Cold Spring City Council Special Meeting March 11, 2019

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 - Lisa Cavanaugh, Paul Kloeker, Cindy Moore, Michael Ruscher, and Adam Sandfoss. Chris Ampfer was excused. Also, present were Administrative Officer Stephen Taylor, City Clerk Robin Sweeney, Police Chief Steve Collinsworth, and Ronnie Hitch, Public Works Director and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

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

Council approval for Mayor Committee appointments: Michael Ruscher made a motion. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. Cindy Moore stated that we are behind on appointing the committees. This should have been voted on within 30 days of January 1st when new council took office. There was discussion between Cindy Moore and City Attorney Brandon Voelker about the separation of powers. Mr. Voelker referenced an email that he had sent to council earlier that day with an AG opinion. Cindy Moore is concerned that our ordinance is not correct in regards to the committees, she read the ordinance to council. Brandon Voelker stated that he can draw up an amended ordinance for the council to look at next meeting because the way our ordinance is stated now, is probably contrary to law. Councilwoman Moore just wants to make sure our ordinances coincide with the law. Mr. Voelker added that the city does not have to have these committees. Mayor Pengue said he wants to continue having these committees. Michael Ruscher said that we should do the committee appointments at the first regular meeting in January after council takes office. Cindy Moore also added that the KLC City Officials Handbook states that legislative bodies are required to have at least one regular meeting per month at a time and place fixed by ordinance, and we did not have a meeting in February. Brandon Voelker discussed with Mayor and council that we are not required to have the caucus meeting that we usually have, we are just required to have one meeting a month, whether it's a regular or special meeting. Brandon Voelker explained to council that these committees are just advisory, they do not take any action. If action is needed, they recommend it to council to vote. Rather than having the attorney write up something new, they decided to continue as they always have. Roll call vote shows 5 yeses and 0 noes. Motion carried.

Michael Ruscher made a motion to adjourn the March 11, 2019 special council meeting at 7:53 pm. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approved: 3/25/19

City Clerk: /s/ Robin Sweeney

Mayor: /s/ D. Angelo Penque