

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

February 26, 2024

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on February 26, 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, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Bettinger was absent. Also present were Manager Eric Thomas, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Jason Eyink.

Invocation by Rutschilling.

Guests included Kevin Wynn and Georgia Rindler. Other guests included Abigail Griesdorn, Ryan Griesdorn, Dan Speckman, Shelby Wynn, Kennedy Wynn, Kenny Wenning, Heather Wenning, Reagan Wenning, Ray Garke, Joan Garke, Theresa Najmi, Diane Weitzel, Sharon Vaughn, Jim Vaughn, Chystal Wynn, Matt Wynn, Bill Prenger, Josh Taylor, Ken Wynn, Randy Weitzel, Luke Wolfe, Jim Stelzer, Gail Jutte, Adam Diller, Dave Dues, Alex Schoen, Jason Miller, Chase Kuhlman and Kyle Silver.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Rutschilling to approve the minutes from February 13, 2024. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: None

Finance: None

Manager: Thomas said we received a notification from the Ohio Department of Health. Our untreated wastewater showed a significant increase of the SARS-COV-2 viral gene copies. The Mercer County Health Department was also made aware. He said crews are putting a new water valve in on Woodview Drive today and tomorrow. They hit an unmarked gas line today.

Mayor: None

Old Business:

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

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Seitz to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:19 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 second reading.

Ordinance 1730: An ordinance accepting the plat of RK development phase one to the Village of Coldwater Ohio, accepting the dedication to public use of the streets shown on said plat and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1730 received its first reading.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Rutschilling to hire Kevin Wynk as the Chief of Police. Wynk will be placed under H3 on the pay scale. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried. Judy Koesters presided over the swearing in of Kevin Wynk.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Buschur wished the Coldwater Boys Bowling team good luck at state.


Many congratulations were offered to Kevin Wynk.

Thomas reminded everyone that the local libraries are giving away solar eclipse glasses.

A motion to adjourn was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Attest:

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor