

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



October 23, 2023
5:30 p.m.
(517) 279-9501
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

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; Councilmember Jim Knaack representing the 2nd Ward; Councilmembers Michael Beckwith and John Petzko, representing the 3rd Ward; and Councilmember Scott Houtz representing the 4th Ward.

OTHERS PRESENT: Megan Angell, Joe Scheid, Tom Eldridge, Samantha Albright, Sue Heath, Julie Santure, Paul Jakubczak, Scott Mischke, and Shauna Chávez; Don Reid, Bill Flickinger, Courtney Dirschell, John Parshall and two others.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- John Parshall City of Coldwater Recreation Board Member spoke in opposition of the Boat Launch near the cemetery.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Numbers 1-3):

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 October 9, 2023.
2. Coldwater Housing Commission Regular Minutes of September 12, 2023.
3. Zoning Board of Appeals' Regular Minutes of June 21, 2023.

ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Hazelbaker, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-3, as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. Bills and Accounts: \$308,876.83.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Petzko, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to approve Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$308,876.83, as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

5. City Manager's Report.

Southern Michigan Bank & Trust Volunteer Project

The City would like to thank the group of volunteers from SMB&T that spent Monday October 9th cleaning up and weeding in and around Kids Kingdom playground in Parkhurst Park. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!

CPD Lieutenant Korin Bordner

We would like to recognize and congratulate Lt. Korin Bordner on her successful completion of Eastern Michigan University's Law Enforcement Staff and Command School. Congratulations and thank you for your continued dedication to the Coldwater Police Department and community.



Congratulations Fire Fighter Paul Searing

The City would like to recognize and congratulate Coldwater Fire Fighter Paul Searing on his five-year anniversary as Driver-Operator of the Coldwater Fire Department. Thank you for your continued service and dedication to the Coldwater community.

November Election

October 23, 2023 is the deadline for residents to register to vote in any manner other than in person with the City Clerk. On Saturday November 4th the City Clerk will be available in City Hall to allow people to register to vote and/or vote absentee. The election will be held on Tuesday November 7, 2023 at the Dearth Center on Garfield Avenue.

Fall Reminders

The City will pick up brush one more time this year on **Monday November 6th**. Yard waste bags will continue to be picked up each Monday weather permitting. We ask residents to not rake or dump leaves into the street until a pick-up schedule is announced.

The burning of yard waste, brush or leaves is not permitted within the City limits (by State law) within 1,500 ft. of the city limits. Brush, leaves and yard waste can continue to be dropped off by Coldwater City and Township residents at the City's Municipal Services facility located at 45 Industrial Avenue during normal business hours and on Saturday mornings.

Halloween Activities

Halloween Parade

The annual community Halloween Parade will take place on **Saturday October 28th at 7:30 p.m.** in downtown Coldwater. I would like to thank the volunteer organizers and participants for continuing this beloved tradition.

Trick-or-Treating

The City's recommended Trick-or-Treating time is **Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Please be safe walking and driving through the community and neighborhoods.

Haunted Forest

The City's Haunted Forest (\$5/person) has been rescheduled for **Friday October 27th and Saturday October 28th** at Rotary Park. The less scary tour runs from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with the scary version 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on **Sunday, November 5th**.

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

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Kramer opened the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

6. Memo from Samantha Albright, Assessor, regarding proposed Application for Schmitz Foam, for Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement Agreement, 188 Treat Avenue – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 23-82.

Mayor Kramer closed the public hearing at 5:39 p.m.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Houtz, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to accept the application for Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement Agreement, 188 Treat Avenue and adopt Resolution No. 23-82 (attached in Addendum A), as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

7. Letter from Megan Angell, City Attorney, regarding proposed amendment to Ordinance Chapter 440, to Add EV Parking Restrictions – Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 863.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Machan, seconded by Councilmember Houtz, to adopt Ordinance No. 863 (attached in Addendum B), as presented.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 1 - Rissman

Motion carried.

8. Letter from Keith Baker, City Manager, regarding annual Opt Out of Public Act 152 requirements for 2024 – Consider adoption of Resolution No. 23-78.

Council Action: Motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Knaack, to adopt Resolution No. 23-78 (attached in Addendum C), as presented.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Courtney Dirschell from Second Story Marketing gave Hops on Monroe Wrap Up presentations.

Council Action: None – Presentation only.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no other business to come before Council, Mayor Kramer adjourned the regular meeting at 6:05 p.m.



Shauna Chávez
City Clerk, CMC, MiPMC