

Cold Spring City Council Special Meeting December 9, 2013

The special meeting of the Cold Spring City Council, as advertised and which replaces our regularly scheduled Caucus meeting, was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Mark Stoeber. Roll call showed the following members present – Lisa Cavanaugh, Lou Gerding, Dave Guidugli, Kathy Noel, and Adam Sandfoss - excused was Rob Moore. 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.

The council meeting which was regularly scheduled for Monday, December 23, 2013 has been cancelled due to the Christmas holidays and that is why we are having a special meeting this evening. The Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission is holding Visit with Santa on Saturday, December 14th from noon until 3 pm at the First Baptist Church of Cold Spring, 4410 Alexandria Pike in the Activity Center. There is an opportunity to meet Santa and there will be games, prizes, and refreshments. Please bring your own camera to take photographs of your child with Santa. City offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th for the Christmas holidays, and also on Wednesday, January 1st for the New Year's holiday. There will be no change to your trash pickup, which will be as scheduled on Friday, December 27th and Friday, January 3rd.

The minutes of the November 25, 2013 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 annual Light Up Cold Spring contest was held on December 9th. Mayor Stoeber stated that the weather held out and he and councilmembers were able to go out and view our residents' outdoor Christmas light displays. A number of nominations for the winner and runners up were reviewed. Council agreed that the winners of the 2013 Light Up Cold Spring contest are David and Peggy Schweitzer of 17 Andrew Circle. They will be awarded a mantel piece and a sign announcing them as winners will be placed in their yards. The honorable mentions are Lloyd and Linda Hodges of 5392 Winters Lane, Donald and Carolyn Romani of 104 Stonyridge Drive, Gregory and Catherine Wieland of 860 Sandstone Ridge, Douglas and Linda Schuler of 10 Locust Point, and Timothy and Melissa Taylor of 5824 Granite Spring Drive. Each honorary mention will receive an engraved ornament. Mayor Stoeber stated that although we don't have an award for this, he would like to make a special "honorable award" for the Neal Family of 11 Henry Court who has the best "snow fort" in the city. They have constructed an absolutely amazing snow fort in their yard. The father and daughter put in a lot of hard work on this fort and it is spectacular.

Municipal Order 13-03 was read, re-appointing Rev. Gerald Reinersman to the Cold Spring Ethics Commission for a three year term which will expire on December 31, 2016. Lou Gerding made a **motion for approval** and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.** Thanks to Rev. Reinersman for his support and volunteerism for the city.

Kathy Noel thanked the maintenance department for doing such a good job keeping the roads clean.

Lou Gerding wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Adam Sandfoss also thanked our maintenance crew. He saw them out Friday night and again Saturday morning and they did a very good job keeping the roads safe. To mix things up, he wished all of our residents a Happy Christmas and Merry New Year, and no matter what you are celebrating, have safe and happy holidays. Also he verified that the presentation on the heroin epidemic will be placed on the January 27th council agenda. He invites everyone from the community to come in and watch it.

Dave Guidugli wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Stoeber extended his thanks to our Public Works Department. We had an interesting snow situation, because as the temperature was falling we had continuous rain and then suddenly it crossed over from rain to sleet to snow which makes it difficult for putting salt down. If you put the salt down too early the rain washes it off. If you don't put the salt down right on time and if the temperature drops you wind up having freezing before the salt works. The Police Department called public works crew out as soon as they thought it was getting a little slippery. They did a good job for the eight or nine hours that they were out.

Steve Taylor stated that the public works crew was out on Friday, and again on Saturday, and again on Sunday.

Mayor Stoeber wished everyone very happy and very safe holidays, and for those who have children, he recommends that they come to our Visit with Santa event on Saturday, December 14th.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the December 9, 2013 special council meeting and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: