

Cold Spring City Council January 22, 2007

The regular meeting of Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Stoeber. Pledge to the flag was recited and prayer was lead by the Assistant City Clerk. Roll call showed the following present – Lou Gerding, Charles Gray, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore, Kathy Noel and Stuart Oehrle. Also present were Police Chief Ed Burk, Rita Seger and Brandon Voelker.

Mayor Stoeber removed item #10, D from the agenda. Stuart Oehrle requested the addition to item #16, Executive Session per KRS 61.810, F- Personnel to the agenda.

Mayor Stoeber recognized Boy Scout Troup #86 from St. Joseph School and their leader Mark Bailey who were present to observe the council proceedings for their citizenship and community badges which are requirements for becoming Eagle Scouts. Mayor Stoeber stated that citizenship is actually a membership, belonging to your community, involvement and showing up both physically and mentally. He stated he is glad they are here and thanked them for coming.

Mayor Stoeber thanked our Public Works Department for the great job they did clearing off yesterday's snow. He complimented them on an excellent job and thanked them for all of the extra time they have put in.

Ed Burk addressed mayor and council with items of interest. Officer Dennis McCarthy who works third shift received state recognition for DUI arrests. He was awarded a plaque and attended a recognition ceremony in Louisville. Also accolades go to Officer Bill Bohl, who received honorable mention for officer of the year by the No. Ky. Police Chief's Association. He was nominated by the FBI Special Agent O'Leary and was co-recipient with a detective from Ft. Wright, and an FBI special agent for their work on the blue-eyed rapist case.

Chief Burk announced that the Mobile Data Computers are now operational in all of the cruisers. Training is underway to use the scanning portion for electronic citation to scan driver's licenses.

Chief Burk stated that the city received seventy four applications for police officer position. Fifty two of the applicants showed up for the testing, which was held at St. Joseph's Kelley Hall. Thanks go to St Joseph's for allowing us the use of Kelley Hall to do this testing. There are some very good candidates applying.

Chief Burk gave a report on the traffic at the Crossroads Boulevard intersection. The State Highway Department was contacted prior to the Christmas holidays and they adjusted the timing of the lights and added a manual device that allows the officers to manipulate the traffic lights to facilitate the flow of traffic out of the shopping area. This flow is considerably better than other shopping malls in this area. They will continue to monitor this area especially with the school complex going in.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the application turnout for the open position of police officer is the largest turn out we have ever had, only second to the application turnout for police chief. Also, Mayor Stoeber commented on the mobile data computers which offer so much use for the police department as a tool. They can scan building layouts, evacuation and emergency plans into the computer in the case of emergency situations.

Mayor Stoeber stated that on January 4th the city held a gathering of city council, board heads, and other community members on how to get involvement in our community and hear the voices of our citizens on a regular basis to establish citizenship relationship. We will move forward with many of the issues that came out of that gathering.

Mayor Stoeber stated that it is time put together the budget for the 2007-2008 budget year. The city departments will pull together their budgets, council will provide guidance on how they would like to see the money spent, and Mayor Stoeber asks all citizens to input to the city, mayor, council, via phone calls, letters or e-mails on how they would like for us to spend their money. The Mayor to your Door program will continue. The mayor will meet at a citizens house for a get together and chat with friends and neighbors He provides hot dogs, snacks and drinks. Council on the Road meetings will continue, where council moves their meetings to various locations in the city to make it as easy as possible for citizens to attend. At the February caucus the city is exploring the possibility of offering passport services at the city building. There is a great need for our residents. There will be a drawing for an American flag and at the end of this meeting to any Cold Spring resident present at that time.

Minutes of the special **December 7th** council meeting were reviewed by all. Charles Gray made a motion **to approve these minutes**. Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The minutes of the special **December 11th** council meeting were reviewed by all. Stuart Oehrle made a **motion to approve these minutes**. Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The **December 14th** special council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Rob Moore made a **motion to approve these minutes**. Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The

January 8th special council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a **motion to approve these minutes**. Charles Gray seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Sheila Bogen, Operation Hug Chairperson, reported that she and her husband visited our adopted unit in Ft. Campbell for the soldiers' Christmas party. While they were there, Sheila was entrusted with a plaque to be presented to the Cold Spring citizens, mayor and council and members of the Operation Hug committee. This plaque is a certificate of excellence from the "Iron Nomads" to the City of Cold Spring, expressing their thanks for our service, dedication and efforts made by so many to the soldiers while they were in Iraq. Mayor Stoeber thanked Sheila Bogen and Operation Hug for doing a wonderful job.

Casey Ream made a presentation to mayor and council on a design and cost for the city should they decide to provide a skateboard park in Cold Spring. Casey passed out an informational packets showing various other parks in Kentucky and Ohio that provide skateboard facilities. He discussed some costs and materials used by these various cities. He suggested some various rules that could be posted at the skateboard park, and presented some common practices. A sign could be posted stating that any vandalism would result in the skate park being temporarily closed. The skate park would close at dusk. A total estimated cost for a high end skateboard park would be \$138,000.00 to \$170,000.00 to include a fenced in area. There are many grants that could be applied for this project and should be considered. Casey would be glad to donate his time wherever needed at this skate park. The sketch up that he used was for a site behind the City Building in the area where there was formerly a swimming pool and old basketball courts were. Mayor Stoeber thanked Casey for his time and diligence in all of the work he has done with the Park Board on this and he appreciates it very much. Council will now take the information and consider it.

William Ream, Casey's father stated that they had originally planned to show a projected three dimensional animation for this project but time constraints did not allow it. He does have this in a windows media file and would be glad to send it to anyone via e-mail if the mayor and council would like to see more visuals. The estimated costs that Casey laid out was for a better high end skate board park and many of the amenities to benefit the cities youth might be found at a better cost still. Casey would also be willing to find other corporate sponsors which would defray from some of this cost.

Mayor Stoeber then presented his fifth annual **State of the City address**. He thanked the citizens of Cold Spring by showing their confidence in him by his re-election. He considers his position as mayor a very immense responsibility and takes it very seriously. He thanked the council for having stepped forward again in serving this community honorably and nobly. Mayor Stoeber looked back at the accomplishments of 2006, including a successful police chief search, a phenomenally successful parks and recreation season of events. He thanked each of the Park Board members and included Nancy Bay for her work on the Cruise-In. The city reached out to others through Operation Hug, shipping over 1500 lbs of supplies to Iraq. The city also honored those who preserve our freedom through the dedication of our Veteran's Memorial. Seven streets were replaced and resurfaced at an extremely low financing rate. Three cruisers and mobile data computers were purchased for the Police Department as well as a dump truck for Public Works. We have annexed approximately one hundred acres to round out the city for better planning. Looking at where we are, the city is extremely financially stable with our money in our current budget and money in reserve. We have completed another financially successful audit. We have a fifteen year strategic plan that prepares us for the near future and prepares us for when growth stops in our city. Some of the money in reserve is for our street program, some for financial stability reserves and some is for items like new roofs, equipment, recreational or other lands. The Police Department is working to become better partners with our residents, Public Works is putting together a tremendous effort to maintain the high standards set over the years, Administration is the grease that makes all of this run. One of our most major issues of the city is crime, eighty percent of which is related to drugs. We ask that our residents be involved. If you see something unusual, it is unusual. Please call Campbell County Dispatch at 292-3622 and our Police will be more than happy to check things out. Our major initiatives for 2007 is to be strong stewards of our strategic plan for future generations and be very disciplined with our moneys to be able to provide for the future. In addition we will maintain focus on monitoring the traffic and accident issues, work with Fischer Homes for stop lights at Buning Lane and second access point for Granite Spring. We will continue working out traffic issues at Glenridge and Sturbridge. Finally we are in the early stages of the OKI I-471 corridor study to deal with traffic flow along the US 27. We need to actively seek a way to seek citizen input on a continual basis. Communication is a two way street. A committee comprised of Council and P & Z members, city and non-city residents will be formed to look at the boundaries of the city and look at ways to round them out. In regards to planning, there will be a re-energized and re-vitalized focus on updating our zoning regulations. In closing, Mayor Stoeber again offered thanks to the Cold Spring citizens for their support during these changing times. Your voice is important and we look forward to hearing from you.

Mayor Stoeber has recommended the **appointment of permanent mayor/council subcommittees** as follows: Finance would be comprised of Councilmen Guidugli and Oehrle – Safety would be Councilperson Noel and Councilman Gerding – Personnel would be Councilperson Noel and Councilman Gray – Public Works would be Councilmen Moore and Gerding. Charles Gray made a **motion to approve these appointments**. Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. Mayor Stoeber said the committee times will be published. The only change from last year to this year is that Safety Committee will be meeting at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm every other fourth Monday of the month. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 07-924 was read in summary form for the first time, updating and adding police department personnel policies. Rob Moore made a **motion to approve.** Lou Gerding seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Dave Guidugli reported on the January Planning and Zoning meeting. They had formed a nominating committee in December for the election of new officers. At the January meeting Stephen Taylor was named Chairman, Jim Drye as vice chair, and Roger Bay as secretary/treasurer. It was also requested that Council talk to the school board and the state about the traffic concerns at Crossroads Blvd. If it is found that the island needs to be taken out, the state could help defray the cost of that. They would also like to sit down with council and talk about the direction that council wants Planning and Zoning to take to work as a common goal.

Mayor Stoeber stated that at the January caucus meeting, council split up the times to go to the P & Z meetings for the second year straight. In talking to Chairman Steve Taylor, we will have a combined Council / Planning and Zoning meeting within the next thirty to forty five days. Chief Burk has talked to the State Highway Department about the lights, and Stuart Oehrle has spoken to the school board. All of the communications are occurring and those avenues will be kept open and we will keep P & Z apprised on a regular basis as to how we are progressing. The Safety Committee is reviewing the Crossroads / US 27 intersection every two months.

Stuart Oehrle said that the schools have just been districted appropriately and they should have the bus path by March or April. We will be able to see how many buses will be turning right or left at that intersection. Mayor Stoeber stated that Superintendent Strong is willing to look at all options to see that traffic flow runs as smoothly as possible. The times that the buses run should mix in well with the normal time schedules of the center.

A citizen in the audience asked if there will be another entrance into that shopping center off of the AA Highway. She also asked if there would be a traffic light placed at the entrance ramp from US 27 to the AA near that intersection.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the light at the intersection was designed for when the development was entirely built out, which at the time included apartments. These will not being developed because the school is there instead. The school district was very clear that there will not be a second exit for the safety and security reasons to limit as much access as possible. The state required this and it was put in the deed. A light at the entrance ramp is very close to the intersection light and would probably not be considered by the State.

Resident Sandy Ross commented that she was very impressed with the time and work that Casey Ream had put into his presentation to the city for a skate board park. She asked that the city consider something along those lines for our young people. She prefers to see this here instead of having them skate boarding along US 27.

Charles Gray commented that Casey Ream's presentation was well prepared and presented. He is an impressive young man and his parents are to be commended.

Winner of the drawing for the American flag and pole went to Adam Sandfoss, 110 Orchard Terrace.

Motion to enter into executive session KRS 61.810 C- Litigation and KRS 61.810 – F Personnel was made by Stuart Oehrle and seconded by Lou Gerding. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to go out of executive session was made by Stuart Oehrle and seconded by Dave Guidugli. All were in favor. Motion carried. No action was taken during the executive sessions.

Motion to adjourn was made by Stuart Oehrle and seconded by Dave Guidugli. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor:

**Cold Spring City Council
Special Meeting
January 8, 2007**

The special meeting of Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Stoeber. The purpose of this meeting, as advertised, is to appoint Karen Stafford to Planning and Zoning Commission, and for a declaration of surplus police property. The regular city caucus will follow this meeting.

Roll call showed the following present – Lou Gerding, Charles Gray, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore and Kathy Noel; and Stuart Oehrle. Also present were Tom Benke, Ed Burk, Dave Piccirillo, Rita Seger, and Brandon Voelker.

Rob Moore made a motion **to approve the appointment of Karen Stafford to the Cold Spring Planning and Zoning Commission, term will expire January 31, 2011.** Kathy Noel seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Following up on a letter submitted to council by Chief Ed Burk, **Stuart Oehrle made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus police property** and Rob Moore seconded the motion.

Dave Guidugli asked how miscellaneous items were disposed of such as radar guns, radios etc.

Ed Burk said that much of the miscellaneous items are extremely old and no longer viable and would just be thrown away as trash. Other items may be sold, possibly on e-bay.

Kathy Noel asked if any of the bikes were in good condition. If so, Operation Hug may be able to raffle these off with proceeds going to our adopted unit, who may be deployed again later this year. Ed Burk said there were some in good condition, and he, the mayor and Sheila Bogen could look into this possibility.

Rob Moore asked what would be done with the vehicles. Mayor Stoeber stated that he has an idea that he would like to present to council regarding these vehicles. Through a series of events he has been in contact with, and made aware of a plightful situation in Kentucky's Owsley County, with Booneville being the county seat and only city in that county. It is the poorest county in Kentucky, second in the nation. He met with a number of the officials there over the Christmas holidays. They have a very small budget. All of their equipment is purchased second hand, including their cruisers which are off the road from the Kentucky State Police and usually last only one and a half to two years. Mayor Stoeber thought that council might look into having our three vehicles donated to the Owsley County Police Department, and they would certainly appreciate this. He has developed a good talking relationship with them. Mayor Stoeber stated that the mayor of Booneville, at the age of 86, is probably the longest standing mayor in the country. Population is 5,000 in all of Owsley County.

Ed Burk does not have any concern with this type of donation.

Lou Gerding replied that state law states that we have to get rid of these vehicles by bid / auction. Brandon Voelker said that we can give them to a fellow government agency.

All were in favor of the motion for declaration of surplus police property. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Lou Gerding to adjourn. Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

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