

## Cold Spring City Council March 25, 2019

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*

- Present: Council members Chris Ampfer, Michael Ruscher, Cindy Moore, Paul Kloeker, and Lisa Cavanaugh. Mayor Penque, Administrative Officer Steve Taylor, City Attorney Brandon Voelker, City Clerk Robin Sweeney, and Police Chief Steve Collinsworth.
- Excused: Council member Adam Sandfoss, 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*

- Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. This event is for ages 0-9. Rain will cancel the event. Mayor Penque hopes for good weather and a great turnout.

### *Approval of Minutes*

- The March 11, 2019 special council meeting minutes: Michael Ruscher made a motion. Paul Kloeker seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- The March 18, 2019 Special Council Meeting minutes: Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion. Michael Ruscher seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

### *Scheduled Guests*

- Mallory Kloeker, Cold Spring Park Board Chair approached council. She expressed their challenges with advertising for events. She stated that they do use yard signs, flyers, Facebook etc. She asked council to help with advertising and is welcoming any suggestions. Cindy Moore suggested taking flyers to schools, Michael Ruscher suggested church bulletins, Lisa Cavanaugh suggested taking information to daycares. Mallory Kloeker added that council attendance and word of mouth will really help with getting the word out. Mayor Penque added that we are always looking for volunteers.
- Fire Chief Dan Schultz with Central Campbell County Fire Department was present to share the annual report. The report can be found online on the city's website. Runs were up by 194 from the previous year. They are the second busiest department next to Newport. Mayor Penque thanked Chief Schultz for all of their hard work, and for coming to present the report to council.
- Paul Studer approached council, he is a resident on Marian Drive and is in partnership in a business within the city. He wanted to talk about the SDA Zone and the importance of the city stabling a core within the city. He gave some background of the SDA Zone. He gave some suggestions of how the City could add some greenery and landscaping in different spots. He feels that you should know when you are entering and exiting the city. With the growth of NKU and Alexandria, he feels that the city will be under constant pressure for business development and he wants this to remain a residential community. He realizes that this is not something that will happen overnight and that it will cost money, but he would like council to consider putting a plan into action.

### *Unscheduled Guests*

- Joe Heil wanted to reiterate some of the comments that Mr. Studer had just made. He does not want council to underestimate what people in the past have done to set the city up for success. He read parts of the Comprehensive Plan that was just passed. He hopes that council, the city, and planning & zoning can work together to put a plan into action like Mr. Studer suggested.
- Mr. Jack Snodgrass wanted to compliment Cold Spring Police Department for watching their home while they were away for the winter. He also wanted to thank the EMS for responding quickly to an emergency situation that he had. He wanted to add that the sign-in for election day will completely change. It will be electronic from now on. It should

be a tremendous difference making the process much easier. It is completely paid for by the Secretary of State Office. He also said that there is a huge need for poll workers.

#### *Old Business*

- Abandonment of the easement for the Campbell County Library – Mr. Voelker provided some information to bring all council members up to speed on why thus us being discussed. Michael Ruscher wanted to confirm that we are confident that there will not be a road built. Mr. Voelker stated that the state is adamant about not increasing curb cuts on Pooles Creek. Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion. Chris Ampfer seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 yeses and 1 no – Cindy Moore. **Motion passed.**

#### *New Business*

- 1<sup>st</sup> reading to amend the budget for the sign text amendment. Chris Ampfer asked if we are still having a consultant look at our sign ordinance to get that updated. Mr. Voelker stated that we are in the process of doing so but planners are hesitant to touch it because of the freedom of speech issues. Brandon Voelker hopes it is something that will be done within 90 to 120 days. He added that this is a separate issue. Steve Taylor clarified that this vote is to determine who is going to pay the \$1500 for the staff report drawn up by Campbell County Planning & Zoning for a public hearing at a P&Z meeting. Michael Ruscher made a motion. Cindy Moore seconded the motion. Roll call vote show 5 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion passed.**

*Follow up Citizen Comments – none.*

*Department reports were submitted in writing*

#### *Council Comments*

- Lisa Cavanaugh followed up found a resident who has lived in the city for 83 years and wondering if there is anyone who has lived here longer. She also started a new Facebook group for Cold Spring History. She is always look for historical information.
- Cindy Moore asked about the financial reports and asked that the website be updated to reflect the reports. She requested that she be notified by email of any committee meeting changes by email, and by mail for any special meetings. She asked about a code enforcement violation that was in the report in reference to dog excrement. Mayor Penque stated that it can be tricky because we have to see the dog doing so. She wants someone to check into that. She has had residents request for dog waste bag dispensers be installed in the bigger parks. Mayor Penque stated that the council in the past has decided against doing that but it can be discussed.
- Paul Kloeker asked about the old Burger King lot. Code Enforcement has been in touch with the owners and reached out to the lessee, but he is currently on vacation. Mayor Penque mentioned that we would like to be able to put tow signs at the lot. They also discussed the graffiti on the sign. Brandon Voelker stated that the owner is ultimately responsible so we will give them a citation.
- Michael Ruscher thanked Chief Schultz for coming in to give an update, and he congratulated Chief Schultz daughter for being in the national championship with Thomas More's Women's Basketball team.

*Attorney Comments – none.*

#### *Mayor Comments*

- Mayor Penque thanked the city administration, public works and police department for their work.

#### *Executive Session*

- Michael Ruscher made a motion to enter into the executive session per KRS 61.810 (F) – Personnel Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion.
- Chris Ampfer made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Michael Ruscher seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.** No action was taken.

#### *Adjournment*

- Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn. Paul Kloeker seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Approved: 4/22/2019

City Clerk: /s/Robin Sweeney

Mayor: /s/ D. Angelo Penque