

Cold Spring City Council February 28, 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 – Stuart Oehrle. Also present were Police Chief Ed Burk, City Clerk Rita Seger, Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor, and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

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

Mayor Stoeber stated that at the beginning of February, St. Joseph School had appreciation week, and the kindergarten class extended an invitation to city officials to visit. Mayor Stoeber and Councilman Guidugli were fortunate to be able to attend. Fifty to sixty children were there and presented the quilt that is currently hanging on the wall in council chambers. The hearts on the quilt were formed from the hands of the children, teachers and principal. A peace sign is also on the quilt, which has the theme of “We Love Peace”.

As mentioned in his state of the city address, Mayor Stoeber has initiated a City Art Show with the students of St. Joseph School, Cline Elementary School and Crossroads Elementary School. Eventually we hope this will branch off to other art shows. It is scheduled to be held at our Municipal Park on Saturday, May 21st from noon until 4 pm.

Another initiative is a citywide fitness and wellness program, which the city has entitled “Get Lean Cold Spring”. As an agenda item we will have a healthy tip at every council meeting. A wellness site is under construction on our webpage, which will include tips and pictures of Mayor Stoeber in his own quest to lose weight. We have partnered with NKU’s Healthy Monday Coalition. The city will eventually have a Healthy Monday program. On May 14th in front of the city building we will hold a “Get Lean Cold Spring” fitness and wellness expo. St. Elizabeth Hospital will bring their mammography and cardiovascular trucks, and have free information, and offer tests such as glucose and cholesterol. We will have a sampler exercise weekend in June and July and in September and October there will be a sampler weekend of a cooking class and a nutritionist. There will be more information to come.

The Cold Spring Branch Library has a tremendous number of programs running this month. The programs are: March 1 – Teen Writers Club (4 pm); March 3rd – Computer Basics (10 am); March 8th – Book Club (11 am) and Learn to use Manga-creating Software (6 pm); March 9th – Introduction to the Internet (10 am); March 10th – Cincinnati Museum Center presents Lewis & Clark; March 17th – the Rockin’ Adventures of Peter Rabbit (4 pm); March 19th - Traditional Celtic & Appalachian Mountain Music (2 pm); March 24 – Farmer Joan’s Equine Show (4 pm) and Real Men Read Book Club (7 pm); March 26th Acoustic Guitarist John Ford (11 am) and Ron Esposito & Friends (1 pm)

Campbell County Spring Cleanup will be held on Friday, March 25th and Saturday, March 26th from 8 am to 5 pm and on Sunday, March 27th from 8 am to 4 pm. Trash and debris only will be accepted at the Campbell County Police Station in Alexandria and at Penderly Park. All items will be accepted at the Campbell County Transportation Center, however, no liquids will be accepted at any of these locations.

There will be a drawing for an American flag and pole for a resident staying until the end of this meeting.

The minutes of the January 24, 2011 regular council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval, and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Scheduled guests, Rhonda Whitaker, Jim Mehring and Gary Hubbler of Duke Energy, Gas Operations Department addressed council. Ten years ago Duke Energy approached the Kentucky and Ohio Regulatory Commissions in the hopes that they could undertake a huge project and replace some of their infrastructure. In the Gas “Accelerated Main Replacement Program” or AMRP they targeted some 1,421 miles in Ohio and Kentucky. In Kentucky well over 200 miles of lines were replaced in terms of the gas main and about 26,000 services. Duke Energy is only one, of three natural gas utilities, that has taken a project of this size from the drawing board to fruition.

Mr. Mehring is happy to report that they have completed the Kentucky portion of this program, on schedule and within budget. They have been thanking communities in Northern Kentucky for their assistance and cooperation with this program. They are honoring the City of Cold Spring tonight for our involvement, and to say thanks for the permitting process which at times may have tested our patience. The City has always been willing to work with them to accommodate their needs. Also

thanks for the patience with project scheduling that involved roads, traffic control, and the restoration process of cleaning up and putting it back after they were done. Through this project, it has strengthened our good working relationship. Rhonda Whitaker presented a clock to the city as a token of their appreciation, and she read the wording engraved on the back of the clock. They are proud to have finished this project and are proud to be able to provide safe and reliable gas service to Northern Kentucky.

Mayor Stoeber stated that Duke Energy did a nice job. We appreciate the updated service.

Steve Chuke of Guys and Dolls addressed council. They had requested a “pay lake” license in 2010 and they would like to have this resolved, in hopes that they can get their license this year. Mayor Stoeber stated that the issue of recreational activities is actually on tonight’s agenda before council. He apologized for the delay. If this passes this evening the decision is to clarify that language and to keep recreational activities in the SDA zone as indoor only.

Resolution 11-02, accepting the maintenance of Plaza Drive and seizing the bond to cover the repairs was read by City Attorney Brandon Voelker. Steve Taylor stated that he spoke to Scott Hiles, NKAPC who said that they were there when Plaza Drive was milled, they inspected the road bed underneath and did have an inspector on site when the new asphalt was laid down. They didn’t have any issues with what was done. Dave Guidugli made a **motion to adopt** this resolution. He stated that it covers everything talked about in caucus and we need to get this finished. Rob Moore seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed four yeses and one no – Lou Gerding. **Motion carried.**

Ordinance 11-974, approving a text amendment permitting and clarifying indoor recreational facilities in the SDA zone, was read in summary form for the first time. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Resolution 11-03, adopting job descriptions for hazardous duty, was read. Mayor Stoeber stated that this is a result of a law change that happened prior to our hiring of a new police officer and we need to update our compliance. Rob Moore made a **motion to adopt** this resolution, and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Resolution 11-04, granting authority to the Mayor to execute a grant application for a Land and Water grant for a walking trail at Municipal Park, was read. The original grant that the city was looking at could not be done in time, and Steve Taylor talked to the NKADD District and found another fifty percent matching grant very similar and we can make that deadline. There will be a special meeting before the March caucus for the public hearing necessary in order to file in time. Rob Moore made a **motion to adopt** this resolution, and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Stoeber stated that we plan to put in an inter-connective trail system on the Municipal grounds that will tie into the nature trail in back. You can have a walking trail anywhere from one half mile to over two miles if you wanted to loop through and continue to circle back, without going off of city property.

There were no follow up citizens comments.

Departmental reports were reviewed.

Mayor Stoeber stated that by the next caucus, Steve Taylor will have the budget agenda timeline mapped out. Mayor Stoeber will have communicated with the department heads as to the expectations of the budgeting process. As a reminder, at the March caucus he will ask council members to put in writing if there is anything that they want into, added, or taken out of the budget.

Police Chief Ed Burk mentioned that with the closing of the Kroger Store on Martha Layne Collins Boulevard, residents should be aware that traffic has increased on Crossroads Boulevard due to shoppers going to this Kroger’s Crossroads location. Chief Burk asked that residents be aware that school buses and drivers with school children arrive at Crossroads everyday between 8 and 8:20 am and depart between 3:05 and 3:45 pm, so plan your shopping to avoid those times to help cut down on traffic. There has also been more traffic in that area on weekends. Dave Guidugli stated that the Kroger Store on Martha Layne Collins Boulevard will be closed for 18 to 20 weeks, but in the interim their pharmacy has relocated to 54 Martha Layne Collins Boulevard.

Rob Moore related that his son had an occasion where he had to call our Police Department for suspicious activity, and his son said that “Scott” from our police department responded quickly on the issue. We have talked about how residents calling

our officers by their first name indicates a great relationship with the public. Councilman Moore stated that is especially true when a sixteen year old does this and it is very commendable. Thanks Officer Scott Hildebrand.

Lou Gerding stated that there is a light out at the Veterans Memorial in the front of Municipal Park that needs to be replaced. He also received a citizen complaint, at Buning Lane when you enter east of the island at Granite Spring. There is a cut in the pavement from storm drain to storm drain where the city placed a pipe, and it has sunk about ¾" down. Vehicle tires make a thumping sound going over it. Mayor Stoeber stated that Public Works was aware at the time they did the work that there would be settling due to the material they had to use because of the cold weather, and they do plan to go back and take care of this when the weather warms up.

Mayor Stoeber thanked Planning & Zoning member Donna Schmidt who stepped forward to accept the position as chair after Steve Taylor left that position to become city administrative officer.

Chief Burk commented that Blockbuster and Montgomery Cyclery are no longer in the city, but we will be getting a new store, Shoe Sensations, on Crossroads Boulevard.

There were no additional council, attorney, or mayor comments.

There were no city residents participating in the raffle of the American flag and pole.

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

Kathy Noel made a **motion to come out of executive session,** and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.** No action was taken as a result of this executive session

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the February 28, 2011 meeting and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: