

Cold Spring City Council October 27, 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 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.

There were no additions or deletions to the meeting.

Mayor Stoeber stated that on Sunday October 5th we had our annual event, Day in the Park and it was a lot of fun for the families and we had a very nice attendance. We look forward to it every year. Thanks to the volunteer Park Board who put in a tremendous amount of effort on the events every year. There is one more event remaining this year. This Friday, October 31st is Halloween, and the City of Cold Spring will celebrate Trick or Treat on this day, between 6 and 7:30 pm. Since it is getting darker earlier, please be aware that there will be children trick or treating along the streets and be very careful. It is an enjoyable time, but it can also be a very dangerous time. There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, November 1st at the UC Health Stadium (known as the Florence Freedom Center), from 9 am to 2 pm. They will accept a breadth of items that are very hard to dispose of such as electronics, waste, oil, corrosive/flammables, bulbs, batteries, paint, ink/toner cartridges, antifreeze and pesticides. You must visit www.nkyhhw.org to print and complete a registration form prior to attending the event. The city's annual Veterans Day will be held on Sunday, November 9th, at 1 pm at our Veterans Memorial in front of the city building at Municipal Park.

The next item of interest is a very special and well deserved recognition for a career of service to the community Councilman Adam Sandfoss began this presentation, and stated that we are celebrating the career of an extraordinary professional who is an asset to our community. He is Central Campbell County Fire Chief Jerry Sandfoss, also called "dad" by Councilman Sandfoss. He has had a long and decorated career of service. From being a member of the 101st Airborne Division, the Screaming Eagles, fighting in the jungles of Vietnam, and being one of the first responders at the Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire, he worked his way through the ranks as captain of the Ft. Thomas Fire Department and retired from that department in 2000 when he was selected to merge the Highland Heights and Cold Spring Fire Departments, which at that time was one of the first mergers in the area. He has retired now after over 40 years in the Fire Department. During his time as fire chief he secured thousands of dollars in grants for the department. He adapted to the growing and ever changing community, especially with the increase in size and population of the Northern Kentucky University which is a wonderful asset to our community. Under his watch, Central Campbell expanded with its amount of paid workers as well as added to its size with an expansion a few years ago. They have added a beautiful fire fighters' memorial in their front garden. Councilman Sandfoss stated that he has had a front row seat to all of this. Growing up as the son of a fire fighter was interesting and exciting. His sisters and he grew up with the Ft. Thomas Fire Department, and then went onto Central Campbell and saw the strength and camaraderie that it takes to be a fire fighter and being a first responder. As Councilman Sandfoss became older and his dad rose in the ranks, he developed a strong appreciation and respect for the first fire responders and the service that they provide. His father always instilled in his children a deep and strong value for public service, which resulted in him being a nurse and his sisters being teachers. His father has loved every moment of being a fire fighter, never complaining of going to work or calling in sick just because he wanted a break. He would run, literally, at every call. Whenever they would hear the beep of the emergency radio across the house, they would then the thump of his footsteps and then out the door he went. He treasured every moment, every rescue, and every opportunity. He is an amazing individual who has fought for his country, provided for his family, and protected the citizens of the great city of Cold Spring. Please join him in honoring the tremendous service of Fire Chief Jerry Sandfoss. A round of applause and standing ovation ensued.

Mayor Stoeber stated that his son's heartfelt speech to his father was beautiful and tremendously well-deserved. Mayor Stoeber invited Chief Sandfoss to step forward. On behalf of the residents of Cold Spring he then read a proclamation to honor October 27, 2014 as Gerald Sandfoss day in the City of Cold Spring, and he also presented a small gift on behalf of the entire city, as well as the mayor, council and staff.

Chief Sandfoss thanked everyone very much. He stated that it has been an honor to be of service to our community for 46 years. It has been great working with council and the mayor over these past years. They have had great cooperation between the police, public works, and fire administration. Cold Spring has always been a first class community and he knows we will continue to make it that way and he is proud to live here. He appreciates this recognition from the bottom of his heart. Central Campbell has increased manpower, they were the first department to have computers in their fire apparatus, and they

went to advanced life support which has been very successful. Jerry Sandfoss stated that he has just been a conduit for these accomplishments. He worked for a great board who gave him the tools and the resources. This past year they had their insurance rating dropped from a class four to a class three which is excellent. They also put on an internship program, the first of its kind in Campbell County where they pay the tuition of students that are going through fire science classes to become fire fighters to get their degrees, and hence they get 120 hours of basically free manpower. Great things have happened over the years and he couldn't have done it without his board and assistant fire chief who will be taking over for him. On behalf of the Fire District he thanked the city police and public works departments, who were there to assist them whenever they were needed. They have a great working relationship. He thanked everyone for the proclamation and gift.

