

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in special session for the purpose of discussing Land Banks 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.

Comanche & Kiowa County Economic Development Director Julie Lyon presented the city council with information about Land Banks and how they work. She explained, as the former Mayor of Stafford, she started a Land Bank there and said it is a way to turn problem properties into sellable properties and showed several examples in which the Land Bank was used to renovate vacant, non-tax paying properties and turning them into livable homes with taxes being paid. She explained the city can control what happens to a property after it is in the Land Bank and they might think about putting one in place before the upcoming tax sale that is to happen in Coldwater sometime in August. Julie said she would send Kristal an email tomorrow for her to forward to the council, with more information the council can review, it shows some examples of other Cities that have set up a Land Bank, and asked the council to give it some thought and let her know if they think a Land Bank is something they would want to consider putting into place. The council agreed to discuss it further at the next council meeting.

With no further business presented, Britt made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Gary and everyone voted Yes.