

COLDWATER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, June 28, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

The governing body of the City of Coldwater met in special session for the purpose of discussing Prairie Plaza Apartments with the following present: Mayor Joe Ceballos, Council members Mike Bushnell, Makenzie Dunn, Leasa Huck and Britt Lenertz and City Clerk Kristal Sherman. Council Member Gary Haulmark called in by phone.

Mayor Joe Ceballos called the special meeting to order.

President of the Council and Coldwater Housing Authority Board President, Britt Lenertz told Mayor Joe Ceballos the Board that due to the financial situation of Prairie Plaza Apartments, and the Plaza being an entity of the City, the City is ultimately financially responsible for Prairie Plaza, the Coldwater Housing Authority Board would like to request a loan from the City in the sum of \$50,000.00 to pay off the loan for concrete repairs of \$9,314.78, the line of credit at the Peoples Bank of \$14,609.08, services provided for infestation, \$5,000.00 to allow HUD to enter into a new contract for higher rents and \$6,000.00 for payroll and payroll tax expenses, \$2,800.00 to Redrock Pest Control for infestation control and the remainder will be put in the Prairie Plaza checking account for continued operating expenses. Britt made a motion the City loan Prairie Plaza Apartments \$50,000.00 (from the City's 1% sales tax fund) to Prairie Plaza Apartments, seconded by Leasa and everyone voted Yes. Gary wanted to make sure and note that the initial funds will be coming from the City's 1% sales tax fund, but there is approximately \$72,000.00 due from FEMA (due to the flooding event that happened July, 2023) to the City and when those funds are available to the City, the 1% sales tax fund will be paid back by the FEMA funds. Britt also made a motion that on behalf of Prairie Plaza Apartments, it is understood that this will be a loan from the City and the Coldwater Housing Authority would like six (6) months from the date of the new HUD contract, to start paying back the loan to the City, which could be 9 (nine) months from now, the motion was seconded by Mike and everyone voted Yes.

Britt further let Mayor Ceballos know that they cut manager Edwin Roger's hours down to 20 hours per week and maintenance employee Jene Allen's hours down to 10 hours per week, that a Treasurer of the Housing Authority Board was appointed which will be the City Clerk and will take care of all financial records of Prairie Plaza Apartments. Joe requested that Edwin and Jene write down their hours on a time card. Britt said that Jene has reached out to her and said there are no hard feelings, he understands the situation and wants to have a meeting with her to go over his hours. Mayor Ceballos asked if the City owns the building, why we have to pay taxes? And he would also like to attend the monthly Prairie Plaza meetings which have been changed to the Tuesday after the City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

With no further business presented, Britt made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 8:30 a.m., seconded by Makenzie and everyone voted Yes.