

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in special session for the purpose of discussing the application for Chief of Police and housing with the following present: Mayor Joe Ceballos, Council members Mike Bushnell, Makenzie Dunn, Gary Haulmark, Leasa Huck and Britt Lenertz, and City Clerk Kristal Sherman.

Mayor Joe Ceballos called the special meeting to order.

Council member Makenzie Dunn said her, Gary and Joe had interviewed John Renison for the Chief of Police position, they said he had a good interview, he isn't certified, but has had some "basic training" in South Dakota and worked there for a short period of time, he has experience working in California as border security with training background in detecting drug smuggling. John indicated he has two other job offers, from Andover and Oakley and he would prefer to work for Coldwater and needs to let the other two cities know before February 5<sup>th</sup>. Housing in Coldwater was also discussed, Makenzie said, if he was hired, John has immediate plans to move into Leslie Land's Air B&B for temporary housing and she just received a call from Roy Hoffman right before the meeting started that he does have a rental available. After discussion, Gary made a motion to hire John Renison with starting salary at \$45,000.00, the City will pay for his housing from February 5<sup>th</sup> through February 29<sup>th</sup> up to \$1,187.50, probation period of six (6) months, benefits beginning after ninety (90) days of employment, and employment starting Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Mike and everyone voted Yes. The council then discussed having John sign a contract of employment. Makenzie made a motion the employment offer is contingent on having John sign a 3-year contract, if John resigns after one (1) year of employment, he would pay the City \$10,000.00, if he resigns after two (2) years of employment, he would pay the City \$5,000.00, seconded by Mike and everyone voted Yes. Kristal will talk to Skip about the contract.

With no further business presented, Britt made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Gary and everyone voted Yes.