

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



July 26, 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; Councilmembers Chad Johnson and 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 no email comments before 3:30 p.m. prior to the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Baker, Tom Eldridge, Megan Angell, Pat Pool, Jeff Budd, Deb Sikorski, Audrey Tappenden, Dean Walrack, Susan Heath, Joe Scheid, Lisa Miller; Don Reid and Dan Corwin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Numbers 1-7):

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 July 12, 2021.
2. Coldwater Public Library Advisory Board Regular Minutes of June 14, 2021.
3. Coldwater Housing Commission Regular Minutes of June 8, 2021.
4. Planning Commission Regular Minutes of June 7, 2021.
5. Zoning Board of Appeals' Regular Minutes of May 19, 2021.
6. City of Coldwater Investment Report for June 30, 2021.
7. Letter from Audrey Tappenden, Economic Development Assistant, regarding a local recommendation for consideration for approval Two Bandits Brewing Company Coldwater LLC's application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) for a social district permit – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-61.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-7 (item 7 attached in Addendum A), as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

8. Memo from Debra Sikorski, NSD Director/Assessor, regarding application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) tax exemption certificate for 27 Marshall St., LLC – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-60.

Mayor Kramer opened the public hearing at 5:32 p.m.

Assessor Sikorski was on hand to present information and answer Councilmember's questions.

Public Comments: none.

Mayor Kramer closed the public hearing at 5:33 p.m.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to adopt Resolution No. 21-60 (attached in Addendum B), as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

9. Bills and Accounts: \$136,559.77.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Petzko, seconded by Councilmember Machan, to approve Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$136,559.77, as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

10. City Manager's Report.

- **Waterworks Park Improvements** – A section of Waterworks Park is closed in order to restore the location after being heavily damaged by natural forces and improper parking. Signs and fences have been placed throughout the area to protect newly planted grass, flowers, etc. as they take root. Maintaining the natural environment of Waterworks Park is essential for the preservation of the riverbanks, roadways, and the safety of our citizens. This is because the river can erode the soil and make the ground unstable without natural vegetation. This section of Waterworks Park is estimated to remain closed until the fall. Further questions surrounding Waterworks Park can be directed to Brian Musselman, the Water and Water Resource Recovery Facility Superintendent, at bmusselman@coldwater.org.
- **CEDAM Fellowship** – The City of Coldwater is searching for a CEDAM fellow to work on various projects in community economic development. As a fellow, you'll help us address challenges in our community and change lives for the better. The Community Development Fellowship is a 15-month paid, salaried position managed by the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), with support

from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). More information is available on the City's website at www.coldwater.org.

- **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. Teams can register the morning of the event.

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 began this week in Heritage Park and will run for another five weeks. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a night of music in a beautiful outdoor setting. The Coldwater Board of Public Utilities is sponsoring the August 3, 2021 performance of Pomegranate Whiskey Band that evening.

- **City Project Updates:**

Sauk River Drive – The new watermain and services have been installed. Work is scheduled to begin on the road reconstruction on Wednesday July 21, 2021. The road will remain open during construction to provide access for local businesses and residents.

Pilot Knob Park Dock – A new dock to access for fishing and watching wildlife is now in place on Lucky Drive as part of Pilot Knob Park. A sidewalk and new signage are also planned for the new lake access. This is not a boat launch or a place to tie up a boat to disembark.

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

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

11. Memo from Tom Eldridge, Finance Director, regarding 2021 Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds of the 2013 Rec/Aquatic Center debt – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-63.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Beckwith, seconded by Councilmember Machan, to adopt Resolution No. 21-63, as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

12. Letter from Keith Baker, City Manager, regarding sale of vacant land at 29 Lawton Avenue to Habitat for Humanity – Consider introduction of Sales Agreement No. A21-05.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Petzko, to introduce for first reading Agreement No. A21-05, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rissman, Machan, Johnson, Knaack, Beckwith, Petzko, Hazelbaker, Houtz and Mayor Kramer.

Nays: Councilmembers: None.

Motion carried.

13. Letter from Keith Baker, City Manager, regarding sale of land on N. Willowbrook Road – Consider introduction of Sales Agreement No. A21-14.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to introduce for first reading Agreement No. A21-14, as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dan Corwin 22 Lilly Street addressed the Council regarding City purchase of tax sale properties; Waterworks Park; the Coldwater Community Schools former Franklin School property; and the City sale of 29 Lawton Ave., to Habitat for Humanity.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

14. Manager Baker reported that while the City had approved the tax foreclosure purchase of properties at Abbott and Green streets, the state law regarding such purchases has changed and those properties will not be purchased by the City at this time; Manager Baker also provided information from a Coldwater Community Schools press release regarding the former Franklin School property, noting CCS will be moving forward with plans to demolish the old building.
15. Councilmember Beckwith asked the Council to consider providing signing authority to the City Mayor and Manager, for a City Proclamation recognizing and honoring the Coldwater Noon Rotary Club 100th Anniversary.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Beckwith, seconded by Councilmember Knaack, to provide signing authority to the City Mayor and Manager, regarding a Coldwater Noon Rotary Club 100th Anniversary Proclamation, as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no other business to come before Council, Mayor Kramer adjourned the regular meeting at 6:10 p.m.



Susan E. Heath, CMC, MiPMC
City Clerk