

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

July 27, 2020

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the election room of the Municipal Building on July 27, 2020, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Siefring. James was absent.

Invocation by Siefring.

Guests included Georgia Rindler and Jason Miller. Kevin and Jonathan Lange attended the meeting representing the Boy Scouts. Todd Bills, Jerry Laux, Barb and Jerry Fullenkamp, Mike and Marty Luken, Luke and Luella Brackman, Todd Dues, Joe Rios, Pat and Janet Giere, and Dan Brackman attended the meeting to voice concerns over the new golf cart ordinance.

A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Siefring to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2020 regular meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Siefring. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Bettinger to approve the agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Siefring. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public:

A moment of silence was held for former Coldwater Mayor Mauri Cron.

Mayor Bertke made a statement about Ordinance 1696. He reminded everyone that currently golf carts are not legal on the streets in Coldwater. A potential golf cart ordinance was discussed several years ago, but at the time there were not many people in Coldwater that owned golf carts. There has been an increasing number of golf carts on the streets, therefore council thought it was time to pass an ordinance to allow these vehicles with certain safety guidelines in place.

Mike Luken and several others voiced some concerns regarding the ordinance. They asked why the village website only had meeting minutes updated through the end of May. They were not aware there was a golf cart ordinance being discussed and would have like to have some input regarding the ordinance. They were also concerned with the \$20 inspection fee to the Village even though they had already paid for a \$50 inspection fee. The other main concern was that golf carts can only be driven during daylight hours even though the golf carts are required to have lights. Todd Bills also inquired about how many golf cart accidents have happened in Coldwater. Several members of council responded that they would like to be proactive with this ordinance rather than waiting for an accident to happen. Thomas will also check with other towns regarding driving the golf carts at night. It was decided to schedule a Research Committee meeting for August 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM to discuss the matter further.

Jonathan Lange said he is attending the meeting for his Citizens Merit Badge for Boy Scouts.

Reports:

Police: None

Finance Director: Eyink said the income tax revenue is looking much better for July and will have a full report at the next meeting.

Village Manager: None

Mayor: None

Old Business:

Ordinance 1696: An ordinance authorizing the use of under speed vehicles, utility vehicles, and mini trucks on Village streets where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less, providing an inspection program therefor, repealing inconsistent legislation and declaring an effective date received its second reading.

New Business:

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Buschur to accept the bids for the Second Street reconstruction project. Shinn Brothers Inc. was the low bidder with a bid of \$648,000. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Siefring. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Thomas said the ribbon cutting for phase one of The Park for All Abilities was held this evening. He said the August 10, 2020 council meeting is cancelled.

As a committee member Bettinger thanked everyone involved on The Park for All Abilities project. Phase one turned out great. She asked if there was a need at this point to have citizens conserve water. Thomas said the well levels are fine and it is not necessary at this time. Brunswick and Bettinger asked about a property on Second Street that is not being taken care of. The police department has already served notices on this property.

Siefring said the new lights on Diamond 4 look great. He also commented how nice Golden on Main looks downtown after recently being painted.

Buschur asked how junk clean up went. Thomas said it went well and that the July session wasn't quite as busy as the May session.

Bertke also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the park. He said it went well and it is a great addition to the park.

A motion to adjourn was made by Siefring, second by Schwieterman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor