

Cold Spring City Council January 23, 2012

The regular meeting of the Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Stoeber. Pledge to the flag and prayer was led by the City Clerk. Roll call showed the following council members present - Lou Gerding, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore, and Adam Sandfoss - excused were Kathy Noel and Stuart Oehrle. Also present were Police Chief Ed Burk, City Clerk Rita Seger, Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor, and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

Mayor Stoeber pointed out exits from Council Chambers, per Fire Department regulations.

Mayor Stoeber requested two additions to the agenda, under New Business, Item D – Cable Board appointment, and also Line Item 17 for an executive session, per K.R.S. 61.810 – F Personnel.

Lou Gerding requested two deletions on the agenda, under New Business - Item A which is a map amendment ordinance and Item B which is a text amendment ordinance, until the next meeting when the two of our absent council members can be present.

As an item of interest, Mayor Stoeber stated that during our Veterans Day ceremony the city acknowledged and honored four local members of our military. Two of these military members were deployed at the time and the city held a collection for staples and goods. As a result, a total of eight large cartons of goods, four cartons each, were delivered to these two military members, LCPL Jesse MacDonald of the US Marine Corp stationed in Afghanistan, and Matthew Bay of the Ky. Army National Guard stationed in Kuwait and Iraq. Notes from their families stated that they shared these goods with other members of their units, and they were very appreciative of our residents for their generosity.

The Visit with Santa event was held at the Cold Spring Firehouse on December 4th. Over 150 children attended this event, and each had a visit with Santa, played games and received refreshments and goody bags. It was a fun time for all. Thanks to the Park Board for all of their hard work.

The Campbell County Library, Cold Spring Branch conducts many practical and highly informative programs. In the past we have included their programs on our Council agenda. Mayor Stoeber stated that we are transitioning these announcements to our new website, where our residents will be able to find the link to the library events. For the last time, he read a list of programs being offered for the next month. Mayor Stoeber also wanted to take a moment to answer questions he has received from various people about the recent newspaper articles in regards to the Campbell County Library being under a lawsuit by private citizens. The City of Cold Spring is in no way part of or involved in that private lawsuit.

The mayor's annual State of the City address was next on the agenda. Mayor Stoeber thanked the citizens of Cold Spring for allowing him to serve as Mayor of Cold Spring. He has enjoyed his service with the City and gladly accepts the responsibility. Mayor Stoeber thanked members of council for their hard work and spirit, and he especially thanked all of the spouses for their encouragement and understanding. Mayor Stoeber thanked Police Chief Ed Burk, Administrative Officer Steve Taylor, and City Clerk Rita Seger for their round-the-clock dedication. He thanked all city employees who keep the city safe, clean, repaired and in great shape. A special thanks go to all of our Board and Commission members who are all a group of volunteers who truly make a difference in our entire community.

Mayor Stoeber explained how the city has survived the "great recession" as dubbed by the media and many politicians. It began in June 2006 when the housing market plummeted and the banking industry collapsed shortly thereafter. With the unemployment rate at 8.5% many feel that we can't say that the recession is over. Mayor Stoeber explained that the city's main sources of revenue are real estate, payroll, and insurance taxes. He showed charts in a power point presentation and showed the trend lines on each of these revenues from 2006 to present. It shows that these revenues are moving positively on a regular basis and are essentially stable considering the current economy. The Cold Spring real estate tax rate has dropped from \$2.252 per thousand in the year 2000 to \$1.64 per thousand in the year 2011, one of the lowest tax rates in Northern Kentucky. Cold Spring has an unprecedented reinvestment in the history of the city. He explained that over the last seven years, 20% of the city streets have been completely replaced, 30% of the city streets have either been replaced or significantly repaired at a cost of over \$4 million with no additional cost or assessments to the taxpayers.

The year 2012 will be of continued discipline, with the city paying attention to details, staying on the strategic plan, watching and being very diligent with our expenditures and yet delivering city services to the best of our ability and continuously improving. New property tax software has been installed and is proving to be very efficient and customer friendly. A new phone service is under quotation, our website is being revamped, and we are in the process of making technology upgrades.

