

**Cold Spring Council Minutes**  
**February 22, 2021**

The February 22, 2021 council meeting was called to order by Mayor Penque at 7:30pm.

Prayer and pledge were led by the City Clerk.

*Roll call:*

- Present (in-person): Mayor Penque, Paul Kloeker, City Administrator Steve Taylor, City Clerk Robin Morency, City Attorney Brandon Voelker and Public Works Director Ron Hitch.
- Present (via Zoom): Cindy Moore, Deanna Hengge, Chris Ampfer, and Police Chief Steve Collinsworth. Due to technical difficulties Lisa Cavanaugh and Adam Sandfoss were not able to log in via Zoom, but they were able to watch the meeting live.

*Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:* None.

*Items of Interest to the Community:*

- Mayor Penque announced that the City will be having an Easter drive-thru event on March 27 at the City Building from 12-2pm. Each child will receive a goodie bag from the Easter Bunny.
- Mayor Penque stated the City Building will remain closed for now and that will be revisited. Appointments can be made by calling the City Building.
- Mayor Penque said that he has received many compliments about the snow removal

*Minute Approval:*

- January 25 Council Meeting – Paul Kloeker made a motion. Chris Ampfer seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

*Scheduled Guests:* None.

*Unscheduled Guests:* None.

*Old Business:*

- Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(c) for litigation - Brandon Voelker stated that due to the way the meeting is virtually set up, they cannot go into executive session without terminating the Zoom webinar and not allowing it to be restarted. He suggested that they discuss during the regular meeting. Mr. Voelker reviewed the attorney general opinion and said that council needs to decide if they want to appeal the decision, his concern is that the opinion stands for bad law and does not coincide with what they have ruled in the past. This would be appealed to the circuit court and the judge would have the final ruling. Paul Kloeker made a motion to appeal the attorney general's decision. Chris Ampfer seconded the motion. Roll call shows 4 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion passed.**
- There was a brief discussion about the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) property.

*New Business:*

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- Ordinance 21-1068, 1<sup>st</sup> reading to approve an ordinance adopting the City of Cold Spring, Kentucky amended budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Paul Kloeker made a motion. Chris Ampfer seconded the motion. Steve Taylor said that this is amending the current budget to account for construction. There was a discussion about the terms of the loan. Roll call vote shows 4 yeases and 0 noes. **Motion passed.**
- Municipal Order 21-05, appointing Roger Dill to the Board of Ethics. Chris Ampfer made a motion. Paul Kloeker seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- Discussion – Community Development Block Grant Utility Assistance Program. Steve Taylor provided a PowerPoint from the NKADD (Northern Kentucky Area Development District). He stated that we have an opportunity to participate in a block grant that caps out at \$200,000 per entity and it is a federal grant for relief on utilities. Chris Ampfer said that the City should take advantage of the grant and Cindy Moore agreed. Steve Taylor will get with NKADD and the county to get this in motion.

*Follow up Citizen Comments:* None.

*Department Reports:* Submitted in writing.

*Council Comments:*

- Cindy Moore had some questions about the financial statements and the CARES Act funding. Steve Taylor stated the city has received all of the funding and it has been put into the general fund. Cindy Moore also asked for a construction update. Steve Taylor stated that we lost over 14 days due to the snow, there hasn't been any progress.
- Paul Kloeker asked about the sign ordinance that was reviewed awhile back. Brandon Voelker stated that he drafted an ordinance for review but it would require a public hearing and that has been held up due to COVID. Mr. Kloeker asked that the sign ordinance be discussed at the March meeting.

*Attorney Comments:* None.

*Mayor Comments:*

- Mayor Penque thanked public works for their hard work during the snow emergencies.

*Adjournment:*

- Cindy Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Chris Ampfer seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor:

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