Chief Sandfoss introduced Assistant Chief Ray Dishman who will be taking his spot. When he came here, Ray Dishman was a captain and got promoted to assistant chief in 2003. He has been fortunate to have someone like Ray to lean on and discuss things with over all of these years. Anytime you start something, you want to leave it at that high level and Ray will continue to keep it that way. With that being said Chief Sandfoss stated that he will still be around. He will play more golf. He has been married to his lovely wife forty years and now he will get to spend more time at home. When you are a fire fighter you are gone a lot and he has certainly had his fair share. As time goes by he may want to get back into some sort of service with the city. If you have any questions, give him a call at any time.

There will be a drawing for an American flag at the end of the meeting for those in attendance.

The minutes of the September 22, 2014 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.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the next agenda item is the Buy Cold Spring Program and three local businesses are present tonight promote their business. We have so many excellent businesses in the city who are so diverse on what they can offer. We use this as a forum so that all of our residents will know what is available within a short drive of our house.

Lisa Cain of Davita Cold Spring Dialysis addressed council. She is a registered nurse and the facility administrator. They are located at 430 Crossroads Boulevard, near to Crossroads Elementary School. They are a 12 station dialysis outpatient clinic operating two shifts on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Their total clinic capacity is 72 patients. More than 300,000 people in the United States require dialysis, and of those, 400 are right here in the Northern Kentucky area. Most of the patients they see require dialysis three times per week with an average of four hours each treatment. Though they are a local dialysis unit, they are affiliated with Davita, the largest provider of kidney dialysis in the United States. Their goal is to deliver high tech high quality dialysis to their patients. This is supported by the fact that all of the kidney doctors in Northern Kentucky area as well as many of the kidney doctors in Cincinnati have privileges in their facility and frequently request that the patients receive the care at their facility based on the quality of care that they receive. Davita of Cold Spring works closely with both the patient and their doctors to come up with personalized care plans for each patient. Her team is home grown, right here in Cold Spring and surrounding Northern Kentucky areas with more than ten plus years in kidney dialysis. As such they recognize and deliver the kind of personalized care that you would expect from your community and your neighbors. There is no reason to drive a long distance to receive dialysis care, because your best care is right here in your back yard. If you know of anyone that is on dialysis and are not aware of their presence, pass along that they are right here in Cold Spring, or check them out at www.davita.com.

Mayor Stoeber stated that he has known some people who have needed dialysis but he never understood if the location that they go to is the patient's choice as opposed to the doctor's order. He confirmed that a patient can say to their insurance network that there is a dialysis clinic in Cold Spring and they wish to go there. Ms. Cain stated that is absolutely the case. They try to help the patients locate according to their demographic area and they have multiple local clinics throughout the greater Cincinnati area. Many people don't know realize that they are here on Crossroads Boulevard, so they are trying to remedy that. Mayor Stoeber thanked her for coming up.

Fares "Chip" Radel with Radel Funeral Home and Crematory addressed council. He introduced his wife Mickey. The Fares J. Radel Funeral Home was started in 1878 and they are over 130 years old now. He is third generation and his son, Fares Radel Jr. who they call Buddy is also a licensed funeral director. They are licensed in both Kentucky and Ohio. They have three locations, one on Kellogg Avenue, their newest facility here in Cold Spring, and their main office at 822 York Street in Newport, which was built as a funeral home in 1927. Their oldest funeral home used to be on Patterson Street in Newport and that opened in 1907. His dad would tell him stories about going from the Newport Funeral Home to Spring Grove Cemetery which was an all day affair. Everything was via horse and carriage. He told the story of one of the hearse drivers who got lost a Spring Grove Cemetery. He should have just allowed the horse to find the way home. Radel specializes in pre-arrangements and the medicaid spend-down, so if someone is going into a nursing home they have to reduce assets. They also work with local banks and

investment companies, as well as Citizen's Bank of Campbell County. He helped start that bank 20 years ago and remains on the board today. To be in the funeral business you have to have a servant's heart and he thinks that our mayor, council and people like Jerry Sandfoss truly have a servant's heart. It is an honor to be here and he thanks the city for this opportunity. He appreciates everything we do.

Rachel Gold of Total Health Dentistry addressed council. She stated that she opened her practice in Cold Spring in June of this year and her office is on Windsor Drive. They are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday seeing patients, but someone is there all day everyday answering phone calls and taking new patients. She grew up in Ft. Thomas and still lives there with her husband Matt who is a teacher and is a men's soccer coach and an assistant track coach at Campbell County High School. She grew up a Bluebird but she is slowly becoming a Camel. She did undergrad and dental school at the University of Louisville, and advanced general dental residency at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She has been back for three years and working as an associate in an office in Northern Kentucky as well as the west side of Cincinnati. This is her first practice and she is really glad to be here. There has been a great response from the community. The whole idea of Total Health Dentistry is that she always tells people she doesn't like to get melodramatic about teeth, but she loves them and is in the business of keeping them. The bigger picture is to try to help her patients understand the connection between oral health and systemic health and how important it is and how coming to see her can help potentially stop some pretty ugly things from happening from the total health perspective. She thanked council for having her.