Our public works has been very busy making improvements to our building, a new truck has been purchased and storage bins are being constructed. Our roadways continue to be repaired, replaced, and sealed. Our police department continues to make significant strides in community interaction, especially in non-police related business interactions. Two new cruisers have been purchased. In 2011, the police department sent out their bi-annual survey with a very large respondent ratio. It showed very positive results: no one identified themselves as feeling unsafe in the city; only ½ % considered their property unsafe; and 80% felt that overall crime in the city was low to very low.

Last year the city held the first ever Art Show, Health Expo, Fitness Class and a Healthy Cooking Demonstration and these will occur again in 2012. Substantial donations were made by the Cold Spring community for two deployed Cold Spring soldiers. We now have a new walking trail on the city grounds and in 2012 we will have marked walking paths in all of our neighborhoods. As a result of our Health newsletter mailed in December, over 50 residents have joined Urban Active via the city's partnership with them.

In closing, Mayor Stoeber stated that as a result of the hard work of council, department heads, staff and residents who invest in our city, we are surviving the "great recession" by growing and improving even in such rough times.

There will be a drawing for an American flag and pole for a resident staying until the end of this meeting.

The minutes of the November 28, 2011 regular council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the November 30, 2011 special council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the December 12, 2011 special council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval, and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 4, 2012 special council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval, and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

John Chamberlin, of Van Gorder Walker and Company, CPA, addressed Council with the annual auditor report. The entire audit and other information was presented to the Cold Spring finance committee earlier this evening. Pages 2 and 3 of the audit report shows that the City of Cold Spring has received an "unqualified" audit opinion, which means there are no qualifications attached and it is the highest opinion that they give. Mr. Chamberlin reviewed pages 4 through 8 which are the management discussions and analysis, an executive summary of the finances and workings of the city in the past fiscal year. Page 9 is the statement of net assets, which is a summary of the City's financial positions as of June 30, 2011, showing the total assets, liabilities and total net assets. Page 11 is the balance sheet which is the same as the statement of net assets but does not include capital assets and long term debt. Page 12 is a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the governmental funds of the city. Pages 14 thru 24 are the notes to the financial statements. Pages 25 is the budgetary comparison schedule which is budget to actual for the general fund, and page 26 is the budgetary comparison schedule which is budget to actual for the Municipal Aid Road Fund. Pages 27 and 28 includes their report on internal control and compliance that they are required to provide to those in charge of governments.

Mr. Chamberlin stated that in the past, they have had a comment on the segregation of duties but he is happy to report that because of the consulting accountant that the City now has, they have removed that comment from their report. There are no compliance issues to report, and no non-compliance issues with the laws. Mr. Chamberlin stated that his contact information is included on their letterhead in the report should council have any questions, comments or concerns that need to be addressed.

Municipal Order 12-01 was read, to **re-appoint Alan McCullough to the Cold Spring Planning and Zoning Commission, term to expire 1/31/2016**. Dave Guidugli made a motion for approval, and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

The next item of business as an addition to the agenda is the appointment of **Dave Guidugli as the Cable Board representative** for the City of Cold Spring. Rob Moore made a motion for approval, and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Departmental reports were reviewed. Mayor Stoeber congratulated Chief Burk. Within a three hour time period he saw three patrolmen on his street, which is excellent. Dave Guidugli requested that Chief Burk give council monthly reports on accidents occurring on Pooles Creek Road.

Mayor Stoeber congratulated the City Clerk on the wonderful job on the new tax program and tax collections.

There were no council, attorney, or mayor comments.

There was no winner of the American flag, pole, and health gift.

Adam Sandfoss made a motion to enter into **Executive Session, per K.R.S. 61.810 F – Personnel**. Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Lou Gerding made a motion to come out of executive session and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Rob Moore made a motion to adjourn the January 23, 2012 council meeting, and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor:

**Cold Spring City Council
Special Meeting
January 4, 2012**

The special meeting of the Cold Spring City Council, as advertised, was called to order by Mayor Mark Stoeber. Members present were Lou Gerding, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore, Kathy Noel, Stuart Oehrle and Adam Sandfoss. Also present were Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor and City Attorney Brandon Voelker. The purpose of this special meeting was to enter into executive session, per K.R.S. 61.810 – C - Litigation

Stuart Oehrle made a motion to enter into Executive Session per K.R.S. 61.810 – C – Litigation. Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Lou Gerding made a motion to come out of executive session, and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of this executive session.

Dave Guidugli made a motion to adjourn the January 4, 2012 special meeting and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: