

Council Chamber
Henry L. Brown Municipal Bldg.:
One Grand Street
Coldwater, Michigan



January 13, 2020
5:30 p.m.
(517) 279-9501
www.coldwater.org

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Hazelbaker called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Emily Rissman and Travis Machan, representing the 1st Ward; Councilmembers Chris Pierce and Jim Knaack, representing the 2nd Ward; Councilmembers Michael Beckwith and John Petzko, representing the 3rd Ward; and Councilmember Scott Houtz, representing the 4th Ward.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Petzko, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to excuse the absence of Mayor Kramer, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Baker, Megan Angell, Tom Eldridge, Jeff Budd, Joe Scheid, Patrick Beeman, Dave Sattler, Dean Walrack, Jim Odneal, Haroon Aljabably, Susan Heath Pat Pool; Don Reid, David Woodham, Cayden Sparks, Chris Boger, plus two more.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Joe Scheid, Public Safety Director – Introduced new Patrol Officer Haroon Aljabably.
- Chris Boger, 191 N Fillmore Rd., spoke about a Gay Pride event coming to Coldwater June 28, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Numbers 1-12):

The items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and the City Manager and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Councilmember or citizen. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and Council action will be taken separately on said item. Those items

so approved under the heading "Consent Agenda" will appear in the Council minutes in their proper form.

1. City Council Regular Minutes of December 9, 2019.
2. Coldwater Public Library Advisory Board Regular Minutes of October 7, 2019.
3. Coldwater Housing Commission Regular Minutes of November 12, 2019.
4. Coldwater Housing Commission 2019 Annual Report.
5. Zoning Board of Appeals' Special Minutes of December 19, 2018.
6. Local Development Finance Authority Special Minutes of October 23, 2019.
7. Recreation Board Regular Minutes of November 6, 2019.
8. Board of Public Utilities' Regular Minutes of November 19, 2019.
9. Board of Public Utilities' Regular Minutes of December 17, 2019.
10. Michigan South Central Power Agency Regular Minutes of November 7, 2019.
11. Board of Public Utilities' Reports and Financial Statements for October 2019.
12. City of Coldwater monthly Financial Report for November, 2019.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Machan, seconded by Councilmember Pierce, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-12, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

13. Bills and Accounts: \$213,080.19.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Beckwith, seconded by Councilmember Petzko, to approve Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$213,080.19, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

14. City Manager's Report.

- **2019 Large Item Pick Up Report** – There were 3,218 large items picked up at the curb by Republic Waste Services in 2019 (only seven more than in 2018). That is an average of almost 62 items per week City wide. The heaviest weeks are in the early Spring and Summer with less items collected during the Winter months. This continues to be a valuable and well used service and helps keep up the overall appearance of the community. It also helps in code enforcement when our staff can explain that there is a way in which to dispose of large items at no additional expense. Items are collected for City residents each Thursday. Residents can request a pick up by either calling 279-9501 or online at www.coldwater.org.
- **Transfer Station** – A reminder that Republic Waste Services also operates a transfer station in Quincy where any person can dispose of bulk refuse for a fee. The station is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. all year long with Wednesday hours also from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting April 1, 2020.
- **New Police Officer** – The City would like to announce the hiring of Haroon Aljabably to the Coldwater Police Department. Officer Aljabably was raised in Coldwater and attended the Kellogg Community College Police Academy. Officer Aljabably is scheduled to be sworn in and begin on Monday January 13, 2020. In addition, he will be introduced at the January 13, 2020 City Council meeting. We would like to welcome Officer Aljabably to the Coldwater Police Department.
- **Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Modular House Ribbon Cutting** – A ceremonial ribbon cutting and open house will be held for the new MSHDA modular home at 74 Thompson Blvd. at 2 p.m. on Thursday January 16, 2020. Representatives from MSHDA will be on hand to tour the completed home. Persons interested in possibly purchasing the home can contact the City to arrange a showing.
- **Winterfest 2020!** – Mark your calendars for the first annual Coldwater Winter Fest coming to Downtown Coldwater on Saturday January 25, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Professional wood carving demonstrations, sled dogs, "snowman" building contest, soup/chili cook off and an evening concert with an ABBA/Bee Gees tribute band at the Tibbits Opera House are among the planned events. Come downtown to experience all of the fun! Contact the Coldwater Recreation Department at 517-278-8566 for more information.
- **Daddy Daughter Dance** – This popular social event is for girls in kindergarten through 6th grade that are attending a Coldwater School and their dads, grandfathers, or other

influential male figure in their life is scheduled for Saturday February 8, 2020. Spend an evening of fun with your special girl! There will be dancing, pictures, flowers and refreshments. This event sells out annually (max 550 persons) so don't wait! Sign up at www.coldwater.org or by calling 517-278-8566 for assistance.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Houtz, to approve and place on file the City Manager's Report, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

15. CBPU Director Update regarding Phase II fiber to the premise project.

CBPU Director Jeff Budd was on hand to provide the update and answer questions.

Council Action: None – Presentation only.

16. Letter from Cayden Sparks, Executive Director, Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission to use downtown sidewalks, parking spaces, parks, Police & DMS services, electrical and water, and street closure for 2020 Festivals and Events.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Machan, to approve Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce use of downtown sidewalks, parking spaces, parks, Police & DMS services, electrical and water, and street closure for 2020 Festivals and Events, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

17. Letter from Megan Angell, City Attorney, regarding appointment of Coordinator and Contact Person for Title VI Non-Discrimination, LEP and ADA Plans – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 20-01.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Beckwith, seconded by Councilmember Houtz, to adopt Resolution No. 20-01 (attached in Addendum A), as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

18. Letter from Keith Baker, City Manager, regarding designation of City Project Representative for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Property Acquisition Grant – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 20-02.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Pierce, to adopt Resolution No. 20-02 (attached in Addendum B), as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

19. Closed session pursuant to Section 8(d) of PA 267 of 1976 to discuss land acquisition.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Pierce, to enter Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(d) of PA 267 of 1976 to discuss land acquisition, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Petzko, Houtz, Rissman, Machan, Pierce, Knaack, Beckwith and Mayor Pro Tem Hazelbaker.

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6:18 p.m.)

20. Reconvene to regular meeting of January 13, 2020.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Houtz, to reconvene to regular meeting of January 13, 2020, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Houtz, Rissman, Machan, Pierce, Knaack, Beckwith, Petzko and Mayor Pro Tem Hazelbaker.

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6:48 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no other business to come before Council, Mayor Kramer adjourned the regular meeting at 6:49 p.m.



Susan E. Heath, CMC
City Clerk