

**Cold Spring City Council
Special Meeting
November 13, 2017**

The special meeting of the Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Angelo Penque. Roll call showed the following council members present –Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, Michael Ruscher, and Adam Sandfoss. Lisa Cavanaugh and Chris Ampfer were not present. Also in attendance were Administrative Officer Steve Taylor, City Attorney Brandon Voelker, City Clerk Robin Sweeney, Police Chief Steve Collinsworth and Public Works Director Ronnie Hitch.

Mayor Penque gave the exit instructions, per Fire Department regulations.

Ordinance 17-1040, first reading to approve a zoning ordinance text change relating to variable message reader board signs. Lou Gerding asked for Brandon Voelker to go through the recommendation from Campbell County Planning & Zoning. Mr. Voelker stated that the city is exempt from zoning but still wants to go through the proper procedures and get a text change to the zoning. The issue then went to P&Z for a public hearing which is required by statute and Cindy Minter prepared a report to present to the P&Z members. Mr. Voelker covered some of the different types of signs that are in the report; the only signs that allow variable message reader boards are the monument style class 8 signs which are primarily in the SDA zone. Some government entities already have signs like this, for example the fire department and the library. There is a difference from what staff recommends versus what the fire department has; the fire department sign changes often, but staff recommends that the text change only allows the message to change twice per day. Mr. Voelker told council that P&Z members decided to hold off on this text change because they are working on the comprehensive plan. Mr. Voelker told P&Z members the comprehensive plan has nothing to do with the signs, but they need to respond because they only have 60 days to act on the request. P&Z then made a motion to disapprove; not really based on what was presented, because they would like to have the comprehensive plan done before addressing this text change. Lou Gerding added that there are other people that are interested in this text change besides the city, one being a church. Brandon Voelker explained that a variable message reader board is a permanent sign that displays in a series of monochromatic lights that can be changed electronically by remote or automatic means. The entire message, text, graphic, display or part thereof may be changed up to twice daily. No part of the sign shall be traveling, scrolling, flashing, scintillating, animated, changing in color, varying light intensity or visibly changing in any other manner. He also went through the signs that can and cannot have these types of signs, class 8 and class 10 signs are allowed to have a variable message reader board. Any existing non-confirming signs that fall into class 8 or class 10 will have to remain that way unless the city made changes at a later time. Mr. Voelker explained some of the changes in the text throughout the report. Brenda Helton asked why there was a change to the class 4 limitations. It stated that it could only be illuminated from a concealed light source until 10pm, staff added that it could only be between 7am and 10pm. Brandon Voelker stated that this is a temporary sign and the purpose was to clean up the rules because there was not a start time. Michael Ruscher wanted to clarify that by council making a motion to approve, that they are following the recommendation of staff and overriding P&Z's disapproval. There was some discussion about the relation to the text change and the comprehensive plan. Adam Sandfoss made a motion to approve. Michael Ruscher seconded the motion. Roll call vote shows 4 yeses and 0 noes.
Motion Carried.

Mayor Penque asked council if they have any suggestions for the December council meeting since it falls on Christmas this year. He also added that council is judging Light Up Cold Spring on December 10th. Council decided to change the caucus meeting to a special meeting on December 11th.

There were no comments from citizens.

Adam Sandfoss made a motion to enter into executive session per KRS 61.810(B). Michael Ruscher seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Michael Ruscher made a motion to go out of executive session per KRS 61.810 (B). Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

No action was taken in executive session.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the November 13, 2017 Special Council meeting. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Approved: 12/11/17

City Clerk: /s/ Robin Sweeney

Mayor: /s/ D. Angelo Penque