

## Cold Spring City Council September 24, 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 Kathy Noel – excused were Stuart Oehrle and Adam Sandfoss. 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 an addition be made to the agenda, under New Business - Item 10 B., appointment to the Park, Recreation and Tree Commission.

On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, a Trunk Sale was held at the Carole Huber Ballfield in Municipal Park. Mayor Stoeber stated that it was a beautiful day and the event had an exceptional turnout. This event appears to be catching on and he is sure this will build each time we hold this event.

The Fitness Sampler was held on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This included zumba and yoga instructions, high intensity interval training, self defense by the Tian Academy and a boot camp. It was a gorgeous day, but attendance was not close to what we anticipated, and this event will be looked at and revisited.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the Day in the Park will be held on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 pm at the Municipal Park. This is always a wonderful time for families to enjoy and we hope this beautiful fall weather will continue. Dave Guidugli stated that the Park Board needs all of the help that they can get to run this event. Please volunteer if you are available.

As part of the Health Initiative, Mayor Stoeber stated that we had a cooking class in the spring which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to a series of mishaps with the chef. We have re-scheduled another cooking class to be held on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, from 2 to 4 pm in our Community Room. The people in the original class were invited back to this class, but please phone the city clerk to see if there is still availability and make your reservation.

There will be a drawing for an American flag and a health gift at the end of the meeting for a city resident who stays for the entire meeting.

The August 6, 2012 special council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The August 27, 2012 regular council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The September 10, 2012 special council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Kathy Noel made a motion for approval and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kevin Gordon, a resident of the city of Wilder, addressed council for the purpose of discussing the issue of the proposed library tax increase. He passed out information to each member of council for their review. He stated that the proposed twenty-seven percent tax increase will cost the Cold Spring residents \$116,375.00 in addition to what they are currently paying. In the brochure put out by Campbell County regarding this proposal, Mr. Gordon stated that several items need to be corrected. Within this five mile radius of the proposed library there are five schools and 14,000 people. Each one of these schools have their own library along with an assistance program with the Campbell County public library where any material they may need can be transferred to their location. Campbell County High School has one of the best high school libraries in the state. The brochure stated that the Board is doing its' best to minimize the cost of this new library, but since the property was purchased five years ago, they have not done a capital campaign nor have they tried to secure additional funds, grants, monies, etc. in order to offset the cost to the taxpayers until last fall. They have partnered with the Campbell County Historical Society, and although Mr. Gordon supports the society he doesn't think it is the taxpayer's supported entities' job to donate space to another tax exempt organization. This library is supposed to be 28,000 square feet, 14,000 square feet is vacant and part of it given to the historical society for future expansion. In comparison the Newport library is 27,000 square feet. If you add the square footage of both the Ft. Thomas and Cold Spring branch libraries, they are nearly the same size as the library that they are proposing. Mr. Gordon has asked Cold Spring council to join the cities of Wilder and Alexandria who have both passed resolutions opposing the

library tax increase on behalf of the taxpayers, while supporting all of the good work that the library does on behalf of the citizens.

The date and time for trick or treat in the city of Cold Spring for the year 2012 was discussed. Council agreed that it has worked out well these past several years and they agreed that we should stay with the date of Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

Mayor Stoeber stated that Julie Mai, of the Glenridge Subdivision has stepped forward. She thinks that the Park Board has done some wonderful things and she likes their fun and enthusiasm. Mayor Stoeber put before council the **appointment of Julie Mai to the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission** for the city of Cold Spring. Rob Moore made a motion for approval and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Departmental reports were reviewed.

Steve Taylor stated that the website will be up and running by November 19, which will be the “go live” date. To date he has spent \$1,000 on this website for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

Dave Guidugli requested that Chief Burk explain the shoplifting prevention program that was mentioned in his report. Chief Burk stated that they are trying to have a little more interaction among our businesses. Officer Hyett met with businesses earlier this year, and they agreed that it would be good if the businesses share information among themselves. If someone were to shoplift at one Cold Spring store and get caught they may go on to another store in Cold Spring. By sharing the information on shoplifters among the businesses there seems to be a 60 to 70 percent increase in shoplifting arrests in the city. When they get caught at one store, their picture is sent to another store and they can watch for them. If they get caught shoplifting in a store, the store will issue a trespassing notice that they are not allowed back on their property. If they do go back onto the store’s property and get caught shoplifting, even if it is a minor item, it is now considered a burglary since they have trespassed. That is a felony. The prosecutor’s office is very much in favor of doing this to cut down on shoplifting in the city. They are happy with the results.

Dave Guidugli asked if they thought about expanding this sharing to businesses in Highland Heights and Alexandria. Chief Burk stated that Walmart is involved and if other businesses are willing they will certainly share this information.

Lou Gerding stated that, at the Murnan Road and Dry Creek road intersection, when our dump trucks come up Dry Creek and pull onto Murnan to go left, they have to come all the way over into the opposite lane, because when they come to that stop sign they have to pull up to see the oncoming traffic. They have the top of the bed on their trucks and they can’t see out the back window. They have to stoop over the wheel trying to see the traffic. He was almost hit head on twice. He asked if something could be put on the truck for better visibility or when public works employees are driving their dump trucks on that road they could go the other direction onto the AA Highway and then out to US 27.

Mayor Stoeber stated that Mr. Gerding has offered a very valid suggestion, and questioned Mr. Taylor if there was any functional reason other than the shortest distance. Mr. Taylor stated that there was not. He will have Public Works discontinue this immediately.

Steve Taylor requested on behalf of the Park Board that if you can volunteer on Day in the Park for any amount of time, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Mr. Taylor know if you can do this.

There were no council, attorney, or mayor comments.

There were no residents present to win the American flag and pole and a health gift

Rob Moore made a motion to adjourn the September 24, 2012 council meeting, and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**

**Cold Spring City Council  
Special Meeting  
September 10, 2012**

The special meeting of the Cold Spring City Council was called to order at 7:15 pm by Mayor Mark Stoeber. Members present were Lou Gerding, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore, Kathy Noel, Stuart Oehrle and Adam Sandfoss. Also present were Police Chief Ed Burk, City Clerk Rita Seger, Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor and City Attorney Brandon Voelker. The purpose of this meeting is to have a second reading of the tax rate ordinance. Mayor Stoeber stated for the benefit of the audience that according to K.R.S. regulations, we must follow only the item(s) as listed on the agenda.

Mayor Stoeber pointed out the exits from the building, per fire department regulations.

**Ordinance 12-992 was read in summary form for the second time, establishing the 2012-2013 fiscal year real property tax rate at \$0.164 per hundred, the personal/tangible tax rate at \$0.159 per hundred, the motor vehicle tax rate at \$0.169 per hundred, and establishing the 2013 waste collection fee at \$126.92 per unit.** Rob Moore made a motion to adopt this ordinance, and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and one no – Lou Gerding. **Motion carried.**

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the September 10, 2012 special meeting and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**