

Cold Spring City Council July 25, 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, Rob Moore, Kathy Noel, Stuart Oehrle and Adam Sandfoss – excused was Dave Guidugli. 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.

Councilman Stuart Oehrle requested that Item 10 A. and 10 B. regarding fireworks be removed from tonight's agenda. He stated that he has more questions and comments regarding this issue that were not covered during the caucus discussions, and he asked that council present their list of questions to the mayor for further discussion at the August caucus. After further discussion, it was decided and agreed upon by council to formulate their list of questions to present at the August caucus, for discussion at the September caucus.

The July Yard of the Month award was presented to Todd and Susan McHugh of 217 Ridgepointe Drive by Rob Moore, liaison for the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission. They received a framed photograph of their yard. A certificate is being donated to the McHugh's by Home Depot. A Yard of the Month sign has been placed in their yard. The McHugh's received a round of applause by all.

As part of the Mayor's "Get Lean Cold Spring" initiative, Mayor Stoeber reported that he has lost an additional three pounds since the June council meeting. His goal is to weigh 210 pounds by the end of November. He stated that St. Joe's will be having their 5K Run on Saturday August 6th, and if you like to run, this can be part of your own health initiative. Contact the city clerk for more details.

The Fitness Expo was held on Saturday, July 23rd and unfortunately, just as the attendance at the May Health Expo was affected by the rainy weather, the attendance at the Fitness Expo was very low because of the very hot weather. However twelve people did register for the Zumba class, including two 70 year olds who had a lot of fun, and twelve registered for the kid's exercise class. We will have a healthy cooking class in the fall. Mayor Stoeber stated that in the past, the government had a "food pyramid" as a guideline, but in order to make it simpler the government has come up with a "food plate" instead. Mayor Stoeber pointed out the posters of the "food plate" which were displayed on easels in council chambers, and explained the new color coded system and food portions. He stated that in the 1800's, the average size of dinner plates was only 7" in diameter, and now they are 12" in diameter. It shows how everything food related has become regionally disproportioned.

There will be a Movie in the Park, at Municipal Park on August 13th at sunset. The featured movie is "Hoodwinked" and soft drinks and popcorn will be available for purchase.

There will also be a Community Trunk Sale on August 13th at our Carole Huber Municipal Ballfield, from 9 am to 1 pm. Residents can sell household items from their trunk and/or table set up next to their vehicle. Call the city clerk's office for more details and to register.

During the following month the Campbell County Library, Cold Spring Branch has a number of events, including programs on Adventure Club: Magic of Tome Bemmes; Art After Hours – Art Exhibition, Music, Food & Wine; End of Summer Festival; Photoshop: Restoring Old Photos; Book Club; Duct Tape Craft Fun; Hoxworth Blood Drive; Teen Movie Night, and Author and Broadcaster Mike Tussey. 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 June 27, 2011 regular council meeting were reviewed by all. Stuart Oehrle made a motion for approval and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There were three businesses present as part of the "Buy Cold Spring" promotion, to give presentations about their business activities in the City of Cold Spring.

Papa Johns Pizzeria was introduced. The co-owner stated that they are located along Crossroads Boulevard and he gave a brief history of Papa Johns. He stated that their products have better ingredients than any other pizzeria, and their dough is

homemade and contain no impurities. They also have steak hoagies by JTM with 100 percent beef and no fillers. He brought some pizza and magnets with him tonight. He appreciates our business.

Home Depot was introduced. Steve Laird of Home Depot introduced store manager Leslie Rowe. She gave a brief history of Home Depot, and stated that their goal is to give back to communities and build strong relationships. They are pleased to help the City of Cold Spring, and will be doing some landscaping at our Apple Orchard Park on Wednesday, and on August 11 they are volunteering at Crossroads Elementary School's open house where they will let the kids paint pots. They encourage as many volunteers as possible. These events are a great way to get the community together in a common goal, and the volunteers at Home Depot are devoted to this goal.

Lou Gerding stated that Steve Laird from Home Depot has been coming up to our council meetings offering to do special projects, and it is good to hear that they will be at the school and at Apple Orchard Park. It is great to have Home Depot, and their team in our city. Mayor Stoeber stated that he had a personal experience with Home Depot when doing some remodeling and he was very satisfied and happy with their service.

Electronauts was introduced. Owner Mike Motch gave a brief history of his business which is located on Homan Drive off of Industrial Road in Cold Spring. Their business is broken into two segments. The first is a used telecom equipment business, where they buy used telecom equipment that is coming out of service and then warehouse it in order to sell parts back into the marketplace once there is a need. If a manufacturer has stopped making a part, as long as Electronauts has it in stock they can sell it and deliver it to you. Selling, inventory and delivery are key in their business. Their second business segment is the manufacturing of custom cables for telecom space. When customers are doing expansions and upgrades due to the high demand for i-phones and other smart devices, band width and data, there is a huge demand for both manufactured and custom cables which they can provide for their customers. They install, manufacture, and sell a variety of equipment. For further information, visit their website at www.electronauts.com.

Mayor Stoeber thanked the businesses for their presentation, and stated that the diversity of the businesses of the city grows with each presentation. This is absolutely wonderful.

Municipal Order #11-03 was read, **reappointing Cindy Moore and Tricia Tobergte to the Cold Spring Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission**, terms to expire 7/19/2015. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor, with the exception of Rob Moore who recused himself from this vote. **Motion carried.**

Departmental reports were submitted in writing.

Police Chief Ed Burk had a presentation regarding the bi-annual police department survey. He thanked all of the citizens who responded to the surveys. They randomly selected 367 people from the city, and first sent out postcards advising them that they would be getting a survey, and a couple of weeks later the actual surveys were mailed. We received 177 surveys back which is a return rate of 48 percent, which is phenomenal. Chief Burk reviewed each of the 30 questions and responses on the surveys that were returned, and compared the answers to those from the 2009 surveys. In general, the surveys show that residents are very pleased with what Cold Spring officers are doing in the city. Results show that the officers work hard, they are seen more. If anyone has any comments, please contact him. The survey results will be posted on the Police Department website, www.coldspringpd.com.

Adam Sandfoss confirmed with Chief Burk that the surveys were sent out and returned anonymously, so we do not have the option of going back to ask a particular resident for further information especially on a response regarding crimes. Chief Burk stated that if you look at the overall response, over 95 percent of the responses did not find crime to be an issue. That kind of response is a pretty good indicator of how the residents or businesses feel about crime in the city.

Mayor Stoeber thanked Police Chief Burk for putting this benchmark survey together. His passion and movement for the police department is community neighborhood policing and as far as the breadth of this survey, it covers a lot of different viewpoints of the police department. The most impressive part of this is the willingness to expose the police department. The citizen response is outstanding and more importantly it shows that citizen response is going up, police contacts are going up, and perception of crime is going down. The mission is to provide a safe environment to our citizens and the survey response is something tangible showing that this is happening.

Chief Burk stated that a lot of work is being done by the State on I-275, and he has a list of residents in some areas of the city that may be affected by this construction work. He has been sending them weekly updates on what is going on and giving

them a heads up on when and where this is happening. If any resident would like to be included in that update, please e-mail him and send in your information and he will add you to the list.

Stuart Oehrle verified that Martha Layne Collins Boulevard is maintained by the State. The road is buckling. Steve Taylor stated that the road base is failing all of the way across, and the State has been notified.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the report from the Central Campbell County Fire District indicated that the combined Cold Spring Police Department / Fire Department Fishing Derby is being cancelled because of a budget cutback by the City of Cold Spring. That is not the case. The City, for various zoning and a couple of other issues, did not put it in the budget. The reasons are far more extensive than financial. He asked that council note this correction. Chief Burk has been in contact with the Fire Department and in fact they stated that they had other activities that they wanted to do and wished to spend that money elsewhere. It is important to know that this was not a budgetary cut.

Adam Sandfoss questioned if the Park Board would consider continuing a movie night to have an “old fashioned classic type” of movie now that summer is dwindling down. Kathy Noel stated that the Park Board is going to try to do a movie in October, weather permitting, with a Halloween theme.

Lou Gerding stated many residents have been questioning the asphalt work on East Alexandria Pike. He wants to make it clear that that work was done by the Northern Kentucky Water District and if you have comments about the asphalt patches contact NKWD who was responsible for hiring the contractor.

The winner of the American flag, pole and the health gift at this month’s meeting is Susan McHugh.

Stuart Oehrle made a motion to enter into Executive Session, per K.R.S. 61.810 C – litigation. Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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No action was taken during the executive session.

Municipal Order 11-04 was read, **directing the chief administrative officer to not pay any stormwater fees from SD1**. Stuart Oehrle made a motion to approve this order, and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Municipal Order 11-05 was read, **ordering the City Attorney to file suit with SD1 regarding the imposition of fees and not providing any services**. Stuart Oehrle made a motion for approval, and Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Resolution 11-07 was read **regarding KLC reimbursement of fees**. Kathy Noel made a motion for approval, and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Stuart Oehrle made a motion to adjourn the July 25, 2011 council meeting and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: