

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Monday August 8, 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, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Bryan Miller and Sarah Woodrum

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

Bryan Miller asked if there were still any objections to his fence (which was a topic at the July meeting and the council asked to have Bryan move his fence in at least four feet). Bryan told the council Southern Pioneer doesn't have a problem with it, he said he met with Aaron Blasi's boss and said they just need to be able to have access to their meter and the electric pole if it ever becomes necessary, which Bryan said was no problem. Councilman Bushnell asked Bryan if he got the proper building permit and fees paid, Bryan said he did. After further discussion, Mike made a motion to allow Bryan's fence to stay where it is, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

Sarah Woodrum told the council there is a local group that would like to put together a fall softball league, it would be on Sunday afternoon/evenings from the end of September to the end of November. She proposed having Andrew Erickson take care of the maintenance of the fields since he is currently doing that job for the Rec Commission. After a lengthy discussion, the council asked Sarah to talk to Leasa with Peoples Insurance and see if it is ok with them hiring Andrew Erickson to maintain the fields for them, simply from a liability standpoint. The matter was tabled until September's council meeting.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw reported he has received another bid for the park garage door, it is from CRC Overhead Door from Buffalo, OK for \$1,385.00. The bid he had last month is from Overhead Door from Dodge City, KS for \$1,813.00. Mike made a motion to approve the bid from CRC Overhead Door for \$1,385.00 for the park garage door, seconded by Robert and all voted Yes. Danny told the council when putting together the 2022 budget last year, a brush hog for \$25,000.00 was added to the budget for this year. He passed around a bid from KanEquip out of Dodge City for a 10 ft. brush hog for \$18,500.00, which includes to trade in the one we have for \$5,000.00. Robert made a motion to allow Danny to purchase the brush hog from KanEquip for \$18,500.00, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes. Danny told the council that him and Dennies Andersen have talked about the run-down trailer house on his property that he would like to have moved....Danny said if it was ok with the council, he wants to donate his time/labor on a Saturday and use the City's equipment to take it down and moved to the landfill. Dennies said he would pay the landfill bill. The council agreed to the request, and also offered to help if needed. Danny also reported he hasn't been able to get anyone to call him back from the company that makes the pool shade, which is needing replaced at the pool, so he got a hold of his "pool guy" Larry Arlan to look for one. Larry found one that is going to cost \$500.00 more than the original bid, which is \$4,500.00 plus freight, and said if Larry happens to come out this way, he will bring it with him and save the freight charge, but said he won't put it up till next pool season. The council agreed to the purchase, with Danny reminding them there was insurance money received for the wind damage done to the shade in the late winter/early spring. Danny told the council that the huge cottonwood tree in the southeast corner of the west park is mostly dead and needs to come down, saying it could be a hazard if we would get a big wind, but he said it will take a big bucket truck to get it cut down since it is so big. The council said they would like it to come down before the Come On Home celebration on September 3rd. There was further discussion on tree trimmers for Danny to call to get it taken care of. Ashta made a motion to approve up to \$3,000.00 for Danny to find a tree trimmer to get it cut down, seconded by Robert and all voted Yes. Mike Bushnell told Danny he has had some complaints about the picnic table tops at the pool, the wood is getting bad and people are getting splinters, he asked if there was a remedy for that. Danny said that after the pool closes, they will take

the tables to the shop and fix them. Mayor Ceballos told Danny he went down to the pool to investigate the water usage at the pool since it has doubled from last year. He said he looked in the pump house and said it looks like the water is pumping out of the pool and into the big ditch east of the park, and is constantly circulating new water in the pool which is making the pool water really cold, and with the extreme heat we've had this summer the pool should not be that cold....he wondered if there was a way to put in a bypass to return the water back into the pool. Danny said he would have to check into that to see if it is possible to do, and also said he wants to get a camera and run the water line there to see if a valve happens to be leaking. Mayor Ceballos also asked Danny to check the tree bags, we have had on the downtown trees in the past, that are currently being stored to see if they are still good and if they are, get them up on the trees, he thinks for now that is the best way to get them watered. Mike asked Danny where he was at on the sewer clean-out project and also asked Danny if he would give the council a list every month of projects he is currently working on and projects he has to do. Mayor Ceballos also asked if the city maintenance employees would take over handling the chemicals at the pool, he said when he was the water department employee for the City, he did that job and didn't leave it to the pool manager to take care of. Danny also reported they all went to the lead and copper class toward the end of July, and as of now there hasn't been any changes to it, he said he has until October, 2024 to get all the meters in town found and determine what kind of pipe is there.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield reported since the last meeting he has written 19 tickets and 3 warnings. Devon also told the council he has 2 classes coming up he would like to attend, the first is a Fentanyl Safety and ID class on September 7th, and the cost is \$25.00. The second is a Domestic Violence Protection Orders class on September 20th, and the cost is \$35.00. He also said he would like to re-take the class Advanced Medical for First Responders that is being held sometime in November, since last year he was on crutches and couldn't participate in the class. The council agreed to his classes. Devon also reported the Sheriff's office has purchased a boat for use on the lake and said he can use it when needed. He said it will be available for use over Labor Day weekend. Devon also told the council he will be on vacation September 9th and 10th.

Cleta motioned that the City adopt Ordinance No. 2022-1 the 2022 Uniform Public Offense Code, seconded by Mike and all voted Yes.

Cleta motioned that the City adopt Ordinance No. 2022-2 the 2022 Standard Traffic Ordinance, seconded by Robert and all voted Yes.

Mayor Ceballos asked the council to discuss the daily food allowance when employees are gone to classes and/or seminars. It is currently at \$30.00 per day, he said you can't hardly eat 3 meals for \$30.00 per day anymore. After discussion, Ashta made a motion the employee daily food allowance for classes and seminars be raised from \$30.00 to \$45.00 per day, seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.

City Clerk Kristal Sherman said she had a member of the Chamber of Commerce ask if the City would waive the vendor permit for a food truck possibly coming to town during the Come On Home festivities. After discussion, the council agreed not to waive the vendor permit for the food truck since the City only charges \$35.00 per year for a vendor's permit.

Bryan Miller asked if something could be done about the Peoples Bank employee parking on Central Ave., he said it is a hazard not being able to see traffic coming from the south to get on to Central Ave. from Main Street, and said he about had a wreck there the other day. Discussion was held on that topic, not only at that location, but there are several places on Main Street and Central Avenue where you can not see the traffic coming. The council said they will look into the issue to see what can be done.

Bills in the amount of \$128,078.78 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 again discussed Sarah Woodrum's request to use the ballfields for their fall softball league, and agreed to revisit the request at the September meeting.

With no other business presented, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Cleta and all voted Yes.