

## Cold Spring City Council January 25, 2016

The regular meeting of the Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Angelo Penque. Pledge to the flag and prayer was led by the city clerk. Roll call showed the following council members present – Chris Ampfer, Lisa Cavanaugh, Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, Roger Jones and Adam Sandfoss. Also present were Police Chief Brian Messer, Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor, City Clerk Rita Seger, and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

As an item of interest to the community, Mayor Penque stated that the Visit with Santa was held on December 12th. It was very good and exciting to see kids from Cold Spring enjoying themselves with Santa, and he can only say that the Park Board did an outstanding job. According to the Park Board, we have a greater attendance than we ever had. Thanks to the Park Board.

Mayor Penque provided the annual State of the City of Cold Spring address. He thanked the residents for entrusting him to serve as their mayor. He stated that the city is in good financial shape, with reserves in excess of \$5 million. Our budget for this fiscal year is \$3,622,000 and we are under budget by \$265,000 for the first half of the fiscal year. Mayor Penque reviewed the number of employees in the various departments of the city and also the professional city staff, and he thanked the city's various volunteer boards, stating that we rely on them heavily.

Mayor Penque reviewed many accomplishments of city council, including the new road project at Matinee Boulevard and US 27, along with various road projects which were completed or are to be completed this fiscal year. Council continues to represent our citizens in raising issues and concerns for the city to address. He reviewed the accomplishments of our Police Department, under the new Police Chief, Brian Messer. We have hired a new officer, and have had the largest drug bust of grow operations in Northern Kentucky. New equipment for the police officers has been purchased for the safety of our officers as well as the safety of our residents and businesses. The P.D. Facebook page contains helpful information. They continue to support the local schools with the DARE program and continue the RAD (Women's Self Defense) program. He stated that approximately two weeks ago he, Councilman Gerding, and Councilwoman Helton attended Crossroads Elementary School for the DARE program and he was very excited. If we can stop our kids and get them to understand that they shouldn't do drugs, it is the best thing for our community.

Mayor Penque reviewed the outstanding job done by our Public Works Department this past year, and reviewed the number of events which our Park Board put on for the Cold Spring residents. 2015 was an eventful year for the city of Cold Spring.

For the year 2016 Mayor Penque stated his main priority of keeping our city and citizens safe. We are working with our Police Department looking at ways to provide even better services for our citizens. He hopes to bring "Unity to our Community" by forming a Mayors Advisory Board, which will be a group of volunteer members going out in their neighborhoods and gathering feedback on what you want for the city. We are working at a new website design for our Administration and Police Department, and citizens will be updated on our progress in our newsletters. Since the November "Coffee with the Mayor" was so successful, he plans to continue that throughout the year, and will include members of City Administration and outside guests. The Park Board is working hard on scheduling the 2016 events. A very exciting event will be the City's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> and many fun activities are being planned. Please come and show your Cold Spring pride!

In closing Angelo Penque again thanked the residents for the opportunity to serve as their Mayor. He is in the office Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm. With your support the Council and City Administration teams look forward to a successful 2016.

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

The minutes of the December 14, 2015 special 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 guests.

As an unscheduled guest, resident Terry Eagen addressed the Board. He is with the Granite Spring Homeowners Association Board. He wanted to thank Council for what is going to happen with the new entrance/exit for the Granite Spring and Springhouse subdivisions. It is much needed and he appreciates the concerns that the City has had and he is anxious to hear more about this as time goes on. Mayor Penque stated that accolades should go to City Council for their hard work. Lou Gerding stated that it was not only Council, but City Attorney Brandon Voelker and former Mayor Mark Stoeber who put a lot of effort behind the scenes for several years.

Under new business Mayor Penque read **Municipal Order 16-01** appointing **Joe Haas to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy with his term to expire 1/31/2020**. Lisa Cavanaugh made a **motion for approval** and Brenda Helton seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Lou Gerding stated he knew a Joe Haas who was of a certain age and address, and he questioned if this might be the one being appointed. Angelo Penque stated that Joe Haas is a war hero, ex-Marine. During the Vietnam War he guarded the US Embassy in Saigon, was captured, then escaped, and then with his fellow Marines they recaptured Saigon. He formerly lived in the Springhouse subdivision and was a member of their HOA. Since then he has purchased a home on Winters Lane. He is a lifelong resident, very concerned about our city, and Mayor Penque thought he was a good choice. Adam Sandfoss verified with Mayor Penque that he does not have any prior experience with planning and zoning issues. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Penque stated that council should have received a list of liaisons for the Planning & Zoning Commission during the year of 2016.

There were no follow up citizens comments.

Departmental reports were submitted in writing.

Steve Taylor commented on the public works report. We have had only seven snow events in the last couple of months and have expended about 50 tons of salt during those snow events and we are running very favorably on our salt and sand expense so far this year. The guys have put in 84 hours of overtime to date.

Council comments followed.

Lisa Cavanaugh thanked our Public Works Department for being out all night and taking care of our roads. They do a good job. She reminded everyone to mark your calendars for June 25<sup>th</sup> for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are going to need a lot of people to do a lot of different things and she hopes that this event can bring our city together. If you can come up and help in any way, even if only for one hour, we would appreciate you doing what you can. Please continue to look for pictures and information. If you want to volunteer just call the city building and they will get in touch with Councilwoman Cavanaugh and she will certainly call you back.

Brendon Helton also thanked Public Works for making sure that we can get out during the snow.

Lou Gerding stated that on the animal control report, there was a dog that was hit by a vehicle on US 27. There was a lot of front end damage done to the car. The dog was identified by a chip implant, and Councilman Gerding asked Police Chief Messer if the owner of the damaged vehicle was ever given the information of who the dog belonged to so that they can go back to the owner for insurance. Chief Messer stated that they would do an accident report, and if they know the owner, that information would be identified on the accident report. Chris Ampfer questioned who was in charge of our animal control. Steve Taylor stated that our animal control officer is Terri Baker, and she is split between five cities in northern Kentucky. No one city bears the expense. Brian Messer stated that she will come anytime that she is called. If she is out working in another city and Cold Spring has a need, as soon as she finishes her immediate task she will come right over. Brenda Helton stated that there is a local animal control board and Steve Taylor is on that board.

Chris Ampfer questioned Chief Messer if they were doing okay without their administrative assistant and if they still think they need one. Chief Messer stated that they have made great progress in the past month, still working out some bugs. Chris Ampfer verified with Steve Taylor that the former assistant has been gone since December 25<sup>th</sup>. Chief Messer stated that they have figured out a lot of things and different ways to do the reports. The state website has a lot of information that he was previously unaware of and it is making things a lot simpler for them.

Adam Sandfoss welcomed two new businesses to the City of Cold Spring, first is the new antique store, Hucksters LLC which is across from the Campbell County Library They have some great antiques and a fun guy owns it. The second is LaRosa's which moved from Alexandria to Cold Spring. They have a beautiful Cold Spring wall commemorating our city and fire department, and he thanks them for choosing to move to Cold Spring.

Mayor Penque stated that he is very excited about our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please, if you have any photographs or information, call our city building to be put in touch with Lisa Cavanaugh. We need volunteers. We want this to be the finest festival that we have ever had. He is behind this and would love your support.

Mayor Penque repeated that he appreciates your votes and the confidence that you have put in him. He knows that sometimes he has stumbled since this is only his second meeting, but he is learning. As he promised he is a full-time mayor. He has very high energy and he wants to get things done. He likes all of the Council Members and has a good working relationship with them and hopes to have an even better one. They are a great bunch of people and certainly don't do this for the money.

Resident Jim Wietholter was the winner of the American flag and pole.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the January 25, 2016 council meeting at 8:00 pm, and Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**