

## Cold Spring City Council January 23, 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 city clerk. Roll call showed the following council members present – Chris Ampfer, Lisa Cavanaugh, Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, Michael Ruscher, and Adam Sandfoss. Also present were Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor, City Attorney Brandon Voelker, City Clerk Rita Seger, Police Chief Brian Messer and Ronnie Hitch, Public Works.

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

Judge Greg Popovich issued the ceremonial Oath of Office to all six council members.

Mayor Penque gave his State of the City Address. He thanked the residents and pledged to work with council to move the city forward. He thanked Roger Jones for his past service to the city and welcomed the new council member, Michael Ruscher. He reviewed the number of employees in the different departments of the city and also the professional staff. He thanked the volunteers of the boards and commissions who greatly assist the city in conducting business.

Mayor Penque stated that City Council has passed appropriate changes to bring new businesses to the city that will provide for controlled growth. Council passed a \$3.6 million budget for the 16/17 fiscal year and they are beginning to work on the budget for the 17/18 fiscal year. The City Council also approved a re-design of the city's logo.

Mayor Penque spoke about the updates to the Police Department. They added interior and exterior security cameras. There were some personnel changes. Lt. Wayne Hall retired after 24 years of service to Cold Spring. They hired three new officers, Brian Locknane, Lauren Steffen, and Bryan Smith. Major crime has dropped in the city while traffic offenses have risen significantly. He stated the Public Works has done an outstanding job managing the roads and maintaining all of the city's parks. They have replaced various sidewalks and road sections throughout the city. Public Works welcomed a new employee Derrick Kells to replace someone who had left.

For fiscal year 2016 Mayor Penque stated that the administration has done a great job of managing their area and for the first six months of the fiscal year we are \$210,000 under budget. Administration added a new employee, Robin Sweeney who is training for the City Clerk position. The City Clerk's office has collected the tax revenue in November and December. The Mayor thanked residents for their prompt payment resulting in less than a 2% delinquency rate. The city has completed the move of the stormwater engineering functions to a new firm and has contracted for the redesign of the city web site.

Mayor Penque reviewed the events held by the Park Recreation & Tree Commission of 2016 and looks forward to the events that they have planned for the next year. He is continuing to work with Council and SD1 in hopes of bringing a new sewer line to Cold Spring. If that is successful, it will bring the city closer to the possibility of having a medical facility. In closing, Mayor Penque thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as their Mayor. He is available Monday through Friday, stop in or call the city building.

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 made need any assistance at all. You can call the city building to set up an appointment with Mike Disney who donates his time to help our veterans.

The January 9, 2016 special meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve, Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

There were no scheduled or unscheduled guests.

There was no old business.

Under new business, City Council was given a list of the Committee appointments for the next year. Lou Gerding stated that according to Ordinance 03-820, city council has to approve the appointments. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve Mayor's appointments, and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Ordinance 17-1034 was read in summary for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, approving the 2016 Supplement of the Code of Ordinances.** Adam Sandfoss made a motion to approve, Lisa Cavanaugh seconded. Discussion followed. Lou Gerding made a

motion to table until the next meeting, so that he can review the Code of Ordinances. He stated that he didn't receive the attachment. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Municipal Order 17-01** was read **appointing full time Police Officers to the Police Department of the City of Cold Spring - Brian Locknane, Bryan Smith and Lauren Steffen.** Michael Ruscher made a motion to approve, Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Municipal Order 17-02** was read **re-appointing members to the Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Cold Spring.** Adam Sandfoss asked how long these members have served. Mayor Penque stated Peter Glenn has been a member for 4 years, Steve Popovich for 2 years, and Robin Hahn for 4 years. Chris Ampfer made a motion to approve and Lisa Cavanaugh seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

There were no follow up citizen comments.

Department reports were submitted in writing. In regards to the Planning & Zoning report, Brenda Helton asked if the library was willing to wait until the Comprehensive Plan before getting an answer in regards to releasing the easement so they can make adjustments to their entrance and parking lot. Mayor Penque confirmed that the library is not in a hurry and that they are able to wait until the Comprehensive Plan. Brandon Voelker said that council will only vote on the goals & objectives of the Comprehensive Plan and if the easement is pulled from the Comprehensive Plan, then the city council can vote on releasing that easement to the library. Brenda Helton asked if there was going to be a joint session between the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council. Steve Taylor stated that after Planning & Zoning comes up with their goals and objectives, they will then be presented to City Council separately. If there are any differences between Council and Planning & Zoning they will schedule a joint session.

Under Council comments, Lisa Cavanaugh asked if the city is interested in Country Cruisers Cruise-In. Lou Gerding stated that we would first need to go through the budget for the Park Board. Lisa Cavanaugh said if we are interested, then we will get in touch with them.

Chris Ampfer wanted to share with the citizens that he joined the Mayor in attending the Presidential Inauguration last week. It was a good experience and it was all paid for on their own and the city did not pay for anything.

Brenda Helton asked the status of the redesign of the web site. Steve Taylor stated that Charles Hunglar with Fosters Technologies has already begun work on the website and we anticipate a 4-6-week completion.

Under Attorney's comments, Brandon Voelker referred to Ordinance 17-1034 and wanted to let everyone know that updating the Code of Ordinances is a requirement by law. What the council is being asked to approve is how American Legal Publishing summarized the ordinances.

Under Mayor's comments, Mayor Penque stated that he, along with a council member, some board members from the city, and a county commissioner attended the Presidential inauguration. The City of Cold Spring was represented in Washington. They had a great time. He wanted to be clear that everyone paid for their own way, and no city money was spent on this trip. He stated he is very excited about the city moving forward and working with the council members.

Resident Jack Snodgrass won the raffle for the American flag.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the January 23, 2017 council meeting at 8:03pm and Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**