



Cold Spring Council Minutes August 26, 2024

The August 26, 2024 council meeting was called to order by Mayor Penque at 7:30pm.

Prayer and pledge were led by the City Clerk

Roll Call & Exit Instructions:

- Present: Mayor Penque, Chris Ampfer, Lisa Cavanaugh, Dave Guidugli, Paul Kloeker, Adam Sandfoss, City Clerk Robin Morency, Police Lieutenant Irvin Davis, Public Works Director Ron Hitch, and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.
- Not Present: Cindy Moore, Police Chief Steve Collinsworth, City Administrator Steve Taylor

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

- Mayor Penque added Dave Woughter to the agenda under scheduled guests.

Items of Interest to the Community:

- Pups in the Park 9/20/24 6:00- 8:00 PM
- Open gym is now every Wednesday from 4:00- 6:00 PM
- Rumpke will be picking up trash early this week due to the heat.

Approval of Minutes:

- July 22, 2024 council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Adam Sandfoss made a motion to approve; second by Chris Ampfer. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

Recognition of Scheduled Guests:

- Dave Woughter (resident) addressed council to request that the city pass an ordinance to allow backyard chickens as the current ordinance is very restrictive and most surrounding cities do allow backyard chickens. Mr. Woughter reached out to the extension office and many other cities to see what they allow. There was discussion about chickens regarding attracting predators, noise, coops, setbacks, permits, property values, and code violations. Council wishes to get more feedback from other cities within the county before acting and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Recognition of Unscheduled Guests:

- Brian King (resident) asked how the process works for adding members to the boards. Mayor Penque said that they choose from people who have expressed interest when he talks to members of the community. These people are interviewed by the mayor, city administrator and usually the chair of the board, then it is brought to council for a vote.

Old Business:

- Resolution 24-04: a resolution sponsoring a proposed zoning text amendment for medical marijuana use. Adam Sandfoss made a motion; second by Paul Kloeker. Brandon Voelker stated that Campbell County Planning & Zoning will be gathering this information for a public hearing. Roll call vote shows 4 yeses and 1 no – Lisa Cavanaugh. **Motion passed.**



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- Dave Guidugli asked for confirmation that Campbell County Planning & Zoning is aware and working on the council sponsored text amendment for study, to have planning and zoning conduct a public hearing adding a requirement that KDOT approvals be obtained prior to submission of a Stage 1 development plan.

New Business:

- Municipal Order 24-06: appointing Gerald Schmidt to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy. Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion; second by Chris Ampfer. Dave Guidugli asked that vacancies be posted on social media and website in the future. Robin Morency stated that there is a board/volunteer application on the website for those that are interested. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**
- Ordinance 24-1095: an ordinance of the City of Cold Spring in Campbell County Kentucky providing for the annual assessment of all real estate and personal/tangible property, including motor vehicles, subject to taxation within the City of Cold Spring. For the fiscal year 2024-2025, pursuant to the Cambell County Assessor's Property Valuation assessment; and levying an ad valorem tax thereon for city purposes; and providing for the payment and collection of such taxes and the penalties and interest thereon; and establishing solid waste collection and removal, including curbside recycling, and describing the purpose for which the taxes so collected shall be appropriated and used. Paul Kloeker proposed that the real property tax rate remains the same as it was last year at .127 and adopt the NKADD compensating rate of .107 for tangible property. There was discussion about information provided in the packet such as fully exempted property and utilities. Mr. Guidugli agreed with Paul Kloeker's proposal. Paul Kloeker made a motion to adopt a real property tax rate at .127 and a tangible tax rate at .107 and the trash rate at \$245.40; second by Lisa Cavanaugh. Roll call vote shows 5 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion passed.**
- Plaza Drive Map Amendment for Council Consideration: Brandon Voelker informed council that the old bank on Plaza Drive was zoned Highway Commercial (HC) and they are seeking to change that to match the plaza which is Neighborhood Commercial (NC). The 90-day deadline for council to act is approaching and requires a vote before then if they wish to override the Planning & Zoning recommendation. Council decided to just let the 90 days run and the decision by Planning & Zoning will go into effect.

Follow up Citizen Comments:

- Lou Gerding (resident) inquired about the tax rate calculation, specifically referencing the real property assessment for Public Service Companies. He noted that there was a significant decrease compared to last year and was wondering about the reason for this change or if there might have been an error. He added that the personal property for public service companies went up significantly. Mr. Gerding also brought up concerns with the medical marijuana proceedings by council.
- Steve Trauth (resident) shared concerns with council allowing medicinal marijuana businesses within the city; he feels council is overstepping and this should have been placed on the ballot.
- Carol Haas (resident) feels that the city should not be leaders with medical marijuana, she thinks that we should wait to see how it effects other cities. She does not want this to affect the city's reputation.

Department Reports (in writing):

- Dave Guidugli inquired about the financial statements, police department report, ballfield upgrades, Darlas Drive, and Koch Drive.
- There was discussion about deadlines for agenda items.



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Council Comments:

- There was discussion about the fall newsletter.
- Paul Kloeker asked for an update on Pooles Creek resurfacing. Mayor Penque said he would follow up on that.
- Lisa Cavanaugh asked for a timeline for the traffic light at Link Lane. Mayor Penque stated that this was not a decision made by the city, and he is not sure when it will be completed. Ms. Cavanaugh said that most people she talks to said they are pleased with the state of the city and the services provided.

Attorney Comments:

- Brandon Voelker gave an update on the most recent planning and zoning meeting regarding changing the minimum lot size for a zone change. The planning and zoning commission

Mayor Comments: None.

Adjournment:

- Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm, second by Dave Guidugli. All were in favor.
Motion passed.

Approved: 9/23/24

City Clerk: Robin Morency

Mayor: [Signature]

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