

Cold Spring City Council June 26, 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, Adam Sandfoss was excused. Also present were Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor, City Attorney Brandon Voelker, City Clerk Robin Sweeney, Police Chief Brian Messer and Ronnie Hitch, Public Works.

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

Additions and deletions – the June 12th special council meeting minutes need to be edited so approval of those minutes is being removed from the agenda. As an addition under new business there is a municipal order to re-appoint a member to the park board.

Items of interest, Mayor Penque updated the council and audience on the Senior Event that was held on June 3rd. There were about 200 people there. We received positive feedback and plan to do it again next year. The Mayor thanked the park board for all of their hard work and effort. He also thanked Public Works for helping out, as well as all of the volunteers.

There is Veteran's assistance available at the city building on the 3rd 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.

There were no scheduled guests.

Unscheduled guests - Doug Bamforth addressed the council, he is the pastor at Bethesda General Baptist Church on Dodsworth Lane. He is part of the community that is against the Brighton Center being on Skyline Drive. He is willing to try to help them find a better location because he knows there a plenty of people that need help, he is not against that. Pastor Bamforth believes that property value will go down, it will be safety hazard because of the poor road structure, and it will bring a lot of traffic to the area.

Mayor Penque supports the thoughts and efforts of the concerned citizens, and he also in favor of helping people that have a drug problem. He asked Brandon Voelker to explain as to why Cold Spring is in a precarious position. Brandon Voelker stated that one of the issues is whether or not the city as an entity has any standing to challenge this. Residents of the county who actually border the Campbell Lodge property might have a better shot at filing a case. Brandon Voelker addressed an issue that happened in the city on June 26th, an inappropriate sign was placed in the yard of a Cold Spring's resident. Mr. Voelker stated that this is trespassing and the police are investigating, if anyone knows any information contact the police department. We can agree to disagree and have different views, but no one deserves to wake up to a hate sign in their yard. Mayor Penque seconded that and announced that the City of Cold Spring does not condone this behavior, and if the person is caught they will be charged.

Charlie Wieholder, a resident of Cold Spring asked that they council support the group of people at the meeting tonight. He is concerned with the possibility that people who are incarcerated will be brought to the rehab center. Mayor Penque stated that is a possibility. Brandon Voelker stated that is a growing trend nationwide - in lieu of incarceration seek to provide treatment. Mr. Wieholder said we need to keep the rehab out of this area.

Rich Immebart from Skyline Drive asked if the residents can be annexed. Brandon Voelker stated that it is a difficult process and everyone on the street would have to agree to be annexed into the City of Cold Spring. There was discussion about the issues with an annexation. Chris Ampfer added that even if they were annexed into the city, it is possible that it would not change anything regarding the Brighton Center.

Kirk Gainer of Skyline Drive gathered signatures from East Alexandria Pike, Dodsworth and Skyline. Out of the 60-65 signatures there are only two that are in favor of Brighton Center. He gave a copy to the City Administrator. Mr. Gainer also named some places in the area that should be considered for the rehab center, such as the vacant space at the VA Hospital in Ft. Thomas.

Dr. Mark Schroer at 100 Leisure Lane approached the council and apologized if he has said anything that has offended anyone or hurt their feelings. He forgives whoever put a sign in his yard. Dr. Schroer asked the council to govern wisely. He then added that needle exchange programs are for active users and the women at the Brighton Center will not be active users.

The May 22, 2017 council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve, Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

There were no scheduled guests.

There was no old business.

Under new business, **Municipal Order 17-05 was read in summary re-appointing a member to the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission of the City of Cold Spring.** Chris Ampfer made a motion to approve. Michael Ruscher seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Under follow up citizen comments, Pastor Bamforth offered to email the documentation he has that reports that the property value will decrease.

Department reports were submitted in writing. Chris Ampfer asked Ronnie Hitch with Public Works for an update on the lake. Ronnie Hitch stated that the crew has been there a little over a week and the clearing is going really well and looking really good so far.

Under Council comments- Chris Ampfer said he wishes there was more we could do as a city for the residents that are concerned about the Brighton Center. He suggested that they keep voicing their concerns to the judge executive. Lisa Cavanaugh expressed her disappointment with the sign being placed in Dr. Schroer's yard. Lou Gerding asked Steve Taylor about the MS4 Inspection and when they will be doing it. As of now Steve Taylor said they are looking at some time in September.

Under Mayor's comments- Mayor Penque shared his thoughts on the sign placed in the doctor's yard, it is unacceptable. He is proud of the council and they are all deliberating on their feelings about the rehab center. His heart goes out to those that are for and against the Brighton Center, and the council will discuss things further in executive session.

Mark Schroer from Leisure Lane received the American flag.

Lou Gerding made a motion to enter into executive session per KRS 61.810(c) – litigation. Chris Ampfer seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Lou Gerding made motion to come out of executive session. Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Michael Ruscher made a motion that the city authorize the city attorney to engage in settlement conditions in lieu of litigation against the county: Provided that the residents of the city are consulted and also agree to the terms, in addition that the citizens of Crestview appoint a spokesperson to work with the City of Cold Spring regarding said conditions and agree to them. Lou Gerding Seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion carried.**

Michael Ruscher made a motion that the city have the attorney draw up two resolutions regarding the Recovery Center on Skyline Drive and present to council at the July Council Meeting. Resolution opposing the facility to be built on Skyline Drive at the former site of the Campbell boys Lodge. Resolution opposing the block grant that the fiscal court has approved in sponsoring/writing to fund the rehab facility at the site of Campbell Lodge. Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Roll call vote shows 5 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion carried.**

Council decided to set a special meeting for July 10th at 7:30 PM with caucus meeting to follow immediately afterward.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the June 26, 2017 council meeting. Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Approved: 7/10/17

City Clerk: /s/ Robin Sweeney

Mayor: /s/ D. Angelo Penque