

Cold Spring City Council March 25, 2013

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 – Lisa Cavanaugh, Lou Gerding, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore, Kathy Noel, 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.

Items of interest to the community were reviewed by Mayor Stoeber.

He stated that St. Joseph Drama Club will be honored tonight with a proclamation for community enhancement. St. Joseph Church goes back to 1870, and many Cold Spring residents have been a part of St. Joseph Church and have gone to their school. In addition, many of the members of St. Joseph Parish have contributed in various ways to the growth, development, and rich history of the Cold Spring community. Also too is the rich history of the St. Joseph Drama Club, which has been entertaining us for well over 35 years. The beautiful thing about their annual play is that they write it themselves, all of the actors are local, and everything about it is a wonderful contribution to our city. The people who attend really enjoy themselves. We have invited members of St. Joseph Drama Club here tonight to recognize them for all that they have brought to our community, in addition to the arts and wonderful entertainment that they offer. Mayor Stoeber then read and presented to them a proclamation acknowledging St. Joseph Drama Club and their enhancement to our community. A round of applause followed. Greg Calhoun was present to accept the proclamation along with Larry Baumann, Mary Beckerich, and Amy Schwegman who is the writer and director for this year's show.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the city's annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 23rd. We had a fabulous day and a large crowd. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was a wonderful event. Mayor Stoeber thanked the Park Board for their hard work in planning this event. The Park Board is a volunteer group who puts in a lot of blood, sweat and tears for the purpose of putting on events to enhance our community, and if by chance you bump into any of them, please thank them. They are not in it for the thanks and accolades, but a simple thank you goes a lot farther than a paycheck.

Campbell County Cleanup will be held on Friday, April 12th and Saturday, April 13th from 8 am to 5 pm, and on Sunday, April 14th from 8 am to 4 pm. Take trash and debris only to Penderly Park and Campbell County Police Station. Take trash, debris, scrap metal, appliances, propane tanks, car batteries, electronics and tires to the Transportation Department on Race Track Road. No liquids will be accepted at any of these locations.

Another scheduled Park Board event is Arbor Day which will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at 10:30 am at the Municipal Park Shelter. Free seedlings will be given away.

Also on Saturday, April 20th from noon until 2 pm the City will have a Healthy Cooking Class. This event is in its third year and if you would like to register, please phone the city clerk.

Campbell County Shred Day will also be held on Saturday, April 20th from 9 am to noon at the Disabled American Veterans lot in Cold Spring. Documents will be shredded onsite while you watch.

If you have electronics that you would like to get rid of, there will be a Players for the Planet Electronics Recycling event, on Sunday, April 21st from 10 am to 3 pm at the Newport Pavilion. This is free to the local citizens but donations will be accepted.

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 February 25, 2013 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.

There were no scheduled or unscheduled guests.

Ordinance 13-994 was read in summary form for the second time regarding the seating of council during meetings. Rob Moore made a motion to adopt this ordinance and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. Lisa Cavanaugh

stated that a resident questioned why we had to pass an ordinance for how we seat. Adam Sandfoss stated that this was to clarify the process to make sure that one person doesn't make the decision on where everyone goes and to just make sure that there is a more even playing field and have it documented on how this will be decided. There was no sort of controversy, but this is just document so that at the next election cycle there will be a step by step process to clarify things. Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Departmental reports were reviewed.

Council Member Lisa Cavanaugh questioned if Chief Burk was able to follow up on an issue in Sandstone. Chief Burk stated that he went there and left a note on the owner's door. He observed that the vehicle was parked close to the mailbox, but it was not directly in front of the mailbox. Councilmember Cavanaugh stated that if the vehicle was parked right in front of the mailbox they could phone the police department and have it moved so that they could get their mail.

Steve Taylor stated that on April 1, work will be started on the storm water pipe reconstruction in front of Cline Elementary School. It will take about a week to do and the road will be opened the entire time. Also, Duke Energy has been back on Dodsworth and they are getting ready to start work on the second gas pipe that goes across the road to cut off the casing. We are trying to work out a way to keep that road open but we do not have a solution to that yet. They have not given us a date for that work yet. Mayor Stoeber verified with Mr. Taylor that this job is located about 20 to 30 feet before the Madonna subdivision.

Steve Taylor stated that there were two pipes that needed work in this area. They did the first pipe last year, and this is the second pipe, which is 12 to 15 feet deep. With last year's job, the pipe was higher and only one lane had to be closed at a time. On this second pipe, because of the soil and because of the depth, they will have to close both lanes at the same time, so we are looking at doing somewhat the same thing that we did at another area of the city, by routing the traffic around the work and putting in automated street signals afterhours so the fire trucks etcetera can get through. There is no final solution in place at this time, but Duke is working with the fire department and the city to figure out how they are going to handle this.

