

**Cold Spring City Council
Special Meeting
December 11, 2017**

The special meeting of the Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Angelo Penque. Roll call showed the following council members present –Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, Michael Ruscher, Adam Sandfoss and Chris Ampfer. Lisa Cavanaugh was not present. Also in attendance were Administrative Officer Steve Taylor, City Attorney Brandon Voelker, City Clerk Robin Sweeney, Police Chief Steve Collinsworth and Public Works Director Ronnie Hitch.

Mayor Penque gave the exit instructions, per Fire Department regulations.

The first item on the agenda was the ceremonial swearing in of Rob Wilson. Mayor Penque invited Chief Collinsworth to give an introduction. Chief Collinsworth stated Rob comes to the Cold Spring Police Department with 23 years of experience. He worked with the Kentucky State Police, Boone County, and most recently Southgate; he is also an attorney. He is going to be a big asset to the department. He brings with him tonight his wife, Shelli Wilson who is the Associate Superintendent of Campbell County Schools, they have 2 sons that both play basketball. City Clerk Robin Sweeney issued the ceremonial Oath of Office to Mr. Robert Wilson. Rob Wilson addressed the council and stated that he appreciated the opportunity to serve the City of Cold Spring. He thanked Chief Collinsworth for putting his trust in him, he thanked his wife who is always so supportive and his friends who came out to support him tonight.

Approval of minutes for October 23rd regular council meeting minutes, November 1st special meeting minutes, November 3rd special meeting minutes, and November 13th special meeting minutes. Brenda Helton asked for an addition to the November 13th meeting minutes, add that there were no citizen comments because there was an opportunity on the agenda for citizen comments. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve all minutes, Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Ordinance 17-1040, second reading to adopt a zoning ordinance text change relating to variable message reader board signs. Adam Sandfoss made a motion to approve. Lou Gerding seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 yeases and 0 noes. **Motion carried.**

The next item on the agenda was to discuss sponsoring a text amendment in regards to cell towers in the City of Cold Spring. Lou Gerding made a motion to table this discussion until the next caucus meeting, he stated it would need to be a very detailed discussion. Steve Taylor stated that Cindy Minter is willing to come meet with council to discuss the information she provided for the packets, which is what Planning & Zoning would recommend. Brenda Helton seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Steve Taylor opened the discussion about the History in Your Own Backyard. He stated a council person suggested that we take a look at this and they contacted the appropriate person who provided the information in the council packets. Steve Taylor stated that it is a paid promotional item and the current price is \$799, but it is only produced on ONE building. Steve Taylor just needs to let the vendor know if council is interested or not. Lou Gerding stated that he didn't like the pushy salesman who sent out an email to council, and he feels we don't need his product if that is how he handles business. Michael Ruscher added that he spoke with Jennifer Teipel with the cable board and they provide the same service free of charge since we are affiliated with them. Ms. Teipel assured Mr. Ruscher that they could do a better job and it would be more easily accessible for citizens; and the city would receive a copy that we could use to share however we like, rather than only through YouTube. Michael Ruscher felt there had to be a better way to accomplish something like this, that is why he reached out to Jennifer Teipel at the cable board. If council decides to do this, someone will reach out to the cable board.

Steve Taylor opened the discussion about the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors. He stated it is simply an invitation if council would like to nominate someone to be on the board to go to the meetings. Lou Gerding asked what the purpose would be of nominating someone. Adam Sandfoss said he doesn't think it is vital for us to nominate someone to be on the board. Mayor Penque suggested to just leave it as it is right now with himself being the representative and if he gets notification he will attend the meetings.

Steve Taylor addressed some inquiries about the road plate at East Alexandria Pike. Duke was supposed to repair it last week, but now it is looking like tomorrow. Brenda Helton stated that they did fix it half way. The contractor stated it would be completely repaired by Friday of this week. KS Is the sub-contractor that he has been communicating with. Also, the state put in a left hand dedicated turn arrow at Buning and US 27. That arrow is activated by a magnetic loop, but only from 3:15pm – 9:30pm. The state did their own traffic study and that's what it showed the timing should be. The rest of the day it flashes yellow. Michael Ruscher asked if there is a time frame for the arrow at Matinee. Steve Taylor was told it was peak morning and peak afternoon but he hasn't been given an exact time and he is still working on that. Chris Ampfer had a resident ask about the center lane on East Alexandria Pike and why it is only to go straight instead of straight and a left turn. Steve Taylor responded that is what KYTC approved for that intersection.

Department reports were submitted in writing.

A resident approached council about the light at East Alexandria Pike, when turning right, the people turning across the intersection do not yield. Chief Collinsworth stated that if you are turning right, you should turn into the inside lane and the person across the intersection turning left should turn into the outside lane. He just wanted to bring that to everyone's attention.

Citizen comments – none.

Council comments – Michael Ruscher thanked everyone for coming and congratulated Rob Wilson and wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Lou Gerding asked if someone checks on right-of-way permits when they are digging up the street, and he suggested that someone go check to see what they are backfilling it with and doing it properly. His main concern is about some work that was done on Dodsworth, he didn't see equipment up there that they should have been using. He thinks we need to review that ordinance, Steve Taylor agreed and said that we should add a time limit on the permit. Chris Ampfer thanked the Park Board for putting on the Christmas Festival. Brenda Helton brought up the Light Contest Winner. Michael Ruscher brought up the thought to do away with the rule that you can't win for the next 5 years. Council decided that 313 Town Square was the winner, 3 Locust Point came in second, and 114 Village Green came in third place.

Mayor Comments – Mayor Angelo spoke about the Christmas Festival, he said the Park Board did a fantastic job putting that together, there was a great turnout. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He informed everyone that administration has established a new procedure in regards to complaints. There is a form that you can fill out and sign and it will be documented and followed up on. This is to avoid complaints that are called in and chasing shadows. He added that you can feel free to come in and fill in an open request record if there is any information you may need or want to look at.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the December 11, 2017 Special Council meeting. Michael Ruscher seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Approved: 2/12/18

City Clerk: /s/Robin Sweeney

Mayor: /s/ D. Angelo Penque