

Cold Spring City Council - DRAFT MINUTES

September 14, 2020

The September 14, 2020 Caucus meeting was called to order by Mayor Penque immediately after the Special Council Meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: None.

Citizen's Comments:

- Kathy Burkhardt addressed the council about their stormwater issue and is wondering what the status is. She said that this problem started when houses were added to the back of Granite Spring and there is no stormwater system on Darlas. Steve Taylor responded and said that survey crews from Bayer & Becker are scheduled to go to Darlas at some time in September, the engineer hasn't given an exact date. Mr. Taylor added that the City will have the base maps some time in October. Mark Caudill, who resides at 561 Darlas shared with the council that he has the same concerns as the Burkhardts and his water problems are a result of the homes that were built in Granite Spring. Mr. Taylor did say that Darlas is in the plans for road work for 2021. Adam Sandfoss asked what information the county gave him when they came to review the situation. Mr. Caudill said that they told him that there is quite a bit of water coming from Granite Spring. He also said that the county comes there on a regular basis to try and keep the culverts cleared out but there is always so much trash in them. Mr. Caudill said that it is a serious problem, and there were no issues on Darlas before the homes were added in Granite Spring. Don Burkhardt approached the council to provide some history on their property. Brandon Voelker reviewed some maps with Mr. Caudill. Dave Guidugli also addressed the council, stating that he has put a ditch in his property to alleviate the 5 or 6 inches of water that he used to get from his driveway.

Scheduled Guests: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Discuss appointment to fill council vacancy - There were five people that put their name in to fill the vacancy - Steve Trauth, Kenny Sears, Jeff Trunick, Shawn Riggs, and Brenda Helton. Chris Ampfer said that he thinks Brenda Helton should fill the vacancy. Jeff Trunick said that he would like to fill the vacancy, he likes the direction that the City

is going in. He also shared his concerns about 6 of the 8 candidates having a meet and greet, since they are advertising that they are running together he is afraid that it could become a conglomerate. Lisa Cavanaugh disagreed, stating that just because she supports a candidate doesn't mean that she will always agree with that candidate. Mr. Trunick just wanted to share that he doesn't think the optics are good of these candidates running together, he doesn't have a solution but just wanted to share that concern. Steve Trauth stated he has been coming to council meetings for the past 8 to 9 years and has a pretty good idea of how things should run. Mr. Trauth reviewed some of his resume.

- Discuss compensating rate for taxes - The new compensating rate is .154. Last year it was .156. There was discussion about possible development and payroll taxes in the coming year. Paul Kloeker stated that he is in favor of the compensating rate. Steve Taylor advised the council that the compensating rate basically guarantees that the city gets the same amount of property tax year after year. All of council agreed that the compensating rate of .154 for real property and .155 for tangible property is the best option.

Follow Up Citizen Comments:

- Laura Vroegindewey asked when there would be more information about the new Community Center and amphitheater. Steve Taylor stated that the architects are currently working on design documents and he is expecting to have those in October, once those are received and reviewed the next step would be to get construction drawings. Ms. Vroegindewey shared her concerns and would like to see another public input meeting take place.

Council Comments:

- Adam Sandfoss thanked everyone for attending the meeting, adhering to the social distance requirements and wearing their masks.
- Paul Kloeker acknowledged the announcement on the City Facebook page about Halloween and asked if there were any requirements. Mayor Penque stated that Trick-or-Treat will be held on October 31st from 6-8pm. Steve Taylor said that the NKY Health Department will be issuing a flyer with safe practices for trick-or-treating in the near future. Paul Kloeker suggested that we update the ordinance in regards to campers and boats in the driveways as it seems that a lot of the code enforcement violations are in regards to those complaints. He suggested allowing seasonal storage.
- Chris Ampfer had a discussion with Ron Hitch in regards to striping on Glenridge.
- Cindy Moore stated that the signs are up at Robert J. Barth Lake Park. There was also discussion about opening the offices for tax season, positions being fulfilled at the city building, and the geese at Robert J. Barth Lake Park. Ms. Moore thanked everyone for their attendance and patience at this meeting.

Attorney Comments: None

Mayor Comments:

- Mayor Penque thanked everyone for coming and sharing their thoughts and concerns, he stated that the City cannot fix what they are not aware of.

Adjournment:

- Adam Sandfoss made a motion to adjourn the caucus meeting. Lisa Cavanaugh seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor:

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