Councilman Gerding questioned if this will be done after school is out. Mr. Taylor stated that will not be the case. The East Alexandria Pike storm sewer project will be done during spring break, however Duke does not have a start date yet for this project on Dodsworth, but it will be sometime within the next month and a half. Lou Gerding suggested that we get the schools involved with this too, since a lot of school buses run through there. Perhaps we can ask them to wait until school closes. Mr. Taylor stated that once we have a plan in place, we will contact the schools. Duke is actually overdue on getting this project done. They were supposed to have this completed by December 31st of last year. Mr. Taylor stated that he will certainly suggest to Duke that they wait until June to do this, but that is something that the city doesn't have control over.

Council comments followed.

Lisa Cavanaugh stated that some residents said that it was hard to hear announcements at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. She doesn't know if it was a volume control issue on the PA system or bullhorn, or because the crowd is getting bigger. Also a couple of them said that it was difficult to read the age group signs and perhaps next year we could make them more visible.

Councilperson Cavanaugh questioned how many people attend the cooking classes, if this is for Cold Spring residents only or can anyone participate, and if there is a cost to citizens to attend the class, and what cost if any the city pays for this event. Mayor Stoeber stated that the classes have 25 to 30 people. Cold Spring residents have first seating preference, and if by chance the seating isn't filled then we will allow residents from outside the city to attend. The class is free to the public. The mayor stated the cost is approximately \$1,000 by the time we build the class and put things together, but much is dependent on whether or not the food is donated or not. Ms. Cavanaugh verified with Mayor Stoeber that the recipes go on the website, and the cost is \$25.00 an hour. Councilperson Cavanaugh questioned if this is really a necessary government expense to put such recipes on our website. Mayor Stoeber stated that council approved that going into this budget however, at the scheduled budget meeting tomorrow night she can open this for discussion.

Lisa Cavanaugh stated that speeding has been an issue in the neighborhoods, and asked if council has looked into the portable speed bumps. Mayor Stoeber stated that we do have a set and they are used on an "as needed" bases. One year they were used on Brightwood, one year on Darlas. Ms. Cavanaugh questioned if they are effective and if we should look into getting more

of them. Chief Burk stated that they are somewhat effective. Steve Taylor stated that we do not put them down during plowing season.

Lisa Cavanaugh stated that last month she referred to a water issue on Millrace, however the issue that the resident would like to have addressed is actually at 3 Sturbridge Drive. It is always muddy and damp on the sidewalk in front of that residence. Steve Taylor stated that he would check into this. Also, Ms. Cavanaugh stated that a couple of residents want to send out kudos to our Public Works Department for the good job they do. They are out plowing all night while we are at home or sleeping, to keep our roads clear. She is curious why they are not mentioned on our website under city staff. Steve Taylor stated that they were included on our old site. We do not currently have a page for them but we are working on developing one and it is on the list for our website designers to enhance.

Lisa Cavanaugh questioned if it would be possible for an assigned representative of the residents to sit in the Cold Spring budget hearings, to give public input. Mayor Stoeber stated that all of our meetings are open to the public and anyone can attend. Anytime council meets, we have to publish the meetings for this reason. It would be very difficult to assign a resident, because who would deem them to be the citizen's representative because we have 6,000 citizens. It is best to just have an open forum, where anyone is more than welcome to come up and discuss items.

Councilperson Cavanaugh stated that she has gotten out and enjoyed meeting and talking to some of our residents and they can call her and contact her with any questions. They can contact the city clerk and she can give them her contact information.

Lou Gerding stated that the feedback that he received this year on the Easter Egg Hunt was that it was the best ever, and not just because of the weather. It was a bigger, spread out area and the children liked their prizes better.

Dave Guidugli questioned Steve Taylor about a resident who stated that his newsletter came to him addressed as Highland Heights and not Cold Spring. Steve Taylor stated that we use the post office sort, and that sort uses the post office in Highland Heights and Newport as the designation for 41076. Councilman Guidugli stated that his came with the Cold Spring address. Mr. Taylor stated that this was outsourced and the company uses the post office sorting. We do not print the labels in-house.

Adam Sandfoss stated that the Enquirer and NKY.Com have had great segments about the heroin epidemic that has eclipsed this area. Northern Kentucky is the No. 1 region in the entire state of Kentucky for heroin abuse. Our Police Chief has researched this and is making sure that our city is safe. All of the cities in this area are trying to fight this epidemic. Doctors, health care advocates, parents, schools, etcetera are trying to find a way to combat this. It is no longer something that only affects inner cities. Councilman Sandfoss urges all of residents that if you see anything suspicious, please let the police know. If you need help please ask your physicians, go to the hospitals, call the police or fire departments or go somewhere to get help. It is only going to get worse. The very first time you try heroin, you can become hooked or die. People have died and are brought back to life trying this, and yet they continue doing it. It is a disease that is affecting this area immensely. Be observant, reach out if you can and please get them help.

Mayor Stoeber again congratulated St. Joseph Drama Club for their contributions to the community and thanked the Park Board for their outstanding job.

There was no resident in the audience to the win the American flag and pole.

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

No action was taken as a result of these executive sessions.

Rob Moore made a motion to adjourn the March 25, 2013 council meeting, and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: