

Cold Spring City Council November 26, 2012

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 Stephen Taylor, and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

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

The Cold Spring Veterans Day Ceremony was held on Sunday, November 11th. It was a very nice and touching ceremony on a very nice day. Special thanks to the Sheriff Korzenborn who played taps at the ceremony.

The annual Visit with Santa has a new venue and date. It will be held at the First Baptist Church in Cold Spring, on Saturday, December 1st, from noon to 3 pm.

The annual Light Up Cold Spring contest will be Sunday, December 9th. Be sure to turn on your Christmas lights by 6 pm. The Park Board will be traveling throughout the city this year and judging for the winner and honorable mentions.

As of Monday, November 19th, the city has renamed, revised, and updated our city website. Mayor Stoeber said that this issue was birthed and has grown through the efforts of Councilman Stuart Oehrle. Mr. Oehrle said the website is now both coldspringky.com and coldspringky.gov and they are mirror images of each other, and came about with feedback from council and others. Mr. Oehrle stated that when he came on council twelve years ago, he took over managing our website in his spare time and it came to a point within the last couple of years that it was becoming more than he could manage. It needed updating, so the city put money aside for a complete re-design. The site is up and he urges everyone to look at it. The new website includes the ability for citizens to communicate. You can sign up for e-mail updates from the city, and can choose up to four updates you would like to receive. That list is solely the city's so it doesn't go to anyone else, nor do we sell it or give it to anyone else. The minutes are there from Council and P & Z, all the way from 2006. The website also includes a business directory with names and addresses, listed by type of business such as restaurants, hair salons, etc.

Mayor Stoeber stated that from an efficiency and a green and cost saving standpoint, you can click and have the city newsletter sent to you electronically which will save time, money, and the paper used for the production of it. Speaking on behalf of Council, Mayor Stoeber said he can't thank Councilman Oehrle enough for all he has done with our website, including managing it even when he was out of town.

There will be a drawing for an American flag and a health gift at the end of the meeting for a city resident who stays for the entire meeting.

The October 22, 2012 council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Kathy Noel made a motion for approval and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There were no scheduled or unscheduled guests.

Mayor Stoeber stated that as the year winds down the business load is lighter. Since the regularly scheduled December council meeting falls on Christmas Eve, we must now set a different date for the December council meeting. So far, the only business item that we have is to vote on the Light Up Cold Spring contest. Councilman Moore suggested that we hold this special council meeting on December 10, 2012 at 6 pm. Council agreed. Mayor Stoeber stated that we will cancel the December 24th council meeting and the December 10th caucus meeting, and instead will have a special council meeting on December 10th.

Departmental reports were reviewed.

Steve Taylor commented that the electronic key system is now active. He addressed a couple of questions and concerns about power outages. Mr. Taylor stated that this entire key system is on our gas generated backup and in the event that there is a power outage they key system will still allow you access into the building. The releases on the doors will allow you to exit out of the building. In the event of a truly natural disaster there are keys to the building that are available should we need to use them. Mr. Taylor reviewed the systems that are currently powered on the generator should we have an outage.

Mr. Taylor stated that in case we should need the snow plows tomorrow, we are ready and everything is set with the trucks. Also, he stated that we will not be billed for the section of Uhl Road in Cold Spring city limits which was paved by a county contractor in error.

Adam Sandfoss questioned if the Park Board had a chance to look into his idea of the possibility of opening a dog park in the city. Mr. Taylor stated that at this time the Park Board has been focused on their upcoming Visit with Santa, and have not had a chance to discuss this yet.

Rob Moore thanked Stuart Oehrle for his service on council, and he knows he will stay involved with the city because he is very passionate about it as he has shown during his past twelve years of service.

Kathy Noel also thanked Mr. Oehrle. She appreciates all that he has done, and now is the time for him to enjoy his family.

Stuart Oehrle addressed the residents of Cold Spring. He thanked them for the privilege of serving on city council for the past twelve years. A lot has been changed and been accomplished. He reviewed some of the changes in his personal life and reviewed the number of things that have been changed and accomplished within the city during his tenure on council, such as the strategic plan which enabled many city streets to be repaired and replaced while maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in Northern Kentucky. While council members may disagree or have differences in opinions on some items, when the day is done council can come together for the benefit of the citizens, and it is his hope that council can continue to work together and keep the citizens as their focus. He again thanked everyone for allowing him to serve, and God Bless.

Brandon Voelker thanked Stuart Oehrle for his service, and his opinions, comments and suggestions.

Mayor Stoeber stated that years ago his son's high school class came up with a motto "If it needs to be, let it be me", a very simple statement of service. Twelve years ago Stuart Oehrle saw what needed to be done in the city and stepped forward and said "I want to serve and there is a need and let it be me". The timing for Stuart Oehrle, with the support of his wife, was nowhere near ideal however he stepped forward and entered the arena of service. The city has been through a lot during his term, including being the fastest growing city in the state of Kentucky for three times. Our population grew by 1,000 three times, which brings significant challenges. With his wife's support, Councilman Oehrle faced all of these challenges which are not without the sacrifice to the family. He showed a tremendous inner character and an incredibly high level of respect for everyone. He has served with a pure passion for the city. Even when councilman Oehrle travelled to far away places, Mayor Stoeber never lost contact with him. He has accomplished a tremendous amount in these past twelve years.

Mayor Stoeber stated that one of his favorite speeches was by Theodore Roosevelt, called "The Man in the Arena" which he read to Councilman Oehrle. He stated, "Stuart, you are in the arena and you did great things". Mayor Stoeber then read a proclamation, which he presented to Councilman Stuart Oehrle along with a token of appreciation for his service. A round of applause followed.

There were no residents present to win the American flag and pole and a health gift

Rob Moore made a motion to adjourn the November 26, 2012 council meeting, and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: