

**Cold Spring City Council  
Special Meeting  
February 12, 2018**

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. Chris Ampfer was excused and Lisa Cavanaugh was 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.

Approval of minutes for the December 11, 2017 special council meeting minutes. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve. Michael Ruscher seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

The next item on the agenda was Municipal Order 18-01 appointing Vicky Gammon to the Parks, Recreation & Tree commission. Adam Sandfoss made a motion to approve. Brenda Helton seconded the motion. Lou Gerding asked for some background information about Ms. Gammon. Mayor Penque stated that she works for Kroger, she has lived in the city for about 30 years and she lives about two doors down from the Police Department. Mayor Penque said he is really excited to have her on the Park Board. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Municipal Order 18-02 re-appointing Reverend Joseph Boone to the Board of Ethics. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Municipal Order 18-03 appointing Laura Meiners to the Planning and Zoning Commission. She lives on Sandstone Ridge. She attended NKU and played tennis, she then transferred and graduated from The University of Kentucky. She received then moved on and received an MBA from Xavier. She is married to Mike and they have three children. She is involved with St. Joe school and chairs a number of PTO events. Michael Ruscher asked who she is replacing. Brandon Voelker stated that Peter Glenn resigned, Mike Foulks is now the Chair, Mark Stoeber is the Vice Chair and Robin Hahn is the Secretary. Brenda Helton made a motion to approve. Michael Ruscher seconded the motion. All were in favor with the exception of Lou Gerding, he abstained. **Motion carried.**

The next item on the agenda – motion to have council sponsor a text amendment to define “clinic” versus “medical or other office”. Also, provide for consideration of the placement of a “clinic” in certain zones in the City, possibly HC, also consider removing clinic from the professional office zone as a permitted use. Brandon Voelker stated this is only asking council to sponsor this and have staff make a report. He referred to a past issue in the city where there were disagreements in regards to what the difference between a medical office and clinic were. Mr. Voelker said that the City just needs to define clinic because clinics are in the Professional Office Zone. Brenda Helton clarified the purpose of this on the agenda, if they wish to sponsor this then staff will prepare a public hearing, right now it is just up for discussion and to decide whether they want staff to invest the time and research for a public hearing. Adam Sandfoss asked where the Professional Office Zone is where the Urgent Care is. Steve Taylor said it is, and there is also an area on Aqua Drive that is Professional Office. Brandon Voelker stated that there is nothing in our text that distinguishes a clinic or medical office. Lou Gerding said that he wants to know what the definition of a clinic is before he sponsors a text amendment. Mr. Gerding asked why this is on the agenda tonight and if there is any urgency. Brenda Helton said that we have some inquiries and need to define these terms. Brandon Voelker said that staff interprets clinic and medical office interchangeable as of now. There was some discussion in regards to methadone clinics, doctor’s offices, and needle exchanges. A clinic would have a doctor onsite that can prescribe medication, a needle exchange would not need that. Lou Gerding asked if the existing doctors in the city can prescribe methadone, Adam Sandfoss said that you have to have a license to prescribe those types of medications and there are only a few in the county that have that license. Lou Gerding asked if we have been approached by someone that has sparked this discussion. Mayor Penque stated there has been rumors, and he had a meeting with St. Elizabeth and they stated they are looking to get more involved in Cold Spring. Harry Watson, Senior Vice President of Facilities with St. Elizabeth approached council and stated that St. Elizabeth has no desire to put a needle exchange or methadone clinic in Cold Spring. He said that they are buying property off of US 27 and they aren’t sure of what they are going to put there yet, but assured council it would not be a methadone clinic or needle exchange. Mr. Sandfoss stated that most doctor’s offices are considered clinics. Michael Ruscher said he thinks everyone is in agreement that there needs to be more clarity to these definitions. Adam Sandfoss, he doesn’t have a problem clearing things up but he wants to make sure that

it is not just because of the main concerns that we are having at this time, and we need to keep in mind future urgent care, specialty groups, and doctors' offices etc. Brenda Helton made a motion to sponsor this text amendment. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. Roll call vote shows two yeses and two noes – Gerding and Ruscher. Mr. Watson said they are working with NKU to construct a 60,000 square foot medical office building on the campus. He stated that the land they purchased in Cold Spring is a land bank as of now and they see Campbell County as an important part of their market. Lou Gerding would like to see something within two weeks to give some more definition of what we are trying to do. He thinks we need clinic defined first before sponsoring the text amendment. Lou recommends that Brandon Voelker, Mayor Penque, and Cindy Minter sit down together to come up with the definition of a clinic. Brenda Helton stated that sponsoring the text amendment now would get the ball rolling to do just that. Adam Sandfoss said there is no rush, we should talk about this at the next council meeting and that gives council time to do some research and come up with questions or concerns. Mayor Penque asked Mr. Watson if they have any idea of what might go in at the site they are purchasing. Mr. Watson said that they have not decided yet. He then reassured everyone that from his CEO, there are no intentions of a needle exchange or methadone clinic on that property at this time or in the future. As soon as they decide they will make the city aware. Mayor Penque stated that we need a medical facility on this end of the county. This discussion will be tabled until the next council meeting.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the February 12, 2018 Special Council meeting. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Approved: 2/26/18**

**City Clerk: /s/ Robin Sweeney**

**Mayor: /s/ D. Angelo Penque**