

Cold Spring City Council August 22, 2011

The regular meeting of the Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Stoeber. Pledge to the flag and prayer was led by the City Clerk. Roll call showed the following council members present – Lou Gerding, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore, Kathy Noel, and Adam Sandfoss – excused was Stuart Oehrle. Also present were Police Chief Ed Burk, City Clerk Rita Seger, Administrative Officer Steve Taylor and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

Mayor Stoeber pointed out exits from Council Chambers, per Fire Department regulations.

Mayor Stoeber requested the addition of an Executive Session, per K.R.S. 61.810 C. – litigation, to the agenda which will be Item 17.

The August Yard of the Month award was presented to Wade Smith, 5809 Granite Spring Drive by Rob Moore, liaison for the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission. Mr. Smith received a framed photograph of his yard. A Yard of the Month sign has been placed in his yard. Mr. Smith received a round of applause by all.

As part of the Mayor's "Get Lean Cold Spring" initiative, Mayor Stoeber stated that his goal has been to reach the weight of 210 pounds by November. He is happy to report that he has reached that goal a few months ahead of time. Besides maintaining his weight, his new goal is to convert body fat into muscle.

Mayor Stoeber gave a slide presentation of a survey by Trust for America's Health, www.healthyamerica.org, which showed that 31% of Kentuckians are obese, ranking sixth in the United States, and we rank third in childhood obesity. Campbell County ranks 21st out of 120 counties as the worst in all health categories. A graph showed comparisons on the obesity rates from 1999, 2004, 2009, and today which showed that the obesity rate has increased dramatically. We did it to ourselves. It is nobodies' fault but our own. Kentucky's obesity rate has increased two years in a row. One third of Americans are too heavy to join the military, two thirds of active duty military personnel are overweight and one out of ten are overweight. Half of incoming or active firefighters are overweight, and the only time that a police officer has to pass a fitness test is the day he becomes a police officer and graduates from the academy. This is NOT the case with the Cold Spring police department thanks to Police Chief Ed Burk, who has his officers take a physical fitness test twice per year. The amount of Medicare and Medicaid taken out of our country's budget due to health issues caused by being overweight is staggering. If our country would focus on health, we would save hundreds of billions of dollars out of our government's budget.

It has been a tough year of weather, and unfortunately the Movie in the Park, "Hoodwinked", which was held in the evening on August 13th, had to be moved indoors to our Community Room because of threatening weather and the attendance was quite low. Mayor Stoeber thanked the Park Board for having these events, and we just have to get a bit of a break with our weather.

The Community Trunk Sale was held on the morning of August 13th at our Carole Huber Municipal Ballfield. There were 24 residents who registered to sell household items from their trunk and/or tables set up next to their vehicles. There was a large attendance of people going through to buy items, and many of the people who were there were excited and said they would spread the word. We hope that it will grow next year.

During the following month the Campbell County Library, Cold Spring Branch has a number of events, including programs such as: Real Men Read Books; a class on Computer Basics; Appalachian & Celtic Strings; Introduction to the Internet; the Cold Spring Book Club; Kids Adventure Club; Teen After Hours Movie Night; and Old Coins & Currency with history and free valuations. Contact the Campbell County Library Cold Spring Branch at 781-6166 for more details.

There will be a raffle of an American flag and pole along with a health and wellness book to a resident who stays until the end of the meeting.

The minutes of the July 25, 2011 regular council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There was one business present as part of the "Buy Cold Spring" promotion, to give a presentation about their business activity in the City of Cold Spring.

State Farm Insurance was introduced. Mr. Garrick Straub stated that he strives to make sure everyone knows what insurance they have and to be there if something goes wrong and they need to file a claim. He chose State Farm because they offer auto, home, health, and life insurances. He also knows what State Farm's response on a claim will be so that he can have a check cut immediately. Mr. Straub stated that he also does a lot of work with retirement and mutual funds for the people in the community. Mr. Straub related his personal background in finance and insurance. The Cold Spring address for State Farm Insurance is 4135 Alexandria Pike, and the phone number is 859-442-7342. You can e-mail him at gstraub.com.

Mayor Stoeber complimented State Farms Insurance's service, and related a family member's personal experience. He stated that the State Farm adjuster was very nice and helpful, and the service was excellent. Mr. Straub stated that even if you are not with State Farm, just call him and he will be happy to offer advice and be a neutral advocate.

Municipal Order 11-06 was read, **reappointing Jim Simpson to the Cold Spring Code Enforcement Board**, term to expire 8/24/2015. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Rob Moore seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeases and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Resolution 11-08 was read, **adding the titles of mayor, city administrative officer, and city clerk as designated user titles on all banking accounts held by the City of Cold Spring.** Kathy Noel made a motion for approval and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. Administrative Officer Steve Taylor explained that this is basically a procedural move. If someone in one of these positions were to leave, right now you would have to go through having the bank cards all re-signed. This now associates the title with the card and the names of these designated titles are part of the public record. Instead of having to go the bank and re-shuffle names on the bank cards every time there is a change in the administration, this now associates the authorization with the title as opposed to with a specific name. Dave Guidugli verified that everything still requires two signatures. Mr. Taylor stated that it doesn't change our internal procedures whatsoever; it only changes the records at the bank. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Resolution 11-09 was read, **raising the amount required for capitalization from \$500 to \$2,000.** Dave Guidugli made a motion for approval, and Rob Moore seconded the motion. By way of explanation, Administrative Officer Steve Taylor gave an example that if you were to go out and buy a laptop today and with the way technology is, that laptop may be obsolete in three to six months. We currently cannot expense that. This just moves our capitalization expense to something that we can write off the same year that we buy it, from a \$500 limit to a \$2,000 limit instead of having to list it as a depreciable asset and trace it across multiple years when it has actually reached its useful life the same year that it was bought. It is internal housekeeping, and it doesn't affect how we approve invoices or how things are coded. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Departmental reports were submitted in writing.

Chief Burk related that, due to the start up of classes at NKU today and because of the state road construction, I-275 was a nightmare, however the ramps at the AA Highway are now open which will help. Chief Burk stated that after the first day of school, everyone will realize what is going on and will make plans to get around the construction. Mayor Stoeber stated that the ramp from I-471 eastbound to I-275 is closed, but it doesn't seem to cause a great deal of bad effects.

Mayor Stoeber again congratulated Wade Smith on the Yard of the Month award and thanked the Park Board for all of the efforts they are putting in this year.

Lou Gerding questioned a piece of correspondence from David Plummer from the Campbell County Fiscal Court, which stated that they are collecting data concerning current fiscal year budgets of Northern Kentucky municipalities and requesting a copy of our budget. This is the first time he has seen such a request, and he questioned what they are actually doing with the data which they are collecting. Their actions of the past two years show that they keep raising taxes and he questioned if this is perhaps why they are doing that. Mayor Stoeber stated that during the last campaign season, the expenditure per resident got a lot of talk, but Wilders' expenses per resident should be way higher than ours because they have a Fire Department to pay for and we don't. That will automatically affect it.

The winner of the American flag, pole and the health gift at this month's meeting is Wade Smith.

Lou Gerding made a motion to **enter into Executive Session, per K.R.S. 61.810 C – litigation.** Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Lou Gerding made a motion **to come out of Executive Session**, and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

No action was taken during the executive session.

Rob Moore made a motion to adjourn the August 22, 2011 council meeting, and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: