

Cold Spring City Council November 24, 2014

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, Kathy Noel, Adam Sandfoss and Christopher Vaught. Also present were Police Chief Ed Burk, City Clerk Rita Seger, and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

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

Mayor Stoeber requested three additions to the agenda, under New Business. Under Item E is declaration of police surplus items, Item F is an item discussed at the Safety Committee meeting tonight for accreditation purposes. Some police policies need to be updated so there will be a first reading of an ordinance to update these and there will be a second reading at the special meeting in December. A third item is an agreement for a storage barn at our Friendship Park for the Campbell County Girls Rural Softball. Because of their intense usage of our Parks during the summer, for convenience purposes they have asked if they could put a small unobtrusive shed next to the Red Devils' shed and then maintain it with all proper liabilities.

Mayor Stoeber stated that on Sunday, November 9th the City held a Veterans Day Ceremony at our Municipal Park. He was unable to attend due to the baptism of his granddaughter, however Councilman Adam Sandfoss graciously agreed to step in. Adam Sandfoss thanked the Boy Scout Color Guard who did a great job. The invocation and benediction were led by two chaplains of the community, we gave out carnations to the Veterans and their spouses, and he said a few words honoring them. It was a very nice day and we had a good attendance. Mayor Stoeber thanked Councilman Sandfoss for filling in. The City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving holidays. There will be no change to trash pickup which will be Friday, November 28th, and no change in trash pickup for any of the holidays for the rest of this year. Light Up Cold Spring, an annual event, will be held on Sunday, December 7th. Turn your lights on by 6 pm. The Park Board judge for the best holiday displays. Another Park Board event which is their last of the year is Visit with Santa, to be held on Saturday, December 13th from noon until 3 pm at the Cold Spring First Baptist Church, 4410 Alexandria Pike. You can take your photos with Santa, and enjoy games, prizes, treat bags and refreshments. There will be a drawing for an American flag at the end of the meeting for those in attendance.

The minutes of the October 27, 2014 council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There were no scheduled guests.

As an unscheduled guest, Sandy Patton of Thornbush Court addressed council. She stated that she attended the Veterans Day Ceremony and she commended Councilman Sandfoss for doing a great job. Also, she stated that some residents of Cold Spring have been questioning the turn at the library on French Street in Cold Spring. As you head north on US27, it is very obvious with the sign and the barrier sticks that you cannot turn left onto French Street, but she questioned when you are driving south on US27, may the driver turn right onto French street. Chief Burk stated that you may. The sign that says "do not enter" is meant for those heading north on US 27. You should not be able to see that sign if you are heading south. It is also for those coming across the highway from Winters Lane so that they are aware of this. Ms. Patton stated that you cannot see that sign if you are heading south and she verified that if you are driving south, you may turn right at the library. She also verified that the motorists who want to turn left from Winters Lane onto Alexandria Pike now have to cross three lanes of traffic to get to the ongoing traffic because they no longer have that middle lane.

There was no old business.

Under new business, **Ordinance 14-1011 was read in summary form for the 2nd time, enacting and adopting the supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cold Spring.** Lou Gerding made a motion to approve Ordinance 14-1011 and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

The next agenda item is the official acceptance of Sunshine Park in the Granite Spring subdivision. Brandon Voelker stated that Fischer Development prepared a document to basically deed the property over to the city. The City is already maintaining the park and this is just a formality, to place it in our land holdings. Christopher Vaught made a motion to **authorize Mayor Stoeber to sign the deed accepting Sunshine Park in the Granite Spring Subdivision**. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. He verified with Mayor Stoeber that the city has been maintaining it since it opened up. Brandon Voelker stated that chances are that they are almost done there, and they are cleaning up the loose ends. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on the date for the December council meeting due to the holidays. Mayor Stoeber stated that we typically roll the December council meeting and convert the December caucus meeting into a special council meeting, which would be December 8th. We do have to vote for the Light Up Cold Spring contest winners, plus a second reading of the police policy ordinance. Mayor Stoeber suggests that, as we have always done, to designate Monday, December 8th as a special council meeting. Council agreed to this special meeting.

The following items were additions to the Council meeting agenda.

The **police department submitted a number of items, basically obsolete, inoperable and just using up space and can't be used for anything.** Lou Gerding made a motion to **declare these as surplus items** and Christopher Vaught seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

The next item on the agenda calls for the approval of an **ordinance for updating police department policies.** Mayor Stoeber stated that they will each receive a copy of this ordinance in their December 8th special meeting packet along with the policies that the police chief is recommending to be cleaned up. There are four policies, most administrative in nature because now we are no longer called a fifth class city but a Home Rule city. They have also changed the technical grade of the taser that they are using. The safety committee is asking to have a **first reading of Ordinance 14-1012 to approve these policy changes.** Christopher Vaught made a motion to approve Ordinance 14-1012 and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

The third addition to the agenda is a request from the Campbell County Girls Rural Softball team who have been a significant user of our Cold Spring ballfields for close to twenty plus years. They have a lot of equipment that they are using and taking back and forth. They have asked if they could have the convenience of a shed like the Red Devils have, with same size and dimensions and placed right next to the Red Devils' shed. This would save them a lot of shuffling around with their equipment. We have an agreement with the Red Devils for their shed and Attorney Voelker has put together a similar agreement for the Girls Rural Softball team. Mayor Stoeber requests authorization to sign this agreement. Dave Guidugli made a motion to **authorize Mayor Stoeber to sign the Park Lease agreement for the storage barn with the Campbell County Girls Rural Softball team.** Lou Gerding seconded the motion. Adam Sandfoss verified that they are paying for the shed and the maintenance of it. Mayor Stoeber stated that they will also carry the proper level of insurance and those types of items. Brandon Voelker stated that if the lease ends and they don't remove the shed it becomes the city's property. There being no further questions, all were in favor. **Motion carried.**

There were no follow up citizens comments.

Departmental reports were submitted in writing. Dave Guidugli requested an update on where the city is on the street construction and if they are done for the year. Chief Burk stated that they are trying to get more completed in the Springside Subdivision, but they are waiting for a good day and for it to be dry. They are hoping to get this done this week because the asphalt plant is going to be shutting down on December 10th. Dave Guidugli stated that he is sure that they did not plan for the weather that we have been having. Mayor Stoeber stated that is one of the differences between asphalt and concrete. Because asphalt is unbelievably hot when they put it down, it can't be done in the rain or cold weather. If we have until the 10th of December that will be helpful.

There were no Council or Attorney comments.

Mayor Stoeber stated that this is his last regularly scheduled council meeting. He has mentioned his farewell earlier and from that time to this time he has received some very nice comments from residents who have expressed their thanks for his service and his time and wishing him well for whatever lies ahead of him. He appreciates that greatly. As he goes through his thanks to various people, there is someone else that he needs to thank and that is Brent, cameraman for the Campbell County Cable Board. They have been together for a lot of years, through rain, snow, sloppy days, weekends, mornings and he is always there and is always cheerful and helpful. Through his filming and pleasant attitude he brought a lot to the city that otherwise wouldn't have been brought if he hadn't been here. Mayor Stoeber thanked him and stated that he has enjoyed working with him and good luck in the future.

There was no winner of the attendance raffle for the American flag and pole.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the November 24, 2014 council meeting and Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: