

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



July 12, 2021
5:30 p.m.
(517) 279-9501
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

This meeting will be an in-person meeting for all Councilpersons and members of the public except that Councilperson Rissman will attend by telephone or video conferencing due to current military duty. She may be contacted regarding any business that will come before the Council at the meeting by email at erissman@coldwater.org up to 3:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting or by contacting City Manager Keith Baker at kbaker@coldwater.org. This meeting is also live-streamed on YouTube at, bit.ly/ColdwaterVideo or on Skitter channel 61.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kramer called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Emily Rissman (attending via telephone or video conferencing due to current military duty) and Travis Machan, representing the 1st Ward; Councilmember Jim Knaack, representing the 2nd Ward; Councilmembers Michael Beckwith and John Petzko, representing the 3rd Ward; Councilmembers Randall Hazelbaker and Scott Houtz, representing the 4th Ward. Councilmember Rissman had received one email comment before 3:30 p.m. prior to the meeting, which she then read during Public Comments.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Knaack, to excuse the absence of Councilmember Chad Johnson, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Baker, Tom Eldridge, Megan Angell (via zoom), Sheila Puffenberger, Dave Schmaltz, Susan Heath, Joe Scheid, Jeff Budd, Lisa Miller; and Don Reid.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Email from Bob Mckinley received and read by Councilmember Emily Rissman (attached in Addendum A).

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 June 28, 2021.
2. Board of Public Utilities' Regular Minutes of June 2, 2021.
3. Michigan South Central Power Agency Board Regular Minutes of May 6, 2021.
4. Michigan South Central Power Agency Board Special Minutes of May 25, 2021.
5. Michigan South Central Power Agency Board Regular Minutes of June 3, 2021.
6. Board of Public Utilities' Reports and Financial Statements for May, 2021.
7. City of Coldwater monthly Financial Report for May, 2021.
8. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-26 to set the 2022 meeting dates of the City Council.
9. Memo from Susan E. Heath, City Clerk, regarding an Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for 27 Marshall Street, LLC and re-setting a public hearing for July 26, 2021.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Petzko, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-9 (item 8 attached in Addendum B), as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. Bills and Accounts: \$184,586.30.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Machan, seconded by Councilmember Knaack, to approve Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$184,586.30, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

11. City Manager's Report.

- **Elections** – With no contested races locally, there will not be an August primary election. The November general election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2021. There will be five uncontested local races for Mayor and City Council and at least one and possibly two ballot initiatives from the Coldwater Community Schools. City elections are held at the Dearth Center at the Branch County Fairgrounds on Garfield Ave. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Recreation Update: Bass Tournament** – The City is looking for twenty teams of two persons to participate in the 1st annual Coldwater Recreation Bass Tournament. The tournament will be held on Sunday July 25, 2021 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. An \$80 per team entry fee is required. There are lots of prizes and proceeds go to support youth fishing programs. Other leagues and activities coming up include fall 4 on 4 volleyball, Disc Golf and fall softball leagues. Teams can register on-line at coldwater.recdesk.com. Questions can be answered by calling the Coldwater Recreation Department at 278-8566 or via email at recreation@coldwater.org.
- **Entertainment Under the Stars** – The City's annual summer concert series will begin on Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 7 p.m. in Heritage Park. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a night of music in a beautiful outdoor setting. The band Dog Bone will perform on the first night generously sponsored by Coldwater Orthodontics.
- **City Project Updates:**
 - N. Monroe St. Reconstruction Project** – Final paving and reopening is scheduled for the week of July 12, 2021.
 - Sauk River Drive** – The new watermain and services have been installed. Work is scheduled to begin on the road reconstruction the week of July 12, 2021. The road will remain open during construction to provide access to local businesses and residents.
- **Oak Grove Cemetery** – A new storage building (to replace one destroyed by a tree in a storm) has been framed in and roof installed. The floor needs to be poured and walls enclosed. EV Construction of Coldwater is the contractor for the project. The Branch

County Road Commission will be assisting the City in regrading and resurfacing the roads in the south side of the cemetery. This work is currently scheduled to take place during the second week of August.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Beckwith, seconded by Councilmember Petzko, to approve and place on file the City Manager's report, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

12. Letter from Sean Watson, Director of Video Services, and Terry Ann Whelan, Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer, Coldwater Community Schools, requesting funding for FY 2020-21. (tabled from 06/28/21)

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Machan, to provide \$15,000.00 funding for FY 2020-21, and ending future funding for the program, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

13. Memo from Jeffrey Budd, CBPU Director, regarding proposed electric rate adjustments – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-45.

Director Budd was on hand to present information and answer Councilmember's questions.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Machan, seconded by Councilmember Houtz, to adopt Resolution No. 21-45 (attached in Addendum C), as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

14. Memo from Joe Scheid, Director of Public Safety, regarding renewal of Contract for the Provision of School Resource Officer Services – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-56 and approval of Agreement No. A21-10.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to adopt Resolution No. 21-56 and approve Agreement No. A21-10 (attached in Addendum D), as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

15. Memo from Dave Schmaltz, Fire Chief, regarding approval of bid for replacement of concrete approach to Public Safety Building – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-57.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Petzko, to adopt Resolution No. 21-57 (attached in Addendum E), as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

16. Letter from Keith Baker, City Manager, requesting approval for the purchase of a new police patrol vehicle – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-58.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Beckwith, seconded by Councilmember Machan, to adopt Resolution No. 21-58 (attached in Addendum F), as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

17. Letter from Keith Baker, City Manager, regarding sale of Carriage Circle Drive – Consider introduction of Sales Agreement No. A21-12.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Petzko, to introduce for first reading Agreement No. A21-12, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

18. Letter from Keith Baker, City Manager, regarding Michigan Municipal League (MML) 2021 Designation of Voting Delegates – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-59.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Machan, seconded by Councilmember Petzko, to adopt Resolution No. 21-59 (attached in Addendum G), as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

19. Periodic evaluation of the City Manager.

Mayor Kramer presented evaluation feedback for the City Manager, asked Council to consider a three percent economic raise retroactive to July 1, 2021, but noted Manager Baker asked that any increase be no greater than two percent, commiserate with other City department employee increases. Mayor Kramer also thanked Manager Baker for a job well done in the last twelve months especially under the Covid 19 conditions.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Houtz, to provide an economic salary increase for the City Manager of two percent retroactive to July 1, 2021, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no other business to come before Council, Mayor Kramer adjourned the regular meeting at 6:37 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "SEHeath".

Susan E. Heath, CMC, MiPMC
City Clerk

From: Bob Mckinley <bobmck76.bm@gmail.com>

Date: July 12, 2021 at 15:36:29 EDT

To: "Rissman, Emily" <erissman@coldwater.org>

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Cc: "Hazelbaker,Randall" <rhazelbaker@coldwater.org>

Subject: Board meeting 7-12-2021

I have spoke about selective enforcement taking place in regards to neighborhood services and I am forwarding two pictures of proof that it happens. First is the weeds in front of Belle tire on the east side of town. The second picture is the former softball field at Jefferson.

My next comment is regarding the proposed CBPU rate increase. I would think that first they would refrain from sponsoring so many events. If you or I have money issues the first thing that we do is cut none essential expenditures. They need to do the same. keep in mind they built a office building at Division and park with no authority from any tax paying entity.

The CBPU is in need of restructure from top down they have disrespected the community of the first ward with their continued reduction of waterworks park and limiting access. The closure of Bennett sidewalk is perfect example of this. It was one of the only safe ways to walk to the park due to the fact Perkins st does not even have sidewalks all the way to Sprague. That give children the choices of walking in the street or walking along the railroad tracks

Thanks for your assistance
Bob Mckinley

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