

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



August 9 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 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.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Machan, to excuse the absence of Councilmembers Michael Beckwith and John Petzko, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Baker, Tom Eldridge, Megan Angell, Pat Pool, Jeff Budd, Craig Figueroa, Dean Walrack, Susan Heath, Joe Scheid, Todd Mistor; Seth Berry, Sheriff John Pollack, Don Reid and one other.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Sherriff John Pollack presented a report on Branch County Sheriff's Department activities and gave an update on the new jail.

- Seth Berry presented an update on the Aqua Pit.

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 July 26, 2021.
2. Downtown Development Authority Regular Minutes of June 23, 2021.
3. Board of Public Utilities' Regular Minutes of July 7, 2021.
4. Board of Public Utilities' Reports and Financial Statements for June, 2021.
5. City of Coldwater monthly Financial Report for June, 2021.
6. City of Coldwater MERS 2020 Actuarial Valuation Report.
7. City of Coldwater quarterly 2021 MERS DB Statement.
8. Moody's Investors Service annual report.
9. Police Department Activity Report for 2nd Quarter, 2021.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. Bills and Accounts: \$197,896.61.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Machan, seconded by Councilmember Houtz, to approve Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$197,896.61, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

11. City Manager's Report.

- **City Project Updates:**

Western Ave. and State St. projects are scheduled to be completed this week.

Sauk River Dr. water main was completed a few weeks ago; some of the road work will be completed next year.

US-12 was paved last week from Western Ave. to Michigan Ave.; there is still some utility work to be completed, along with man holes and markings.

Three new street lights were requested and will be installed on the south side of Legg Middle School between Green St. and Western Ave.

MSHDA House on Thompson Blvd. – the City is looking for a contractor for some remaining electrical work, HVAC and the garage.

Western Ave. retaining wall at US-12 – the City is looking for a contractor for this project.

- **Recreation Update:**

Entertainment Under the Stars saw a record 250-300 in the audience, with the Pomegranate Whiskey Band performing in Heritage Park.

Hops on Monroe continues on Thursdays through August, from 5 to 9 p.m. on S. Monroe St., with food trucks, craft beers and beverage service, plus musical entertainment and outdoor games.

- **Coldwater Noon Rotary Club 100th Anniversary Celebration** will be held Saturday, August 14, 2021, with street closures, food trucks, beverages, music and more.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Knaack, 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 proposed sale of vacant lot at 69 Thompson Blvd. – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-65, and approval of Agreement No. A21-09.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Houtz, to table this item until the next meeting, to provide more time to consider possible deed restrictions, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

13. Letter from Keith Baker, City Manager, regarding proposed purchase of new salt storage building and improvements – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-66.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Machan, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to adopt Resolution No. 21-66 (attached in Addendum A), as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

14. Discussion regarding the return to two-way traffic flow for N. Hanchett Street.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Houtz, to approve the return of N. Hanchett Street to two-way traffic, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Councilmembers: Machan.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no other business to come before Council, Mayor Kramer adjourned the regular meeting at 6:22 p.m.



Susan E. Heath, CMC, MiPMC
City Clerk