Mayor Stoeber stated that she is the second or the third business that we have had that opened and started their business in Cold Spring. That is exciting and it is a good reflection on the community that says we want that type of business here. She has a choice of wherever she wants her business to go, and we appreciate her being here. Mayor Stoeber mentioned that she has another connection to the community. It is her grandfather, George Gore, who serves on and is one of the founding fathers of our Cold Spring Code Enforcement Board. The service to the community comes in a variety of different fashions and ways, and one is to have the courage to step forward and say I want to start a business. There is a lot of courage in that. He thanked her for attending.

There were no unscheduled guests.

There was no old business.

Under new business, **Ordinance 14-1011 was read in summary form for the 1st time, enacting and adopting the supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cold Spring.** This is required to be completed every five years, but the city does it approximately every two years for the sake of efficiency, and to codify and publish every ordinance that the city has passed up until that time which makes publication and order and structure all the better. Lou Gerding made a **motion to approve Ordinance 14-1011** and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Municipal Order 14-05 was read, **appointing Grant Mitchell to the Cold Spring Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy with term to expire January 31, 2016.** Mayor Stoeber stated that this position became open through the resignation of a long term member, Alan McCullough who is moving forward in other areas of his life. Mayor Stoeber has spoken to Mr. Mitchell and he is willing to step forward. He is thoroughly qualified for the job. Christopher Vaught made a motion to **approve Municipal Order 14-05** and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and one no – Lisa Cavanaugh. **Motion carried.**

As a follow-up citizens' comments, Brenda Helton stated that at last month's meeting there was some discussion on some property that was donated by the Geiman Brothers in the Madonna Estates. She questioned if that is the development that is currently under construction on Dodsworth Lane, because she has seen constructions vehicles there. Mayor Stoeber stated that is not the property. The donated land is a small parcel at the end of Madonna Lane in the cul-de-sac. There was a small unusable piece of property in between two houses and the Geiman's donated that to us. The purpose was that it would be a nice place for a walking park, to sit and have a bench as people walk through their neighborhood. Brenda Helton questioned whether there will be anything else built on it. Mark Stoeber stated that it is strictly a pocket park. Brandon Voelker stated that there is also a deed restriction that says that no building will be permitted on that land.

Department reports were submitted in writing.

Mayor Stoeber stated that with the 2014 property taxes having gone out earlier this month, our residents are being extremely diligent and proactive in submitting payment on their taxes. He has said for many years the city is incredibly fortunate to have such responsible citizens. Most cities are maybe two, three, or four percent behind on their tax payments, but our city has only two, three, or four citizens that are delinquent. We are very fortunate that we virtually have 100 percent collection rate.

On the fire district report, Jerry Sandfoss stated that the department has been very busy and keeping things moving along.

Council comments followed.

Lisa Cavanaugh questioned if the flags along US 27 would be coming down before winter because of the wind. Mayor Stoeber stated that every year the flags are removed after Veterans Day. Councilwoman Cavanaugh then reminded our residents to please get out and vote on November 4 because local elections are so important. Those that you elect make the decisions that affect you in your daily lives. Our voice may not matter much in Washington anymore but it does in our own communities. She wants to make the citizens aware that Nancy Barnes, third on the ballot, has dropped out. There are supposed to be signs at the poles about it. Councilwoman Cavanaugh had all of the candidates' names on the back of her 2,000 handout flyers and she and her daughter crossed Nancy Barnes name off all of them. She also hand signed her flyers. She asks people to please vote based on people, issues, and facts, not on politics, parties, or opinions. If you have a question or don't understand something please ask that person. Find out the facts. She has a quote by Margaret Thatcher on the back of her flyer which says, "*I always cheer up immensely if an attack is particularly wounding because I think, well if they attack one personally it means they do not have a single political argument left.*" So please listen to the issues and what the candidates are saying based on issues that affect you and the city. Please get out and vote because we have a bunch of good people running for council and she is looking forward to whoever gets elected.

Kathy Noel wanted to let the citizens know that there are also other people who are running for council. They are Roger Jones, Ricky Sears, Christopher Ampfer, Adam Sandfoss, Lou Gerding, and Brenda Helton. She stated that this is not a forum for politics but it seems to have turned into that.

Lou Gerding wanted to let the citizens on Orchard Terrace know that the speed bumps are going to be removed as soon as Steve Taylor can get the manpower out there. It should be sometime this week.

Adam Sandfoss once again congratulated his dad, Jerry Sandfoss for the service that he provided to this community. He has and continues to be a great role model for him. Jerry Sandfoss stated that he couldn't be more proud of his son Adam. He has three great kids and they are all community-oriented.

The winner of the attendance raffle for the American flag and pole was resident Roger Bay.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the October 27, 2014 council meeting and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: