

Cold Spring City Council Minutes February 24, 2020

The February 24, 2020 council meeting was called to order by City Attorney Brandon Voelker at 7:30pm. Mr. Voelker stated that Mayor Penque is not in attendance due to illness so the council decided that Adam Sandfoss would preside the meeting.

Prayer and Pledge was led by the City Clerk.

Roll Call:

- Present - Paul Kloeker, Michael Ruscher, Adam Sandfoss, Lisa Cavanaugh and Cindy Moore, City Administrator Steve Taylor, City Attorney Brandon Voelker, City Clerk Robin Morency and Police Chief Steve Collinsworth
- Excused: Mayor Penque, Chris Ampfer, Public Works Director Ron Hitch.

Councilmember Adam Sandfoss gave the exit instructions.

Additions or Deletions to the agenda: None.

Items of Interest to the Community: None.

Approval of Minutes:

- January 13, 2020 Special Council meeting minutes – Michael Ruscher made a motion. Cindy Moore seconded the motion.
- February 10, 2020 Special Council meeting minutes – Michael Ruscher made a motion. Paul Kloeker seconded the motion.

Recognition of Scheduled Guests: None.

Recognition of Unscheduled Guests:

- Kevin Bezold, who resides on Marble Way had some questions about incorrect sale prices on deeds within the City of Cold Spring and who is responsible for enforcing that. Brandon Voelker stated that a false statement on a deed is a felony in the state of Kentucky. Mr. Voelker stated that the council does not enforce laws within the city and he suggested that Mr. Bezold reach out to the County Prosecutor, or the Commonwealth Attorney.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 20-1061, 1st reading to approve an ordinance creating a new chapter of the City of Cold Spring Code of Ordinances to prohibit certain discriminatory practices within the City. Michael Ruscher made a motion. Adam Sandfoss seconded the motion. Lisa Cavanaugh asked what the process would be if someone were to file a complaint. Mr. Voelker stated that the Mayor would designate someone to investigate the complaint, and then they would determine if there is probable cause to determine if there was a violation of the ordinance. Roll call vote showed 4 yeses and 1 no – Cavanaugh. **Motion carried.**

New Business:

- Municipal Order 20-03 reappointing Gerald Reinersman to the Board of Ethics for a 3-year term. Michael Ruscher made a motion. Cindy Moore seconded the motion. There was discussion on the role of the Board of Ethics and when they meet. All in favor. **Motion carried.**
- Municipal Order 20-04 reappointing Jim Simpson to the Code Enforcement Board for a 4-year term. Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion. Michael Ruscher seconded the motion. Cindy Moore asked when this board meets; they meet as needed. All in favor. **Motion carried.**
- Municipal Order 20-05 reappointing Bill Farah to the Code Enforcement Board for a 4-year term. Michael Ruscher made a motion. Paul Kloeker seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**
- Ordinance 20-1062, 1st reading to approve an ordinance amending the Code Spring Code of Ordinances and establishing the compensation rate for the Mayor and Council beginning January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2023. Paul Kloeker made a motion. Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Michael Ruscher stated that he feels as if council should strike the Mayor from this ordinance because that will not go into effect until 2023. Paul Kloeker amended the motion to strike raising the Mayor compensation from this ordinance. Lisa Cavanaugh agreed to change her motion as well. Cindy Moore stated that she doesn't feel that the council needs a pay increase because there are so many things going on in the City that could use that money instead. Adam Sandfoss stated that he agrees with Ms. Moore to an extent, but has been on Council for 10 years and the previous Mayor and Council have been fiscally responsible which allows council to have this discussion of

giving an increase. Mr. Sandfoss stated council members should be compensated for the time they spend doing City business, and he feels that this increase is moderate, measured and appropriate. Paul Kloeker agreed with Mr. Sandfoss and stated that this was in the budget two years ago but did not pass. Lisa Cavanaugh agreed with Paul Kloeker and Adam Sandfoss. Roll call vote showed 4 yeses and 1 no – Moore. **Motion carried.**

Follow Up Citizen Comments:

- Lou Gerding addressed council in regards to the Council & Mayor pay increase and asked when the filing deadline is to run, which is June 2, 2020.
- Tom Travis from Glenridge approached council and stated that he thinks there are other things that the City could use money on rather than giving council a pay increase. He referenced a council meeting from September 2019 which stated that there was playground equipment that needs to be replaced and suggests that be considered when deciding where to spend money. He also suggested that a feature be added to allow someone to skip through a meeting video so they don't have to watch the whole video if they only want to see a certain part.

Department reports were submitted in writing.

- Police Department – Cindy Moore asked about the new vehicles and when they will be on the road. She asked if he is looking for a replacement for the recent officer who resigned, Chief stated that he is looking.
- Planning & Zoning – Cindy Moore asked for the draft minutes to be put online.
- Code Enforcement – Cindy Moore asked if we can get the report cleaned up a bit as it would appear some items are still open and had a few questions about other items on the report.

Council Comments:

- Paul Kloeker asked when draft minutes can be expected to be online. The City Clerk stated that within a week of the meeting.
- Cindy Moore asked about budget preparation. Steve Taylor stated that there will be a budget meeting in the next few weeks. She inquired about a late fee on the credit card statement in October. Steve Taylor let her know that we now run checks every week to avoid any possible issues. Mrs. Moore asked about a club membership that the city is involved in. She feels that is not necessary and requests a report with how much has been spent since that membership started.
- Adam Sandfoss thanked everyone for attending the meeting and urges everyone to keep coming. He also stated that if anyone is interested in running for council, the filing deadline is June 2, 2020.

Attorney Comments: None.

Mayor Comments: None.

Adjournment:

- Michael Ruscher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. Paul Kloeker seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor:

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