

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



June 27, 2022
5:30 p.m.
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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 Kramer 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; Councilmembers Randall Hazelbaker and Scott Houtz, representing the 4th Ward.

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Baker, Tom Eldridge, Megan Angell, Dean Walrack, Paul and Kerri Jakubczak, Pat Pool, Pat Beeman, Dave Schmaltz, Lisa Miller, Katie Higgs, Tim Hart, Susan Heath; Chris Boger, Don Reid and three others.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Chris Boger, Executive Director of Branch Pride, addressed the Council encouraging them to approve a Pride Day Proclamation.
- Gertrude and Arnold Longrey, 52 S. Polk Street, addressed the Council regarding parking concerns connected to a day care provider near their home.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Numbers 1-5):

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 13, 2022.

2. Coldwater Housing Commission Regular Minutes of May 10, 2022
3. Downtown Development Authority Regular Minutes of May 25, 2022.
4. Memo from Mayor Kramer regarding board reappointment.
 - Coldwater Library Advisory Board – Shauna Chávez – term expires May, 2027.
5. Pride Day Proclamation.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Rissman, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-5, as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

6. Bills and Accounts: \$383,223.91.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Petzko, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to approve Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$383,223.91, as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

7. City Manager’s Report.
 - **Personnel Announcements** – The City of Coldwater would like to congratulate Lt. Nick Thornton on his selection as a Conservation Officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Lt. Thornton has professionally served the Coldwater community for over 21 years promoting from Officer to Sergeant to his recent appointment to Lieutenant. While we regret Lt. Thornton’s departure, we would like to wish him and his family the best in his new endeavor.



- **Upcoming Events:**

Entertainment Under the Stars – Come out and enjoy musical entertainment Tuesday evenings beginning July 19, 2022 and continuing through August. For the third year, the concerts will be held in Heritage Park and begin at 7 p.m. Heritage Park provides plenty of shade, room to socially distance, public restrooms and beautiful surroundings. Come down and enjoy a night of great (and free!) music. We want to thank our numerous sponsors who help present EUTS.

Downtown Farmer's Market – The Farmers Market kicks off this Saturday June 25, 2022 and will be located between the Henry L. Brown Municipal Building (Coldwater City Hall) and Randall parking lot. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come enjoy a morning out and pick up your fruits, vegetables, homemade baked goods and other local products.

Hops on Monroe – Now entering its third season, this successful downtown event will once again offer food trucks, craft beers, musical entertainment and outdoor games on S. Monroe Street. New this year is the extension of the City's downtown social district to Thursdays (and everyday) to S. Monroe St. The event will run for ten weeks on Thursdays in July and August from 5 to 9 p.m. on S. Monroe Street. The first Hops on Monroe is scheduled for Thursday June 30, 2022.

- **City Project Updates:**

S. Michigan Ave. – Work continues on the water main and sewer upgrades on S. Michigan Ave. Boring under the railroad has been completed. While S. Michigan Ave. will be completed first, the overall project including S. Sprague, East Washington and Perkins streets will last until October.

Four Corners Park – Work has begun on the renovation of the NW and SW corners of Four Corners Park. New decorative pavers, lighting, concrete sidewalks and landscaping will be installed as part of the project. No additional trees will be removed. Did you know that the last time the parks have been updated was nearly 50 years ago!

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

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

8. Letter from Megan Angell, City Attorney, regarding proposed sale of vacant land at 104 Allen Avenue and the southerly portion of Allen Avenue to Sekisui Voltek – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 22-62, and approval of Sales Agreement No. 22-19.

Councilmember Houtz asked Council to excuse him from action on this item, as he is an employee of Sekisui Voltek.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Knaack, to allow Councilmember Houtz to abstain from the vote on this matter, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Machan, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to adopt Resolution No. 22-62 and approve Agreement No. A22-19 (attached in Addendum A), as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Councilmembers: None.

Abstain: Councilmembers: Houtz.

Motion carried.

9. Letter from Megan Angell, City Attorney, regarding proposed sale of 71-73 W. Chicago Street to Mohamed Shahbain – Consider introduction of Sales Agreement No. A22-26 and Development Agreement No. A22-27.

City Attorney Angell and City Manager Baker presented information and answered questions regarding Items 9 and 10.

Council Action: None - Item 9 died for lack of a motion.

10. Letter from Megan Angell, City Attorney, regarding proposed sale of 71-73 W. Chicago Street to Chad Marsh – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 22-61, and approval of Sales Agreement No. A22-21 and Development Agreement No. A22-22.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Beckwith, seconded by Councilmember Knaack, to adopt Resolution No. 22-61 and approve Sales Agreement No. A22-21 and Development Agreement No. A22-22 (attached in Addendum B), as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Councilmembers: None.

Motion carried.

11. Letter from Megan Angell, City Attorney, regarding proposed conveyance of contiguous vacant land on Thompson Blvd. – Consider introduction of sales Agreement No. A22-25.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Knaack, to introduce for first reading sales Agreement No. A22-25, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Councilmembers: None.

Motion carried.

12. Letter from Keith Baker, City Manager, regarding proposed change order for the Michigan/Washington/Perkins reconstruction project – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 22-63.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Machan, seconded by Councilmember Rissman, to adopt Resolution No. 22-63 (attached in Addendum C), as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

13. Memo from David Schmaltz, Fire Chief, regarding approval of bid for purchase of new fire apparatus – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 22-64.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Beckwith, seconded by Councilmember Rissman, to adopt Resolution No. 22-64 (attached in Addendum D), as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Beckwith, Petzko, Hazelbaker, Houtz, Rissman and Machan.

Nays: Councilmembers: Johnson, Knaack and Mayor Kramer.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. Councilmember Rissman asked for an update regarding ARPA/Marihuana Revenue and Proposed Projects – Staff will bring the information back at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no other business to come before Council, Mayor Kramer adjourned the regular meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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

Susan E. Heath, CMC, MiPMC
City Clerk