

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

February 13, 2024

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on February 13, 2024, with council president Brad Niekamp presiding. Bertke was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz and Davis. Rutschilling was absent. Also present were Manager Eric Thomas and Finance Director Jason Eyink.

Invocation by Bettinger.

Guests included Dan Broering, Kevin Wynn and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Seitz to approve the minutes from January 22, 2024. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

The agenda was revised to remove item 12B from the agenda. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to approve the revised agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz and Davis. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynn said there were some thefts that occurred at the Young Farmers Auction over this past weekend. He asked anyone with information to call the police department. He also reminded everyone to lock their vehicles.

Finance: Eyink discussed the cash position report and the income tax report. He said we received a grant from the EPA which will allow us to purchase leak detection equipment.

Manager: Thomas said election signs are starting to go in yards. He reminded people to keep them out of the right of way. He said we are applying for a grant through the EPA which would allow us to buy GPS locators and asset management software.

Mayor: None

Finance: A Finance Committee meeting was held on January 22, 2024 at 7:30 PM. Present were Bertke, Thomas, Eyink, Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Also present was Kevin Wynn. Davis made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:30 PM. Rutschilling seconded the motion. Thomas made a motion to exit executive session at 8:23 PM. Rutschilling seconded the motion. No action taken and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Seitz to go into executive session to discuss land and personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:07 PM.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Seitz to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:34 PM.

New Business:

Ordinance 1729: An ordinance adopting the 2024 amendments to the Village of Coldwater Employee handbook and personnel policy manual, repealing all inconsistent legislation and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1729 received its first reading.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to enter into a service agreement with Priority Power Management (formerly AGE). Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Davis to accept the resignation of Police Chief Jason Miller effective February 26, 2024. He has been the chief for 11 years and he has 18 years of service with the Village. He will continue to work in the police department. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz and Davis. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Bettinger asked if any large events are planned in the Village for the solar eclipse. There is nothing large planned that the Village is aware of. She also asked if anything can be done to get rid of the white residue from the water in town. Thomas said we could switch to a reverse osmosis system which would cost millions of dollars but then we would most likely need another well to pump water from. She will be absent from the February 26, 2024 meeting.

Buschur congratulated the Coldwater Boys Bowling team for winning the MAC.

Niekamp said the Chamber Banquet last week was a great event and he congratulated all of the winners.

A motion to adjourn was made by Seitz, second by Davis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Attest:

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council

Douglas Bertke, Mayor