

## Cold Spring City Council March 27, 2017

The meeting of the Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Angelo Penque. Prayer and Pledge to the flag was led by the assistant city clerk. Roll call showed the following council members present – Chris Ampfer, Lisa Cavanaugh (who answered with argh), Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, Michael Ruscher, and Adam Sandfoss. Also present were Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor, City Attorney Brandon Voelker, Assistant City Clerk Robin Sweeney, Police Chief Brian Messer and Ronnie Hitch, Public Works.

Mayor Penque gave the exit instructions, per Fire Department regulations.

There were two additions to the agenda. Mayor Penque added a Municipal Order regarding the City Clerk position and bank account signatures. Chris Ampfer added to the agenda a discussion about the lake park project behind Cracker Barrel.

Under items of interest, Mayor Penque did an update on the Coffee with the Mayor and Senator Wil Schroder. They had a great turn out and all the seats were full. The Mayor read a thank you note to council that was sent by Senator Wil Schroder. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Municipal Park on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Arbor Day will be held Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Municipal Park shelter between 10:30am and 11:30am. Mayor Penque will be out of town, so Councilman Adam Sandfoss will be hosting the event. There will be trees given away. Campbell County Spring Clean Up will be held March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> 8am – 5pm. The Campbell County Police Station and Penderly Park will accept trash only. The Campbell County Transportation Center will accept trash as well as appliances, car batteries, electronics, furniture, mattresses, propane tanks, scrap metal, and tires. They do NOT accept oil, paints, or TVs. Campbell County Shred Day will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> 9am – 1pm at the DAV Headquarters – 3725 Alexandria Pike. All paper documents will be shredded onsite. There is a limit of 5 boxes. The Cold Spring Police Department will be onsite to collect any unwanted or unused prescription drugs. No liquids or syringes. Also, there is Veteran's assistance available at the city building on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. This is for Cold Spring residents only so please spread the word if you know a veteran who may need any assistance. You can call the city building to set up an appointment with Mike Disney who donates his time to help our veterans. There will be a drawing for an American flag and pole at the end of the meeting.

The February 27, 2017 council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve, Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

There were no scheduled guests.

Under old business, **Ordinance 17-1034, was read in summary for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time adopting the 2016 Supplement of the Code of Ordinances.** Lou Gerding made a motion to approve, Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. Roll call vote shows 6 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion carried.**

**Ordinance 17-1035, was read in summary for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time adopting the Cold Spring zoning ordinance amending certain sections regarding agricultural uses and regulations.** Adam Sandfoss made a motion to approve, and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. Roll call vote shows 6 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion carried.**

Under new business, was a request for **approval for the Mayor to sign the Red Devils contract.** Adam Sandfoss made a motion to approve. Lou Gerding seconded the motion under one condition, that the payment be received by the Red Devils at the beginning of the season. Roll call vote show 4 yeses, 2 noes – Helton and Cavanaugh. **Motion carried.**

**Municipal Order 17-03 was read appointing Dave Guidugli to the Code Enforcement Board filling a vacancy with the term to expire 8/24/18.** Lou Gerding made a motion to approve, and Chris Ampfer seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried**

As an addition to the agenda, **Municipal Order 17-04 appointing Robin Sweeney as City Clerk effective May 1, 2017 and allowing Robin Sweeney to be authorized on the city's bank accounts prior to appointment.** Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion to approve, Chris Ampfer seconded the motion. Roll call vote shows 6 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion carried.**

Chris Ampfer has done some preliminary work to get an idea of a budget for the park at the lake behind Cracker Barrel. He would like to have a pathway around the lake, a shelter, some park benches, fill it with fish and also get a sonar survey done. There is also some maintenance work that would need to be done, such as clearing, fencing needs to be redone, a collapsed bridge

