

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

December 28, 2023

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on December 28, 2023, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz.

Invocation by Niekamp.

Guests included Jason Miller and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Seitz to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023 meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger to approve the agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Miller said there have been some recent incidents on the Northwest side of town. A car was stolen and several others had money or credit cards taken. He said to keep cars locked and to keep your keys out of the vehicles. He said there was also a drug bust on that side of town on Wednesday night.

Finance: Eyink discussed the 2023 amended budget and the 2024 budget. The budget for 2024 is 6.3 million dollars.

Manager: Thomas included his 2023 review sheet in the council packets. He said the 2024 plan will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mayor: Bertke said 2023 was a very good year for the Village of Coldwater.

Old Business:

After brief discussion, council decided not to go into executive session. There were no updates available regarding land. Thomas said he will be advertising an open position at the wastewater plant this week.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to remove Ordinance 1725 from the table. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1725: An ordinance amending Ordinance 1721 and establishing certain positions and a pay schedule for hourly and salary employees of the Village of Coldwater. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1725. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Davis to approve Ordinance 1725 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Ordinance 1726: An ordinance establishing appropriations of the Village of Coldwater for the fiscal year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Seitz to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1726. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Davis to approve Ordinance 1726 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1727: An ordinance establishing amended appropriations of the Village of Coldwater for the fiscal year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Seitz to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1727. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Niekamp to approve Ordinance 1727 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1728: An ordinance to amend codified ordinance section 883.03 definitions, and section 883.10 penalty interest, fees and charges of the Village of Coldwater regarding municipal income tax and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Buschur to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1728. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Niekamp to approve Ordinance 1728 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Davis to approve the 2024 legal services contract for Judy Koesters. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Seitz to approve the 2024 horticultural services contract for Alex Uhlenhake. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to appoint Bettinger and Seitz to the Fire Dependent Board. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Niekamp to appoint Ted Feltz to the Board of Appeals. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Seitz to appoint Marlene Abels to the Tree Commission. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Rutschilling asked about the status of the pickle ball court grant that we applied for. Thomas said we haven't heard anything yet.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Davis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Attest:

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council


Douglas Bertke, Mayor