

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



February 10, 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 Randall Hazelbaker called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Emily Rissman and Travis Machan, representing the 1st Ward; Councilmember Jim Knaack, representing the 2nd Ward; Councilmembers Michael Beckwith and John Petzko, representing the 3rd Ward; and Scott Houtz, representing the 4th Ward.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Machan, to excuse the absence of Councilmember Chris Pierce and Mayor Kramer, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Baker, Megan Angell, Tom Eldridge, Jeff Budd, Joe Scheid, Antesar Azookari, Jason Goss, Dave Schmaltz, Dave Sattler, Dean Walrack, Jim Odneal, Julie Santure, Susan Heath, Shauna Chávez; Don Reid, Rick Gates, plus one more.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Public Safety Director Joe Scheid introduced new Patrol Officer Antesar Azookari.
- Rick Gates – Opposed to City's Grass, Abatement and Special Assessment Policy.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to allow Mr. Gates two more minutes to speak, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Numbers 1-9):

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 27, 2020.
2. Planning Commission Regular Minutes of January 20, 2020.
3. Board of Public Utilities' Regular Minutes of January 9, 2020.
4. Michigan South Central Power Agency Regular Minutes of December 13, 2019.
5. Board of Public Utilities' Reports and Financial Statements for November 2019.
6. Board of Public Utilities' Reports and Financial Statements for December 2019.
7. City of Coldwater monthly Financial Report for December, 2019.
8. City of Coldwater Investment Report for December, 2019.
9. Police Department Activity Report for 4th Quarter, 2019.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Petzko, seconded by Councilmember Houtz, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-9, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. Bills and Accounts: \$124,302.68.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Beckwith, seconded by Councilmember Machan, to approve Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$124,302.68, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

11. City Manager's Report.

- **Employee Announcements** – The City would like to announce that Luz Albarran has accepted a position in the Neighborhood Services Department as the part-time Administrative Assistant. Luz and her husband, Felix, reside in Bronson with their three children. She is a graduate of Sturgis High School and obtained her Associates degree in Business/Accounting from Glen Oaks Community College. The City would also like to welcome Alexys Clark who accepted a part-time position of Records Clerk with the Coldwater Police Department. Alexys grew up in Quincy Michigan where she graduated from Quincy High School. She is currently attending Kellogg Community College. She lives in Quincy Michigan with her husband Logan Clark and two children. Finally, we would like to recognize the recent retirement of Janet Hoag as a full-time records clerk with the Coldwater Police Department. Janet served the City for over 32 years. We would like to thank and congratulate Janet on her service to the community and wish her well in her retirement.
- **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 assessment change notices are going out and should be received the week of February 24, 2020. Generally, taxable values went up 1.9% (the inflationary rate) across the City. The board will be meeting on Monday March 9, 2020 from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., Tuesday March 10, 2020 from 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Wednesday March 11, 2020 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Questions should be directed to the City Assessor Deb Sikorski at the Neighborhood Services Department at 279-6929.
- **Blight Elimination** – Condemned homes at 55 E. Park Ave., 35 Lucky Drive and the commercial building located at 26 S. Monroe St. have been or are scheduled to be demolished. The vacant home at 106 N. Hanchett Street is scheduled to have an asbestos survey with abatement and demolition to occur later this Spring. Each structure was evaluated for asbestos and abated accordingly. The sites will be final graded, seeded and restored this spring once weather permits. Parrish Excavating is the local contractor who completed the work.
- **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. The event will be held on

Saturday March 7, 2020. Sign up at www.recdesk.com or by calling 517-278-8566 for assistance.

- **74 Thompson Blvd.** – The new home at 74 Thompson Blvd. is now ready for sale! The 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has a full basement and large two car garage. The purchaser of this home needs to meet certain income qualifications. Questions and appointments to tour the home can be directed to Bob Granger at 279-9501.

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

12. Letter from Keith Baker, City Manager, regarding MDOT Act 51 Annual Mileage Report – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 20-04.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Beckwith, seconded by Councilmember Knaack, to adopt Resolution No. 20-04, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

13. Presentation of the 2019 Annual Recreation Department Report by Julie Santure, Community Enrichment Director.

Council Action: None – Presentation only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no other business to come before Council, Mayor Pro Tem Hazelbaker adjourned the regular meeting at 6:14 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shauna Chávez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shauna Chávez
Deputy City Clerk