt, Bauer and Vofeldt, last week to go through and put the budget together with a revenue neutral rate of 82.733 which raises the same amount of taxes as the 2022 budget and therefore, would not have to raise taxes for the 2023 budget year. Ashta and Clea said they would like to be informed when the budget workday happens next year, Kristal told them that would be no problem, a special meeting can be called. Ashta said the one thing she wants to see in the budget that didn’t get put in, is a new police vehicle. Devon would like to have the 2022 Tahoe, from the choices he passed around at the last meeting, which is \$60,000 for the vehicle, add-ons and new camera system. Devon also got approval from the Bank of Coldwater for a 6 year lease purchase agreement of \$60,000.00 at 4.25% with annual payments to be \$11,539.04. After discussion about how to pay for the \$11,539.04 payment for 2023, the council agreed to take it out of the equipment fund in 2023 and then put it in the police budget for the next 5 years after that. Ashta also said we should go ahead and have the revenue neutral rate hearing in case the city’s valuation changed at the time taxes go out and we won’t have to pay back tax payers that have overpaid their taxes. Clea made a motion to have the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing on September 12, 2022, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted yes. Devon told the council he needs to let Superior Emergency Response Vehicles know by the end of this month if he is going to take the 2022 Tahoe or he will lose it and have to start over looking for a new vehicle. Clea made a motion to have Chief of Police Devon Duffield move forward with securing the 2022 Tahoe and new camera system for a total of \$60,000.00 and telling the Bank of Coldwater the purchase was approved for 2023, the motion was seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield reported the 4th of July weekend went as smooth as possible, he has written 21 tickets and had 1 arrest since last meeting. Devon also told the council he was going to try and devote one day a month to code enforcement and use his own vehicle for doing that job.

Bills in the amount of \$118,706.40 were presented for payment. Robert made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Mike and all voted Yes.

Under New Business and Reponse to Public Comment, the council discussed Leasa Huck's request to use the City's property between the ballfields and the lake for the SCHS all-school reunion. After further discussion, the council agreed to the request. Kristal will let Leasa know. The subject of a boat for city use was further discussed with Ashta having the idea of talking with the county commissioners and see if it was something they would be interested in putting money towards, so the county could use it as well. Ashta said she was willing to talk to the commissioners at their next meeting and see if that was a possibility. The council agreed. Mayor Ceballos told the council Dustin Allen, who is a member of the Come On Home to Coldwater committee, asked if the City would donate \$500 for the pork to be used for the free BBQ on Saturday evening. Mike made a motion the City donate \$500.00 for the Come One Home BBQ, seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes.

With no other business presented, Ashta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.