

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 10, 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, Public Works Director Danny Shaw, Lake Co-Managers Don & Debbie Dutton, Chief of Police Devon Duffield and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Visitors: Kodi Ellis, Bruce Boettcher and Chris Mills

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 Cleta, seconded by Britt and all voted Yes.

Bruce Boettcher, an engineer with BG Consultants of Emporia, Manhattan, Lawrence, gave some background into the company, he said the company has handled projects, which included grant funds, in surrounding Pratt, Kiowa and Barber Counties plus around 200 other projects across the State. He said he had talked to Public Works Director Danny Shaw about the water project the City is wanting to do, and let the council know his company would be interested in handling the project. He told the council if they have any questions to feel free to reach out, he gave everyone his business card and said he looks forward to working with the City.

Kodi Ellis told the council the past 2 years she has done a 5K as a fundraiser for Downs Syndrome and Chromosome 18, and this year would like to do a duck race with rubber ducks on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. She is asking for approval to close down 2 blocks of streets, that have drainage, the firetrucks would spray water down the street and the ducks would race down the street. After discussion, Ashta made a motion to close down Cottonwood Avenue to First Street for the duck race on Saturday, September 2nd., seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes.

Public Works Director Danny Shaw passed around the bids from 3 companies he received for repairs to the water basin: 1. Utility Maintenance Contractors of Wichita, KS for \$131,750; Mayer Specialty Services LLC of Goddard, KS - \$125,280.00; and Mongan Painting and Sandblasting of Hume, MO - \$94,500.00. Britt made a motion to hire Mongan Painting and Sandblasting with the bid of \$94,500.00, seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes. Danny said Joe had asked for a quote on a new pump for the water basin which is \$7,396.00 from Salina Supply. Britt made a motion to purchase the new pump for \$7,396.00 from Salina Supply, seconded by Robert and everyone voted Yes. Danny reported Circle C Paving & Construction will be here Friday to chip seal east Main Street from the former Presbyterian Church east to Melanie Hoffman's home, and also the west lake road from the oil well south just past the locust grove. Danny also reported there will be another engineer at the next meeting. Mayor Ceballos told Danny, Lynn Wagnon asked him to report there are potholes on North Boston and asked if he would fill them in.

Lake Co-Manager Don Dutton reported everything went smooth over July 4th weekend. Don also reported the wood on the cabins needs water sealed since it hasn't been done for at least 6 years. Lake Co-Manager Debbie Dutton said there is a camper who has moved out and the neighboring camper has taken it upon himself to pay for the vacant camping spot and won't let the city rent it out, claiming it is his spot since he's paying for it, but he has not signed a lease agreement for that spot. This is also the same camper that already rents 2 spots, his and another one by him that he has let someone else camp in. After discussion, the council agreed that should not be allowable under the lease agreement and the city could force the camper and neighbor to leave the lake for violation of his lease agreement, and will talk to City Attorney Skip Herd about writing a letter to the camper about the issue. Debbie also reported there are 104 golf carts with permits at the lake, and that the cart drivers often stop in the middle of the roads blocking traffic, she asked if we could be more strict with the golf carts. Chief of Police, Devon Duffield said he has talked to the golf cart drivers about that issue, he said they would move and quit blocking the road until they knew he has left the lake and they'd be back blocking the road again. That led to a discussion over Devon's presence at the

lake and the hours he works. Debbie said Devon needs to work the weekends, she said they have been full practically every weekend, he's off this weekend and the lake is full, she would like to see Devon out at the lake more to cut down on the underage golf cart drivers and other violations going on. Devon said everyone in town and at the lake knows where he is and once he goes into the lake property, they all get on their phones and let each other know so he can't catch people doing anything. Devon and Cleta explained why he schedules his hours the way he does. They talked about Don being able to write tickets at the lake and Devon said he could deputize anyone on the city council so they could write tickets as well. Cleta asked Don about the report of people on air mattresses going down the spillway, he said it was about 3 weeks ago and the gentleman that you have the letter from reported it and by the time he got down there, they were floating on the air mattresses at the bottom. He said if you're not right there when they do it, you're not going to catch them.

Chief of Police Devon Duffield passed around his August schedule, and said "I feel like I have a good balance of hours going on for availability, and the only time I will tell you I can not come out, I'm either sick or I'm out of the county." Mike asked Devon to especially watch the school zone for people texting and driving. Discussion was held further on Devon's hours. Devon reported since the last meeting he has written 26 tickets, given two warnings and made one arrest. Devon also reported that as of December 31st of this year his Taser X2 will be obsolete, he won't be able to get the cartridges and there will no longer be a warranty. He said the next option will be the X7, and said come January 1st, they will ship out the new one with cartridges and everything he would need with the cost being \$700.00 per year for 5 years, which Kristal said they did get that in his 2024 budget. Devon also reported he will be getting the decals on the new patrol car as soon as Danny Bruckner has the time to do so.

Mayor Ceballos asked the council to read the Municipal Lease Resolution 2023-2 which authorizes the execution and delivery of a municipal lease agreement and other documents to the Bank of Protection, and agreements in connection therewith. Cleta made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-2, seconded by Ashta and everyone voted Yes.

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

The proposed 2024 budget was presented. Kristal said that Mayor Ceballos along with herself and council members Ashta Rosson and Britt Lenertz met with the auditor, Aaron Koehn to put together the 2024 budget. After discussing the budget, Ashta made a motion to approve the 2024 budget for publication and set the budget hearing for September 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm., seconded by Cleta and everyone voted Yes.

Bills in the amount of \$134,406.61 were presented for payment. Robert made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Mike and all voted Yes.

Under new business, Joe passed around a drawing that was made by Roy Hoffman showing all the trees be cut down and flags be mounted on the business buildings on Main Street instead of on the light poles. After discussion, the council agreed to get input from the Main Street business owners prior to any decisions being made. Mike said he has heard several people say the city tennis courts need the lines repainted and also would like to see the addition of "pickle ball" lines painted there as well. The council agreed to have the maintenance employees paint the lines.

With no other business presented, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m., seconded by Britt and all voted Yes.