

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

December 29, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on December 29, 2025, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Seitz. Also present were Village Manager Jason Eyink, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Dylan Schwieterman.

Invocation by Seitz.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the minutes from December 8, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Officer Wynk thanked his crew and council for everything they have done this year.

Finance: None

Manager: Eyink included his 2025 review sheet in the council packet. Eyink expects a busy year in 2026. Bids for Terrace and N Cedar St will be coming soon.

Mayor: Bertke said 2025 was a good year and that he appreciates all of the staff, residents, and volunteers that make it such a great town to live in. He mentioned the increased tax revenue this year has helped with some of the added improvements in 2025 and being able to do more projects in 2026.

Committee: A Finance Committee meeting was held on December 8, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM. Those in attendance were Buschur, Rutschilling, Davis, Bertke, Eyink, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Eyink discussed changes to the 2025 budget and that there were several areas where budget needed adjusting but total budget remains the same. Schwieterman discussed large budget items for 2026. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Old Business:

New Business:

Bertke said a new member needed to be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals with Megan Schwieterman's term ending. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Seitz to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kevin Osterholt to the zoning board. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1769: An ordinance establishing appropriations of the Village of Coldwater for the fiscal year January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1769 received its first reading. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Davis to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1769. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1769 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1770: An ordinance establishing amended appropriations of the Village of Coldwater for the fiscal year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1770 received its first reading. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1770. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Bettinger to approve Ordinance 1770 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Eyink will have two people to add for the charter review committee. He also mentioned that the Coldwater Chamber of Commerce banquet is Wednesday evening on February 11, 2026.

Bettinger thanked the committee and volunteers for taking down all the lights for the Christmas at the park event.

Many wishes for a Happy New Year!

A motion to adjourn was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: 

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council