

**Cold Spring City Council  
February 27, 2017**

The meeting of the Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Angelo Penque. Prayer and Pledge to the flag was led by the assistant city clerk. Roll call showed the following council members present – Chris Ampfer, Lisa Cavanaugh, Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, and Michael Ruscher, excused - Adam Sandfoss. Also present were Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor, City Attorney Brandon Voelker, Assistant City Clerk Robin Sweeney, Police Chief Brian Messer and Ronnie Hitch, Public Works.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Under items of interest, Mayor Penque spoke about Coffee with the Mayor, which will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>. There is a correction. It was originally set for 11am, and it has been changed to 10am. Also, there is Veteran's assistance available at the city building on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. This is for Cold Spring residents only so please spread the word if you know a veteran who may need any assistance. You can call the city building to set up an appointment with Mike Disney who donates his time to help our veterans. There will be a drawing for an American flag and pole at the end of the meeting.

The January 23, 2017 council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve, Michael Ruscher seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

There was one scheduled guest, Chief Dan Schultz with the Central Campbell County Fire District. They service 19 miles within the county. He reviewed the annual report and talked about the personnel, volunteers, fire inspections, public education, vehicles and how many runs they had total. Mayor Penque asked how many of their EMT calls are related to the heroin epidemic. Chief Dan Schultz guessed around 75%. There was some discussion in regards to the drug problems in this area. Councilwoman Brenda Helton thanked the Chief for taking the time to come out to speak to them and share this information.

A woman in the audience wanted to thank Mayor Penque and the council for working hard to bring in new business to the city and for the new road that is being built.

There was no old business.

Under new business, **Ordinance 17-1034, was read in summary for the 1<sup>st</sup> time approving the 2016 Supplement of the Code of Ordinances.** Lou Gerding made a motion to approve, Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Roll call vote shows 5 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion carried.**

**Ordinance 17-1035, was read in summary for the 1<sup>st</sup> time amending the Cold Spring zoning ordinance amending certain sections regarding agricultural uses and regulations.** Lou Gerding stated that we should table this until Planning & Zoning approves the minutes. City Attorney Brandon Voelker stated that it is legal for them to vote without the minutes being approved. Chris Ampfer stated he read an article about chicken regulations in the City of Erlanger and asked for clarification from the city attorney as to how this ordinance may relate. Brandon Voelker stated that this ordinance does define the difference between pets and livestock, and that there is a city ordinance regarding chickens and the required setbacks. Michael Ruscher confirmed that there is no way to monitor violations unless there is a complaint brought to the city. City Administrator confirmed that we would have to get a complaint, or be able to see the violation from the road before we could take action. Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion to approve, and Michael Ruscher seconded the motion. Roll call vote shows 5 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion carried.**

The next agenda item was to **amend prior authorization for the acquisition of the lake at 4210 Alexandria Pike, to also allow for the owner to place a stormwater easement on the property prior to conveyance.** Brandon Voelker stated that we approved to accept the lake from Cracker Barrel subject to getting room for a walking trail (25ft). The regulations state that a stormwater plan is only needed if you are enlarging the impervious surface area, and in this case, it is actually going down. Brandon Voelker said he believes Lou Gerding has policy concerns that water is coming from private property to a lake that the city will be maintaining. The drawing as presented for conveyance does have an easement that would allow the water to continue to go into the lake. He said that there is another pipe from US27 that enters the lake but that is not the city's responsibility, it is between the state and Cracker Barrel. Lou Gerding stated that he has spent hundreds of hours in meetings with the stormwater consultants and they advised him that the city cannot afford to take care of detention and retention areas for private property. He said that this could lead us into being responsible for other areas in the city. Chris Ampfer said that we are only taking this property over because there was a sale involved and we want this lake because of the value to the city. It has been around a really

long time. Lisa Cavanaugh said she agrees with Chris Ampfer, that this is a special scenario and we have the opportunity to do something great with this lake for the community. Roll call vote shows 4 yeses and 1 no – Lou Gerding. **Motion carried.**

There were no follow up citizen comments.

Department reports were submitted in writing.

Under Council comments, Lisa Cavanaugh thanked the fire department for everything that they do for the area. Brenda Helton thanked St. Joseph school for the valentines that they sent to the mayor and council. Michael Ruscher thanked Fire Chief Dan Schultz for coming to speak to the council tonight and thinks that they should have someone from the fire department come to the meeting every 6 months. He also shared some concern with the Police Chief about speeding in Granite Spring, as well as the school zone area in front of St. Joes. He has received some complaints from citizens and he has also witnessed it himself. Chief Brian Messer said that he has been made aware of the situation and they will be paying more attention to both of those areas. Chris Ampfer stated that he is really excited about the lake and he hopes that we can get money in the budget to have a park there. Mayor Penque stated that they anticipate seeing a deed on the property in the near future. Steve Taylor said that Cracker Barrel does have a building permit for the building but not for the wall or anything else. Lou Gerding asked if they have resolved the situation with the states stormwater pipe yet. Brandon Voelker responded that he is not sure where the state is with that situation but he said there is a note on the plat that it is a private system and it is not the city's responsibility. It is between Kentucky Department of Transportation and Cracker Barrel.

Under Mayor's comments, Mayor Penque would like the citizens to know he is very concerned about the speeding issues, and asks everyone to please slow down. Lisa Cavanaugh asked if the city can get more portable speedbumps. Steve Taylor said we did buy more sets last year.

Resident Travis Reis won the raffle for the American flag.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the February 27, 2017 council meeting at 8:20pm and Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Approved:**

**Assistant City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**