

Cold Spring Council Minutes

June 12, 2023

The June 12, 2023 caucus meeting was called to order following the special meeting by Mayor Penque at 7:50pm.

Exit Instructions: (20:45)

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: (20:56) None.

Citizen Comments: (21:06)

- Lou Gerding (resident) asked Mayor Penque if the city does background checks on potential employees. Mayor Penque stated that Chief Collinsworth takes care of the background checks.
- Tom Travis (resident) welcomed the mayor back and welcomed the new event coordinator to the city. Mr. Travis thanked multiple staff members for various duties. Mr. Travis revisited a previous discussion about placeholder items on the agenda.
- Joe Heil (resident) addressed an issue with a vendor that had set up in the city. Mr. Heil is concerned about the SDA (Special Development Area) zone and wants to keep it protected. He suggested that council look at the SDA zone and incorporate a permit process for this type of scenario, similar to the temporary sign permit process. Brandon Voelker stated that if the city does this, it would be open to everyone regardless of what is being sold. The city cannot pick and choose what type of product they allow people to set up and sell.
- Paul Studer (resident) states that he thinks that the zoning is too restrictive. Mr. Studer said that gas stations should not be allowed to sell ice and propane tanks outside of their store according to this zoning. Chief Collinsworth stated that gas station issues are also being addressed. There was discussion about point of sales and taxes for these businesses for pop up type events.

Recognition of Scheduled Guests: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Committee: (51:33)

- Dave Guidugli asked on an update for the lights at the city building parking lot. Ron Hitch stated that he has been in contact with a solar company and the lights will require three hours of direct sunlight daily. Mr. Hitch said that they would not get that due to all of the trees, so he is going to reach out to a new electric company. There was discussion about the salt building; it still needs some more work to be completed. Mr. Guidugli suggested that NO OUTLET signs be added to streets that dead end. He also asked if bids have gone out for the parking lot at the city building; they have not.
- Paul Kloeker inquired about the salt and Mr. Hitch stated that we have a good amount at this time. There was discussion about the pickleball courts, the start date should be in June.
- Cindy Moore asked if there is a playground update; Ron Hitch said there are no updates at this time.

Follow up Citizen Comments: (57:16)

- Tom Travis (resident) stated that after comparing Alexandria's pay plan and Cold Spring's pay plan he feels that Cold Spring police recruit pay range is low. Mr. Travis added that he feels the same for the pay range for public works laborers. Mr. Travis did have some suggestions in regards to a previous discussion about dog parks if that is something that the city wants to pursue.

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Council Comments: (1:08:08)

- Dave Guidugli asked about stormwater projects and Mr. Taylor said that they have not gone out to bid but they are still projected for this upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Guidugli thanked Steve Taylor for his assistance in getting the trash picked up on Darlas. He also asked council if they were going to revisit the sign ordinance.
- Paul Kloeker asked for an update on the island at Crossroads Boulevard; Mr. Taylor said that we do have the measurements and topographical layout and that is all that we have at this time.
- Cindy Moore revisited the code enforcement reporting discussion in regards to anonymous complaints. Chief Collinworth said anonymous complaints will be checked but it may not be the top priority. Ms. Moore asked for someone to check into the state marked truck in the jewelers parking lot that has been parked there for multiple weeks. There was discussion about food trucks that attend city events and whether or not they need a permit. Mr. Voelker stated that the health department regulates that and the city is exempt from zoning, but they do need an occupational license.
- Lisa Cavanaugh suggested that the city host a business night to give businesses a chance to interact with the community. She added that she would like to highlight Cold Spring families in the historical room and asked that anyone who is interested in putting a poster together of their family history in Cold Spring to get in touch with her.

Attorney Comments: None.

Mayor Comments: (1:24:59)

- Mayor Penque reminded everyone of the concert coming up, he hopes to see everyone there.

Adjournment: (1:25:13)

- Mayor Penque adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm

Approved: *6/26/23*

City Clerk: *Robin Morency*

Mayor: *JAP*

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