

## **Cold Spring City Council**

### **April 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, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore, Kathy Noel, Stuart Oehrle, and Adam Sandfoss. 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 stated that this past week's Community Recorder had a story about the St. Joseph School play "Pinocchio", in which they added a new character modeled on Cold Spring police officer and school resource officer Andy Hyett, who relayed the dangers of tobacco use. Garrett Ahlbrand played the part, and Officer Hyett provided some of the props for this character. Teacher Anne Gerner said Officer Hyett was selected to be represented in the play because "the students just love him". Garrett Ahlbrand said that his character "made the crowd laugh while teaching an important lesson, just like Officer Hyett does". Mayor Stoeber stated that this is quite a tribute to Officer Hyett. Also shown in the Community Recorder was our own councilmember Stuart Oehrle, who was visiting Salvador, Brazil on a business trip to speak at the Latin American Symposium on Environmental Chemistry.

Mayor Stoeber stated that Arbor Day will be held at our Municipal Park shelter on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Free Dogwood seedlings will be distributed. As part of the Cold Spring health initiative, Mayor Stoeber gave his personal monthly progress report, which, due to job and budget stresses and a vacation, resulted in his gaining one pound. The Cold Spring Health and Wellness Expo is planned for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 1 pm. St. Elizabeth Hospital will be bringing their mammography van. They accept most insurances. They will have their cardiovascular screening van at a reduced cost of \$75.00. There will be free body fat testing, free blood pressure testing, and a smoking awareness table. They will also have an escorted one mile walk around the grounds. Art in the Park will be held at our Municipal Park on May 21<sup>st</sup> from noon until 4 pm featuring art presentations by students of St. Joseph, Cline Elementary, and Crossroads Elementary Schools. They will also have dance and choral presentations and literary readings every hour. Mayor Stoeber read a number of upcoming events being held at the Cold Spring Library. Campbell County will host a Tire Amnesty program on May 19 thru the 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8 to 5. Any number of tires, including those with rims intact, may be taken to the Campbell County Transportation Center for disposal.

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.

Stuart Oehrle requested an update on Pooles Creek Road, which had a road slippage over the weekend. Chief Burk stated that location of the slippage is after the Chardonnay Subdivision and before Darlas Drive, and a portion of Pooles Creek Road is down to one lane only. The State has placed temporary traffic lights in the area, so be very aware and careful if you have to use that road. We do not know how long it will take for the State Highway Department to take care of the repairs.

The minutes of the March 28, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the next item on the agenda is our business outreach program, in which we give four local businesses per month an opportunity to give a brief presentation at each of our council meetings to let our neighbors know of all of the wonderful businesses in our town.

Campbell County Auto Body was introduced. Owner John Russell stated that they have been located in the city of Cold Spring since they purchased Campbell County Motors in 1983. They are located at 4411 Alexandria Pike, right along the highway. Cars have changed and are more sophisticated, and they have all of the up-to-date tools and equipment to take care of them. Cars are much safer and people don't have quite as many accidents, but there are more cars on the road. They can take care of the everyday things that may happen to your vehicle. They do a lot of mirrors and bumpers, and if you look at your car and see that it needs a little sprucing up as far as scratches or dents, they can take care of that for you, as well as more severe damages. Mr. Russell appreciates this opportunity to give information on his business, and passed out brochures.

Miracle Ear Hearing Center was introduced. Nikkole Wardrop, Marketing Coordinator, stated that they are located at 4200 Alexandria Pike. Over 55 million Americans suffer from hearing loss. Recent studies show that significant improvements are made in the lives of people with hearing loss who obtain hearing aids. The professional who fits the hearing aids is the most important factor in client gratification, and they have a board certified specialist on staff who has been with Miracle Ear for 15

years and is a member of the International Hearing Society. They offer free full hearing evaluations, consultations, and free cleaning and inspecting services for any make and model of hearing aid, even if they are a competitor's hearing aids. If you can't come to them, they will go to you. Questions, consultations and cleaning are free. The only thing charged for is the hearing aid itself. They also offer therapy through the process because you actually register through your brain and not your ears. Call 859-441-6165 for questions or to set up a free hearing exam. Doctors recommend that you have hearing tested at least once a year.

Maverick Insurance was introduced. Mike Young is one of their agents and he stated they are located at 4209 Alexandria Pike next to Griffin Industries. John Neace and Joe Lukens are their majority owners, and their main office is in Louisville, Kentucky. They are the 26<sup>th</sup> largest agency in the nation. They are a full service agency, and they are a broker for life, health, homeowners, auto, flood and general liability insurance. The most important thing they do besides taking care of insurance needs is taking care of investments and setting up annuities for their customers. They represent a variety of different insurance companies over just one, which gives them an advantage over other insurance companies. Companies come to them to sell their products. If someone wants the local feel of an agent they can just come to them. Their phone numbers if 859-441-7700.

Kirkwood Sweeper Shop, represented by Nicole Orndorff was introduced. She stated that they have been celebrating 40 years of business in Northern Kentucky area, 29 of those years are in Campbell County and 12 of those years are in Cold Spring at 4041 Alexandria Pike. They offer a large variety of products and services, which include new and used vacuums, bags, belts, filters, and parts for all models. They repair all models and offer free estimates to help customers find the best deal. They carry a large variety of commercial cleaning products. They also install central vacuum cleaning systems. Recently, they started to repair sewing machines. At the beginning of this year Kirkwood wanted to find a new way of serving the community, so they started Kirkwood's Proceed Payback, where they pick out non-profit organizations and help them build up their support financially. Ms. Orndorff appreciated this opportunity to talk about Kirkwood Sweeper Shop.

Mayor Stoeber stated that as you can see, we have a wonderful and diverse number of businesses in our city and we are blessed to have these very good, strong, viable businesses. There are very few things that you have to leave our city to find. Mayor Stoeber thanked all four businesses for their presentations.

Mayor Stoeber stated that we are honored to have a guest in our audience, newly elected Campbell County Commissioner Brian Painter. Commissioner Painter stated that Cold Spring is the fastest growing city in District 1 and he is visiting us to help him keep informed and to make himself available. Commissioner Painter urges us to call him if there are any issues that he can help with. The county government has a few things coming up in May, such as the commissioner district re-districting. They have also captured some grant money and hopefully will put in a horse barn and RV facility at A.J. Jolly Park. They hope to keep up this type of thing in Campbell County and to get some positive things happening. He congratulated council and the mayor on their recent elections, and he wishes them all well in their terms. Mayor Stoeber thanked him for taking the time to visit.

Steve Laird of Home Depot addressed council. They have partnered up with "People Working Cooperatively", a new program that aims to assist anyone who meets the criteria with all types of assistance around their homes, whether it be repairing faucets, building wheelchair ramps, or anything that needs done. If you have any questions, call them. They will still be involved in the city's Yard of the Month program. Mayor Stoeber stated that we will be sending out another newsletter in July and we will be glad to put an article in that newsletter about this resource program, available to anyone in our community who meets the criteria. Adam Sandfoss verified with Steve Laird that this program is done nationwide at all Home Depot stores.

The **Police Department** submitted a list of **equipment be declared surplus items**, as discussed in the last Caucus meeting. Dave Guidugli made a **motion to declare these items as surplus**, and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. Roll call voted showed six yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

**Municipal Order # 11-02** was read, appointing **Peggy Guidugli to the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission** to fill a vacancy. Kathy Noel made a motion for approval, and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Thanks to Peggy Guidugli for volunteering for this position.

Departmental reports were submitted in writing.

Mayor Stoeber thanked Administrative Officer Steve Taylor. We are in the midst of our budget formulation and he has done a fantastic job in moving things through and preparing for next years budget.

Stuart Oehrle stated that he will put the current financial statements on our website and update it as soon as he receives them. He will also put up the flyer for the health and wellness expo, and will mention the Arbor Day celebration on our website. Mr. Oehrle also requested a flyer for the Art in the Park on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Regarding the closure of a lane on Pooles Creek Road, Stuart Oehrle questioned Chief Burk to see if he could talk to the state to see if they could put some type of ban on large truck traffic, or make suggestions to the larger trucking companies advising them that the road is shifting and they may want to re-think driving their vehicles on it. Mayor Stoeber questioned if the state would put a generated power sign at the bottom of Pooles Creek advising that it is a one lane road. Coming up Pooles Creek is more of an ordeal than going down it.

Chief Burk stated that we are starting the second week of the Citizens Police Academy, joining together with all of the other departments in the county. About one third of the class participants are Cold Spring residents. Also, almost everyone heard the warning sirens last week, and Chief Burk stated that several people called and said the sirens have sounded a little different this time. He stated that NKU has a siren system that also puts out messages, part of the outcome of the shooting a Virginia Tech, and depending on which way the wind blows and the atmosphere, you may hear those also.

Stuart Oehrle questioned if public works could look and see what the damage is to our storm sewers. Sturbridge will be re-done because of construction, but in Glenridge and some of the other streets, with all of the recent rain, a lot of the seams and the cement joints are now blown out because the great water pressure. Steve Taylor stated that we typically do not seal until September or October, and it has to do with the weather more than anything else. He will add it to the public works Monday checklist.

Dave Guidugli stated that on Darlas Drive, public works cleaned out the pipes several times, and there was water over the bridge only once. Steve Taylor stated that with the amount of rain that we have had, they have been cleaning catch basins every morning at start up. Dave Rodgers was in on Saturday checking on critical spots as well.

Rob Moore questioned if we receive many calls about the water running across the bottom of Pooles Creek Road. It has been going on for a long time and he is surprised that the state hasn't addressed this issue. Dave Guidugli stated that there is also a big puddle at the top end of Pooles Creek Road.

Mayor Stoeber again thanked Peggy Guidugli for volunteering to serve on the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission, and he also reminded everyone that Arbor Day is this Saturday at 11 am at our Municipal Park.

Dave Guidugli questioned if there has been confirmation from JPS on when they will start construction on Sturbridge Drive. Steve Taylor stated that the last word he had was sometime around the first of June. We are attempting to put together a start-up meeting with CDS, the city, and JPS. As for our plan of action, we have checked on a few possibilities and are waiting for a diagram from CDS which addresses the ingress/egress at the end of Sturbridge. As soon as we get that, we will be a position to get together for a planning meeting. We have talked about a number of alternatives, such as having traffic control during rush hours both mornings and evenings, and renting a solar sign to post updates at the entrance.

There was no winner of the American flag, pole and the health gift at this month's meeting

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

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**