that needs reconstructed, or re-do the outfall. There also needs to be some sidewalk work at Buning Lane and an access road is needed. He would also like to form a committee of council members and residents to get ideas of what they would like to see, along with having the city engineer start on some preliminary site plans. He is asking to appropriate \$300,000.00 to put towards the lake project. Brandon Voelker stated we would first have to amend the budget. Chris Ampfer made a **motion to amend the budget for the current budget year to appropriate \$300,000.00 for the lake project**. Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Councilman Adam Sandfoss asked where the \$300,000.00 came from. Chris Ampfer stated that it is just a ballpark price, and it could potentially cost more depending on what they decide to do. Adam Sandfoss suggested asking for a smaller amount right now to get the plans going, and then discuss setting aside the rest of the cost in the 17/18 budget year that is currently in discussion. Lisa Cavanaugh stated that the city is financially stable and that using this money for the lake will not put us in the red. Chris Ampfer stated that we need to start somewhere and right now this is an estimate, he just wants to set money aside. Lou Gerding said that we should not spend any money on this lake until we own it, there is no rush. Mayor Penque asked the city attorney to speak on the process of receiving the deed for the lake. Brandon Voelker said that the plat was redrawn and approved. It has been sent to the attorney for Cracker Barrel to draft a deed. He cannot give an exact date of when we will receive it, but he would venture to say it would be within 30 days. Councilman Ampfer stated that we already know what Cracker Barrel will look like, so we should set the money aside to do preliminary engineering and pull together a site plan. Lou Gerding stated that there could still be changes to the land so we should wait until we own it. Adam Sandfoss is in favor of the park, but he also wants to wait until we own the lake to make any decisions or set aside any money. Brenda Helton added that if they wait to vote on this, and we get the deed in a week or two, we will not be able to vote on it again for another month, and this is just starting the process. Roll call vote shows 3 yeses, and 3 noes – Gerding, Sandfoss, Ruscher. Since the Mayor has the authority to break a tie vote, Mayor Penque voted yes for a vote of 4 yeses and 3 noes. **Motion carried.**

Under follow up citizen comments, a resident, Lauren asked if it is possible that Cracker Barrel could keep any more land. Brandon Voelker said no, there is already a purchase agreement. Lou Gerding stated that originally, we were supposed to have 25 feet around the lake and that is not happening.

Mark Majors said he is a photographer and that whenever he does a photo shoot, they want to go over into Cincinnati. He shared photos of some parks that people really like and want to have in their community. The parks in these photos were Ault Park and Alms Park in Cincinnati. He pointed out different structures in the park such as gazebo and playgrounds. He also showed an example of a park that wasn't designed very well as to what we would want to avoid.

Jeff Goshorn, a resident of Granite Springs volunteered his services to help with any ideas for the lake. He is in favor of the lake and park. He also helped with the fishing derby that was held at the lake in the past. He said it was a great time and a good fundraiser. Mayor Penque added that Mr. Charles Deuser has volunteered to fully stock the lake.

A woman in the audience said she thinks that the lake park project is a good idea, it is something that everyone young and old could enjoy. Multiple residents in the audience stated they are all in favor of the park.

Department reports were submitted in writing.

Under Council comments, Lisa Cavanaugh asked about more information about the little library. City Administrator Steve Taylor said it is fine for someone to have the little library on their property as long as it is not in the right of way. Councilwoman Cavanaugh also wanted to thank the residents for coming to the meeting and giving their opinions. Chris Ampfer thanked his friends and neighbors who came to the meeting to support him. Adam Sandfoss said it is very refreshing to see all of the residents at the meeting. He urged them to keep coming to meetings and sharing their ideas.

Under Mayor's comments, Mayor Penque stated he will be out of town at the end of April and would like council's opinion on rescheduling the council meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Council decided to cancel the caucus meeting and have a special council meeting in its place on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Penque appreciates all of the residents that came to the meeting. He introduced two park board members that were in the audience – Peggy Lockman and Debbie Popovich and stated that along with the old events, there will be new events this year that the park board has planned. The mayor does urge the residents to share their thoughts and opinions on events that they would like to see the city offer. Mayor Penque said feel free to contact your council members with any questions or concerns at any time. He is eager to move the city forward and wants the residents to know that the lake project funding of \$300,00 as requested by Chris Ampfer, will not cause a raise in taxes.

Resident Joe Vick won the raffle for the American flag.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the March 27, 2017 council meeting at 8:15pm and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Approved:**

**Assistant City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**