

## Cold Spring City Council Special Meeting June 13, 2011

The special meeting of the Cold Spring City Council, as advertised, was called to order by Mayor Mark Stoeber. Members present were Lou Gerding, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore, Stuart Oehrle and Adam Sandfoss – excused was Kathy Noel. Also present was Police Chief Ed Burk, City Clerk Rita Seger, Administrative Officer Steve Taylor, and City Attorney Brandon Voelker. The purpose of this special meeting is to hold readings on various ordinances.

Mayor Stoeber stated that per Kentucky law, we are only allowed to deal with the items as presented on the special agenda. The regularly scheduled open Caucus meeting will immediately follow this special meeting.

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

**Ordinance 11-975, adopting the 2010-2011 amended budget** was read in summary form for the second time. Lou Gerding made a motion to adopt this ordinance, and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

**Ordinance 11-976, adopting the 2011-2012 annual budget with associated pay plan** was read in summary form for the second time. Dave Guidugli made a motion to adopt this ordinance, and Rob Moore seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed fives yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.** Mayor Stoeber stated that he would give his budget message at the June 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting. He thanked council and the department heads and all of the employees of the city for their work on the closing of the current budget and generating next year's budget, and he appreciates all of their work.

**Ordinance 11-977, adopting the text amendment to allow indoor recreational activities in the IP (Industrial Park) zone was read in summary form for the second time.** Lou Gerding made a motion to adopt this ordinance, and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

**Ordinance 11-978, amending Ordinance 06-918 on nuisances** was read in summary form for the second time. Mayor Stoeber stated that this is essentially an administrative adjustment. Dave Guidugli made a motion to adopt this ordinance, and Rob Moore seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

**Ordinance 11-979, updating the Cold Spring Personnel Policy Ordinance** was read in summary form for the first time,. Stuart Oehrle made a motion for approval, and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

**Ordinance 11-980, updating Police Department Job Descriptions** was read in summary form for the first time. Stuart Oehrle made a motion for approval and Rob Moore seconded the motion. Lou Gerding questioned the job descriptions on page 7 which refers to a candidate "required to take the Sergeants test", and page 12 which refers to a candidate being "required to take the Lieutenants test". He questioned if the wording on both should read "pass" the tests. Chief Burk stated that part of the requirements of taking the tests are that they pass the tests. Councilman Gerding stated that the job descriptions should state that.

Councilman Gerding also stated his concerns about the lateral hiring portion. If we are looking for the best qualified candidate he questioned why we are looking for a sergeant with a minimum of eight years full time experience with a minimum of 3 years as a sergeant, and the lieutenant requirements with even more years involved. If we are truly looking for the best candidate and we are changing our policy, he questioned why we are having years attached. Ed Burk stated that part of this has to do with establishing some sort of minimum standard. Someone from a small department may be appointed sergeant when they start. They put in an educational requirement, and also a training requirement. Lou Gerding stated that the best candidate may be someone who has been with a sergeant or a lieutenant with a department for only a year.

Stuart Oehrle clarified that we are **approving this motion with the one correction in the job descriptions, that of passing the two tests**, and the years experience would stay as stated. Roll call vote showed four yeses and one no – Lou Gerding. **Motion carried.**

Stuart Oehrle made a motion to adjourn this special meeting and Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**

## **Cold Spring City Council June 27, 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 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 Adam Sandfoss requested that Item 10 A. sponsoring a text amendment on zoning for fireworks, be removed from tonight's agenda and placed on the July caucus agenda. He stated that it seems that every city in the area seems to be having troubles with what to do with this policy that was pushed through very quickly in Frankfort. He would like to see further review and possibly have NKAPC come in and clarify what can happen with this policy. Lou Gerding stated that NKAPC would not have anything legally to say about the fireworks. Stuart Oehrle stated that he would like to see this moved to caucus and maybe at that time find out where fireworks are listed in our current zoning ordinance. Council agreed to remove this from tonight's agenda and place it on the July caucus agenda. Mayor Stoeber requested that council let him know who they would like invited to the caucus to round out these discussions.

As required by Kentucky Revised Statutes Mayor Stoeber gave his annual 2011-2012 budget message. He outlined the goals for the 2011/2012 year, and stated that the base city revenues have now stabilized and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. He outlined the important features including the city's investments in long term infrastructure, street repairs and replacements at no cost to residents, as well as investments in the city's safety and employees within the confines of a balanced budget. The reason for proposed changes is the city's desire for its citizens to be safe and secure through strong investments in police services, and the city's desire to provide recreational programs for our citizens. He reported on fiscal policy changes. Department heads, the finance committee, mayor and council have held many hard working meetings to address all facets of city operations, focusing on short and long term planning objectives, and this budget is a culmination of these combined efforts and reflects the fiscal policy of all involved.

The June Yard of the Month award was presented to Bob and Mary Terrell, of 26 Sturbridge Drive, by Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission Member Lisa Cavanaugh. She presented them with a framed photograph of their yard, and a certificate donated by Home Depot. A Yard of the Month sign has been placed in their yard. Ms. Cavanaugh stated their yard was selected because it is very colorful and has a very neat and tidy appearance. The Terrell's received a round of applause by all.

As part of the Mayor's initiative of "Get Lean Cold Spring", Mayor Stoeber reported that he has lost an additional six pounds during the month of June, for a total weight loss of twenty pounds, and he has set a goal to lose an additional ten pounds by the end of November. An important upcoming date for our health initiative is Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is a fitness primer education date, for the purpose of showing what type of fitness programs are out there. All programs are free to all residents. At Patriot Park at 8 am there will be a Yoga instruction class, and a Pilates class at both 9 am and 10 am. At Friendship Park, there will be a bootcamp at 9:30 am, which is a more intense style of exercise, and at 10:30 am is a senior class aimed to be within their limits. At Municipal Park there will be a very high energy exercise called Zumba at 9 am, and at the same time there will be a kid's exercise class. These programs are intended to be a sampler of all different ways that you can get involved and possibly increase your activity throughout the year.

Starting each Monday, we will be posting "Healthy Monday" tips on the front page of our website. The website will also have a link to the "Healthy Monday" site, and we are patterning our health program after this program. By the end of July, one mile walking paths will be identified in every neighborhood in the city. We will be asking residents to walk the "Monday Mile" and it will be clearly identified in their neighborhood. In addition to that, by matching health with citizen input we will "Walk and Talk Mondays" once a month, where the Mayor will be in different neighborhoods to walk with the individuals, and over the upcoming months he will look for our other city officials to also walk a mile and connect with our residents. Later in the year we will have a cooking and nutrition day sponsored by the city to help in those areas as we go into the more sedentary winter months.

As an update, Mayor Stoeber read a summary of the new laws regarding texting and cell phones while driving, and urges our residents to be aware of these new laws.

Mayor Stoeber stated that there is a nice brick and stone entrance to the Glenridge subdivision, which actually belongs to the residents. He came upon a group of them working and digging at the entrance one Saturday morning, and he spoke to Leigh Hamilton of Glenridge. She stated that she sent notices out to 155 Glenridge residences, asking for small donations and for labor to update and keep the front entrance fresh. She received six replies and they did a beautiful job. Mayor Stoeber commended Ms. Hamilton for stepping forward and taking the initiative to keep their own community beautified. For those who are interested, they are going to do it again in the fall.

During the following month, the Campbell County Library, Cold Spring Branch has a number of events, including programs on Identity Theft, Adventure Club, Wild Carrot & The Roots Band, Fighting Shakespeare, Basic Digital Photography, Book Club, Origami, Photography, Teen Writers Club, After Houses Gaming Night, and Shiny and the Spoon. 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 May 23, 2011 MARF public hearing and special meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the May 23, 2011 regular council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 13, 2011 special council meeting were reviewed by all. Stuart Oehrle made a motion for approval and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor, with the exception of Kathy Noel who abstained. Motion carried.

As part of the "Buy Cold Spring" promotion, we have allowed several of our local businesses to give three minute presentations to promote their business activities at our last two council meetings, and this will be continued tonight. Two businesses were present for this meeting.

Newport Elks Lodge #273 was introduced. Ray Pauly addressed council and gave a brief history of their organization. They have been at the Cold Spring location since 1965. The Elks is made up of a diverse group of men and women who believe in God and have a common goal to help others. They hope opportunities such as this dispel the secrecy of who they are and what they do. They have various youth programs, and last year passed out dictionaries to every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in Campbell County. They have a school drug awareness program, and a drug awareness trailer that they bring to school or city functions. They support the local boy scout troops, knothole teams use their baseball fields, and they have a hoop shoot and soccer shoot for children under 14. The Elks pay all travel, lodging, and food expenses for those advancing to the national shoots in Maryland. They also give \$16,000 in scholarships to local high schools, half of which is for academic achievements and the other half for those who might need a little more help getting to college. The veterans are an important part of their program. They visit the veterans' hospital once a month, and three times a year they bring them to their lodge, visiting and cooking for them. At Christmas time they deliver about \$7000 worth of gifts to the veterans' hospital in Ft. Thomas. They have been involved from day one in our city's veterans' day ceremony. They sponsor Brighton Center, Women's Crisis Center, Big Steff's charity and numerous other benefits. At the state level, they support two camps for kids cancer patients where they can go one week out of the year. Their fish fry is still going on every Friday night, they have hall rentals available. This year, July 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> they are holding a festival in their back parking lot. There will be games, rides, food and refreshments. Mayor Stoeber thanked them for their contributions, and stated they do tremendous work over all facets of ages and types of people and we are very fortunate and blessed to have the Elks in our city.

Wing Eyecare was introduced. Amy Bennett, office manager, addressed council. They have been hard at work to bring a greater awareness of the importance of eye health to the community. She gave a brief history of Wing Eyecare. Their doctors are able to diagnose and treat most eye diseases and they provide the very best and comprehensive eye exams using the latest technology and equipment. They accept most medical and vision insurance plans. They carry the latest and best technology available in contact lenses and carry a vast selection of frames along with the latest technology in lenses including digital, high definition customized lenses. They are located in Cold Spring Crossings along Crossroads Boulevard, and offer both yearly exams and medical eye exams to treat and diagnose eye disease and disorders. They participate in health fairs to bring awareness of eye health to the area. Call them anytime at 859-441-9464.

Mayor Stoeber stated that each time we have these business presentations, he is amazed by the breadth of opportunities which we have in the city from social services to physicians to pizzerias. We have so much and he is thrilled that we have this opportunity. It is so vital to spend within the city.

Lisa Cavanaugh, Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission, gave an update on upcoming summer events. They had a Movie in the Park on June 25<sup>th</sup> which was very well attended. The Park Board will host additional Movies in the Park on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The movies that they will show will be determined later. You are welcome to bring blankets and coolers, and the city sells soft drinks and popcorn. They may have a movie later in the fall geared for older children. They are also doing things with senior citizens, and have had several coffee and donut get-togethers. Chief Burk attended one of the get-togethers to talk about issues concerning senior citizens. The next scheduled theme for the seniors will be an ice cream social on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Municipal Park. They will provide ice cream and toppings and encourage attendees to bring additional homemade desserts. They will have cornhole, horseshoes, and board type games. On Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> during the day, there will be a community yard sale. They are still working out the details and if anyone is interested in participating, call the clerk's office, get your name on the list, and you will be contacted for further details.

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Departmental reports were submitted in writing.

Stuart Oehrle thanked Steve Taylor for providing the financials for the website. The budget will be forwarded in the aggregate and the summary departmental reports.

Dave Guidugli thanked public works for doing a super job of getting Darlas Drive back in shape after the heavy rains. There were tree limbs, rocks and debris clogging up the creek and the road. Public Works came right after the rains and came back again the next day to finish up. He assumes they did that throughout the city and they did a terrific job.

Stuart Oehrle stated that with all of the construction on I-275 and the exits on the AA Highway and elsewhere, there is more traffic on Pooles Creek, already weakened by the slippage. He questioned if we can we get information from the state on what their construction plans are and get some kind of timing that perhaps we can put on our website because it will probably impact a lot of our residents. Since they will be shutting down the AA exit it will have an impact on US 27. They will also be shutting down the Wilder the NKU exits which will divert even more traffic along US 27 which will be used as one of the alternate routes. Steve Taylor will get this information and forward to Mr. Oehrle.

Mayor Stoeber again offered his congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Terrell as Yard of the Month winners, and sent his thanks to the Park Board for all of the hard work they have done.

Adam Sandfoss stated that there is a new magazine called Cincy Magazine, which he subscribes to, and in one of their first issues was an article rating the neighborhoods in the tri-state area. They actually profiled the top twenty, and he is proud to say that Cold Spring was listed as the thirteenth best neighborhood in the tri-state to live in. We were actually one of only four Northern Kentucky neighborhoods to make the list. He then read the article profile on Cold Spring.

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 June 27, 2011 meeting and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**