

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 13, 2023, 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, Lake Co-Managers Don and Debbie Dutton, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Lynn German, Paul Alvarez and Chris Mills

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

Lynn German, who is a resident of Comanche Estates, told the council closing the gates from November to March from 8pm to 8am and restricting the access to the lake for all the people in Comanche Estates isn't going to work. Lynn suggested the local law enforcement spend more time out at the lake in the offseason and between the City Police and the Sheriff's office they should spend more time patrolling the lake. Lynn also suggested putting up security cameras at all the entrances. Paul Alvarez, also a resident of Comanche Estates, said he understands the reasoning for the shut down and said he also thinks it's a law enforcement issue rather than a locked in or out issue, he suggested the security cameras as well. After a bit of discussion, Mayor Ceballos told Lynn and Paul the council would discuss the matter further toward the end of the meeting.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw told the council Mongan Painting and Sandblasting out of Hume, Missouri were here today to inspect the basin. He said they will send a report back with an estimate of the costs to take the liner out, sandblast it, recoat it and reseal it.

Lake Co-Manager Don Dutton told the council he is about ready to open for the season, he still has a few more picnic tables to fix and plans to start cleaning out and painting the storm shelters this week. Don said if the power goes off during a storm, there are no lights in the storm shelters, it's pitch black, and he would like to add lights to them. After discussion, Cleta made a motion to set a limit of \$150.00 for battery operated lights for all the storm shelters, seconded by Britt and everyone voted Yes.

Lake Co-Manager Debbie Dutton reported she and Kristal have been working on getting campers into open spots since March 1st. Debbie asked the council what to do if a seasonal camper takes their camper out of their spot for any amount of time, or they don't bring their camper to the lake until June or July. The council said the lease agreement states that "Lessee must occupy the Site with an RV during the term of this lease agreement". Debbie also suggested to the council that next year she start after the first of the year to help take care of the campers getting their lease agreements and payments in, she said she receives calls from them anyway even though she isn't officially on duty, she said she could work from home and call the campers on March 1st to fill spots.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield reported since the last meeting he has written 36 tickets and 4 warnings. Devon reported as code enforcement officer, that the residence at 200 N. Washington is in severe disrepair, the home is open to the elements, the plumbing is destroyed and the city has cleaned the property several times. Adult protective services has been to the house, and also the owner's caseworker, they all say the home needs to be condemned, it is unlivable. He said he will revisit this issue in April. Devon reported Terri with Comanche County EMS said they are willing to cover \$800 on an AED unit for the City Police Department, the one Devon found for the City costs \$1,550.00. Ashta made a motion to approve the AED unit for \$1,550.00 with the County covering \$800.00 of the costs, seconded by Mike and everyone voted Yes. Devon also reported he applied for and received a grant from the Gary Sensey foundation for 100% of the costs (\$16,500.00) for a new camera system for the new patrol car, he advised Deputy Jacob Bruckner is willing to help Devon

install the new camera system. He said the new radar system for the new patrol car is \$7,000.00 and he is searching for a grant to cover it. He did receive word the new patrol car is complete, and is just waiting for it to be delivered.

Mayor Joe Ceballos told the council they have a sheet to review from Peoples Insurance agent Leasa Huck which shows the increase in premium in the City's policy by \$4,160.00 from last year.

Mayor Ceballos passed around the employee evaluations and asked the council to review the employee evaluations and discuss wages. Ashta made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss city employee evaluations and wages, seconded by Mike and everyone voted Yes. After returning to open session the following pay raises were given:

Danny Shaw - \$1.18/hr from \$29.82/hr to \$31.00/hr (based on 170 hrs a month)

Rodney Keith - \$1.00/hr from \$19.00/hr to \$20.00/hr

Charlie Austin - \$1.00/hr from \$17.00/hr to \$18.00/hr

Chris Mills - \$1.00/hr from \$14.00/hr to \$15.00/hr

Kristal Sherman - \$1.00/hr from \$23.50/hr to \$24.50/hr

Melissa McGuire - \$1.00/hr from \$11.50/hr to \$12.50/hr

Don Dutton – Apr.-Sept. \$2,750.00/mo (from \$2,500.00/mo) Oct.-March \$13.00/hr

Debbie Dutton-Apr.-Sept.\$2,250.00/mo (from \$2,000.00/mo) Oct-March \$12.00/hr

Lynda Cooley - \$0.75/hr – from \$13.25/hr to \$14.00/hr

Devon Duffield - \$1.00/hr from \$16.58/hr to \$17.58/hr (based on 200 hrs a month)

Kayla Snyder - \$0.50/hr from \$16.00/hr to \$16.50/hr

Asst. Pool Manager. - \$0.50/hr from \$11.50/hr to \$12.00/hr

Cleta made a motion to approve the raises listed above, seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes.

Bills in the amount of \$93,755.03 were presented for payment. Robert made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Ashta and all voted Yes.

Under unfinished business Mayor Ceballos recommended to the council they go ahead and open the lake to Comanche Estates and meet with the residents to come up with ideas. Mike made a motion to leave the lake gates open, seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes. They discussed the idea of security cameras and putting up a street light at the entrance. Lynn German thanked the council for their decision to open the gates.

Under New Business Ashta said last week a child had let the family dog out (which was their son's dog that was staying with them) no one went out with the dog and he ended up biting a child who had to get stitches. Devon explained the situation. Cleta made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the dog situation, seconded by Britt and everyone voted Yes. After returning to open session no decisions were made.

With no other business presented, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Britt and all voted Yes.