

Cold Spring City Council September 24, 2018

The meeting of the Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Angelo Penque. Prayer and Pledge to the flag was led by the city clerk. Roll call showed the following council members present – Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, Adam, Sandfoss, Michael Ruscher, Chris Ampfer and Lisa Cavanaugh. Also, present were Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor, City Attorney Brandon Voelker, City Clerk Robin Sweeney, Sergeant Irvin Davis and Public Works Director Ronnie Hitch.

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

Additions and deletions to the agenda – none.

Items of interest to the community – There is a Suicide Prevention Training on Thursday, September 27th at 6:30pm. Mayor Penque encourages everyone to try and attend this informational session. The Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 13th from 2-6pm there will be bounce houses, face painting, petting zoo, hayrides, and pumpkin patch. There will also be free hotdogs and snow cones. Because of the weather, the Concert in the Park was cancelled on September 22nd, but the Billy Brown Band will be here after the festival from 6-10pm.

There will be a drawing to win an American flag at the end of the meeting, Mayor Penque urges all Cold Spring residents to enter their name.

The August 27, 2018 council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Michael Ruscher made a motion. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.** The September 18, 2018 Special Council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Adam Sandfoss made a motion. Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Scheduled guests – none.

Unscheduled guests – Billie Jean Townsley from 5047 Winters Lane approached council stating that she was at the August Council meeting asking for culvert replacement. She wants to know the status of that. City Administrator stated that he went out of town the day after the TAC Committee meeting, therefore he does not have an answer at this time but he will contact her this week. She also asked if they are widening Winters Lane from Orchard Terrace to Holtz. Steve Taylor will check with the engineer, but he doesn't think they are doing that. Chris Ampfer stated that he could see that a lot of water was coming from the house across from Mrs. Townsley's, and that it appears the concrete ditch and culvert are doing a good job. She stated that she is actually getting water from Orchard Terrace that is really causing the problem. Mayor Penque said that he will have Public Works look at her concerns she addressed tonight and someone will be in touch about the culvert and concrete ditch.

There was no old business to discuss.

Under new business – **Ordinance 18-1047** second reading to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 real property tax rate of .164 per hundred, personal/tangible tax rate of .170 per hundred, motor vehicle tax rate of .169 per hundred, and the 2019 waste collection of \$186.00. Brandon Voelker added that stormwater does not need to be set in this ordinance unless you want to change it, and it is not being changed. Lou Gerding asked why it was in the heading if it's not being addressed in the ordinance, and to make sure it is not next time. Lou Gerding made a motion. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. Lou Gerding wanted the citizens to know that taxes are staying the same but trash is going up about \$17. Chris Ampfer asked how we compare to other cities as far as tax rates. Steve Taylor stated that we are either the lowest or second lowest in Northern Kentucky. Chris Ampfer stated that Newport is over 10 times our rate. Roll call vote shows 6 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion carried.**

Authorization for the Mayor to enter into contract with Ivy Ridge in regards to road maintenance. Adam Sandfoss made a motion. Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Lou Gerding confirmed that the agreement is as discussed at the Caucus meeting, and that is correct. Roll call vote shows 6 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion carried.**

Follow up citizen comments – Billie Jean Townsley has a concern with neighbors who have had boards on their windows and interior furniture on the porch. Brandon Voelker stated that City has adopted The International Property Maintenance Code which would apply to things of that nature. Mrs. Townsley said it is not happening right now, but she just

wants to know for future reference. Mrs. Townsley asked who was on the Stormwater (TAC) Committee, which is Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, and Chris Ampfer.

Department reports were submitted in writing.

Council comments – Chris Ampfer wanted everyone to register to vote as soon as possible before the deadline. Lisa Cavanaugh shared some information as to how important it is to pay attention and vote in local elections. Lou Gerding addressed some code enforcement issues. There is a tractor trailer at Crossroads still, it appears there is someone sleeping in it sometimes. Mayor Penque asked Sgt. Davis to look into that because the Code Enforcement Officer is out of town. Mr. Gerding also stated the Exxon station looks like a car lot and they have UHAULS parked there and it is very trashy looking. Mayor Penque stated that Code Enforcement is working to get this issue taken care of.

Mayor comments – Mayor Penque urges everyone to come to the Suicide Prevention Training on September 27th.

Billie Jean Townsley won the raffle for the American Flag.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the September 24, 2018 council meeting at 8:00pm. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Approved: 10/22/18

City Clerk: /s/ Robin Sweeney

Mayor: /s/ D. Angelo Penque