

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



January 27, 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 Kramer 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 Councilmembers Randall Hazelbaker and Scott Houtz, representing the 4th Ward.

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Baker, Megan Angell, Tom Eldridge, Jeff Budd, Joe Scheid, Dave Sattler, Dean Walrack, Jim Odneal, Julie Santure, Lisa Miller, Tim Hart Haberl, Susan Heath, Shauna Chávez; Don Reid, David Woodham plus eight more.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Tim Hart Haberl – Downtown Economic Development Update
- Recreation Director Julie Santure – Winterfest Update

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Numbers 1-5):

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 January 13, 2020.
 - Closed session minutes of January 13, 2020.
2. Coldwater Public Library Advisory Board Regular Minutes of December 9, 2019.
3. Coldwater Housing Commission Regular Minutes of December 10, 2019.

4. Planning Commission Regular Minutes of December 2, 2019.
5. Downtown Development Authority Regular Minutes of November 20, 2019.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Petzko, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-5, as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

6. Bills and Accounts: \$68,588.29.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Pierce, to approve Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$68,588.29, as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

7. City Manager's Report.

Board of Review – Residents are reminded that the City's Board of Review will be holding office hours for anyone wishing to appeal their property tax assessment. The board will be meeting on Monday March 9, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday March 10, 2020 from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday March 11, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Questions should be directed to the City Assessor Deb Sikorski at the Neighborhood Services Department at 279-6929.

New Police Officer – We would like to announce the hiring of Antesar Azookari to the Coldwater City Police Department. Officer Azookari is a resident of Coldwater, and comes to us from the Branch County Sheriff's Department where she has been working as a road patrol deputy for the past year and half. Officer Azookari attended Kellogg Community College and its Police Academy where she achieved an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice Applied Science in

Law Enforcement. We would like to welcome Officer Azookari to the Coldwater Police Department.

Police Department Promotion – We would like to congratulate Officer Korin Bordner on her promotion from the rank of Patrol Officer to the rank of Sergeant with the Coldwater Police Department. Officer Bordner started with the CPD on July 16, 1999. During her over twenty-year career with the department Officer Bordner has proven herself as a dedicated employee that has been committed to serving the residents of the City of Coldwater. Officer Bordner helped develop and worked as the department’s first Special Duty Officer. In addition, Officer Bordner will be the first female to hold the rank of Sergeant with the Coldwater City Police Department.

MDOT Grant Announcement – The City was notified that the repaving and widening of Sauk River Drive has been selected for a \$375,000 MDOT grant. Sauk River Dr. is an important east-west all-season route serving numerous commercial and industrial businesses including the Penske Logistics truck terminal. The high volume of commercial traffic has contributed to the deterioration of the road and the pavement. There is currently no turn lane in this area as well. To preserve the road's all-season capabilities, the City will resurface Sauk River Drive from S. Michigan Avenue to S. Willowbrook Road. The area is often backed up with trucks waiting to enter the terminal and the inclusion of a center turn lane will improve safety in this area as well. The total cost of construction is \$495,347, including \$375,000 in Category F funds and \$120,347 from the City of Coldwater.

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.

Mother Son Night – Enjoy a fun evening out filled with new and exciting activities. There will be games, inflatables, pictures, snacks, and more. This popular event is for boys in kindergarten through 6th grade that are attending a Coldwater School and their moms, aunts, grandmothers or other special woman in their life and is scheduled for Saturday March 7, 2020. Sign up at www.recdesk.com or by calling 517-278-8566 for assistance.

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

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

8. Coldwater High School Interact Club presentation for a mural project at 73 W. Chicago Street.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Petzko, to approve a mural at 73 W. Chicago Street, as long as the City owns it with the understanding that if the City sells the building the new owners may not approve of the mural on the building, as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

9. Letter from Keith Baker, City Manager, regarding proposed sale of 25 Munson Street – Consider introduction of Agreement No. A20-02.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to introduce for first reading Agreement No. A20-02, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rissman, Machan, Pierce, Knaack, Beckwith, Petzko, Hazelbaker, Houtz, Mayor Kramer

Nays: Councilmembers: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. Clarification of contract for recruiting downtown business.

Council Action: None – Discussion only.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 20-03 for an on-premise Class C liquor license for the Corona Smoke Shop, L.L.C.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Knaack, to adopt Resolution No. 20-03 (attached in Addendum A), as presented.

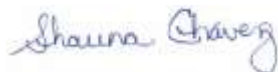
Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no other business to come before Council, Mayor Kramer adjourned the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Shauna Chávez
Deputy City Clerk