

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



January 9, 2023  
5:30 p.m.  
(517) 279-9501  
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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

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### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Hazelbaker called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Emily Rissman 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; and Councilmember Scott Houtz representing the 4th Ward.

**Council Action:** Motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Knaack, to excuse the absence of Mayor Kramer, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Keith Baker, Megan Angell, Dean Walrack, Joe Scheid, Tom Eldridge, Samantha Albright, Sarah Gunneman, Chase Kreucher, Mohamed Saleh, Paul Jakubczak, Shauna Chávez; Don Reid and William Flickinger.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Public Safety Director Scheid introduced Officers Chase Kreucher and Mohamed Saleh.

### CONSENT AGENDA (Item Numbers 1-8):

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 December 12, 2022.
2. Coldwater Housing Commission Regular Minutes of November 8, 2022.
3. Historic District Commission Regular Minutes of April 13, 2022.
4. Recreation Board Regular Minutes of November 2, 2022.
5. Board of Public Utilities' Regular Minutes of December 6, 2022.
6. Michigan South Central Power Agency Board Work Session Minutes of November 3, 2022.
7. Board of Public Utilities' Reports and Financial Statements for November 2022.
8. City of Coldwater monthly Financial Report for November 2022.

**ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Council Action:** Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-8, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

9. Bills and Accounts: \$710,142.61.

**Council Action:** Motion by Councilmember Machan, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to approve Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$710,142.61, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

## 10. City Manager's Report.

- **New Police Officers** – The City would like to welcome and announce the hiring of Chase Kreucher and Mohamed Saleh to the Coldwater Police Department. Officers Kreucher and Saleh were raised in Coldwater and recently graduated from the Kellogg Community College Law Enforcement Academy. Officer Kreucher was sworn in on December 21, 2022, and began his service on Sunday, December 25, 2022. Officer Saleh was sworn in on December 29, 2022, and started on December 30, 2022. Officers Kreucher and Saleh will be introduced at the January 9, 2023, City Council meeting. We would like to welcome Officers Kreucher and Saleh to the Coldwater Police Department.
- **2022 Large Item Pick-Up Annual Report** – There were 3,509 large items picked up at the curb by Republic Waste Services in 2022 (291 more than in 2021). That is an average of over 67 items per week City wide. The heaviest weeks are in the early Spring and Summer with less items collected during the Winter months. This continues to be a valuable and well used service and helps keep up the overall appearance of the community. It also helps in code enforcement when our staff can explain that there is a way in which to dispose of large items at no additional expense. Items are collected for City residents each Friday. Residents can request a pick up by either calling 279-9501 or online at [www.coldwater.org](http://www.coldwater.org).
- **Winter Fest 2023!** – Mark your calendars for the third annual Coldwater Winter Fest on Saturday, January 28, 2023, from 10:00-2:00 p.m. Professional wood carving demonstrations, inflatables, Kiwanis cardboard sled racing and an evening concert with a Chicago tribute band at the Tibbits Opera House are among the planned events. Come to Heritage Park and the Robert W. Browne Recreation Center to experience all of the fun! Contact the Coldwater Recreation Department at 517-278-8566 for more information.
- **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 figures in their life is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2023. Spend an evening of fun with your special girl! There will be dancing, pictures, flowers, and refreshments. Sign up at [www.coldwater.org](http://www.coldwater.org) or by calling 517-278-8566 for assistance.
- **Citizens Academy Registrations** – The City has received nine applications to participate in the inaugural Coldwater Citizens Academy as of Thursday, January 5, 2023. We would welcome a few more participants and the deadline for applying is Monday January 9, 2023. Information about the program and applications can be found on the City's website at [www.coldwater.org](http://www.coldwater.org) or send your application to [ServeOnAboard@coldwater.org](mailto:ServeOnAboard@coldwater.org).

- **Skitter TV** – Skitter TV, a telecommunication service offered through the CBPU, has announced that it will rebrand as Absolute Cable TV in January 2023. The rebranded cable company will continue to deliver the same programming offerings. This change will not affect packages or pricing. The rebranding transition will be complete before April 2023.

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

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

11. Letter from Dean Walrack, Planning/Zoning Administrator, regarding proposed zoning change to 839 E. Chicago St. – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 856.

**Council Action:** Motion by Councilmember Petzko, seconded by Councilmember Machan, to adopt Ordinance No. 856 (attached in Addendum A), as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

12. Memo from Debra Sikorski, NSD Director/Assessor, regarding an Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for Donner Properties, LLC, 53 E. Chicago St., and setting a public hearing for January 23, 2023.

**Council Action:** Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to accept the Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for Donner Properties, LLC, 53 E. Chicago St. and set a public hearing for January 23, 2023. as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

13. Letter from Megan Angell, City Attorney, regarding proposed revision to Chapter 210 Purchasing and Contracts and Purchasing Policy No. P23-01 – Consider introduction of Ordinance No. 857.

**Council Action:** Motion by Councilmember Knaack, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 857, 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 ProTem Hazelbaker adjourned the regular meeting at 5:56 p.m.



Shauna Chávez  
City Clerk