



Cold Spring Council Minutes **July 28, 2025**

The July 28, 2025 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, Steve Cunningham, Cindy Moore, Adam Sandfoss, Laura Vroegindewey, City Clerk Robin Morency, Police Chief Steve Collinsworth, Public Works Director Ron Hitch, and Attorney Oliver Wilhite.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: None.

Items of Interest to the Community:

- July 30 – Coffee with the Mayor at 10:30am at the City Building
- July 31 – Summer Concert: Denim Deluxe from 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Approval of Minutes:

- June 23, 2025 council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Steve Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Cindy Moore. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

Recognition of Scheduled Guests:

- Scott Horne with Munninghoff & Lange recognized the Council and staff for a strong year-end with revenue above projections. A discussion followed regarding the DAV property and the associated loans.
- Paul Kloeker (resident) inquired about any plans to address the recent increase in panhandling within city limits. Chief Collinsworth noted that Mr. Voelker is researching federal case law to determine possible actions. Mr. Kloeker suggested consulting other cities to learn about their policies.

Recognition of Unscheduled Guests:

- Todd Weiner (resident) commented on the proposed chicken ordinance, expressing that the city should not 'water down' the existing regulations.
- David Woughter (resident) stated that after a year of review, no reasons have been found to deny property owners the right to raise chickens and encouraged Council members to vote in favor of the ordinance. He also suggested that the Council consider a one-year pilot program, similar to one implemented by a nearby city.
- Austin Hinkle (resident), a physics teacher at Thomas More University, spoke to encourage the city to join the 25 Communities project run by Green Umbrella, noting that the program can assist the city in securing grants for things like energy efficiency and extreme weather preparedness.
- Mayor Penque introduced the new part-time Finance Director, Tim Williams. Mr. Williams shared a brief overview of his work experience and expressed his enthusiasm about the opportunity to work with the city.

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Old Business:

- Steve Cunningham stated that he agrees with Mr. Woughter, that the city should adopt a one-year pilot program for the backyard chicken ordinance. There was discussion about the logistics of a pilot program, acreage requirements, and code enforcement.
- Ordinance 25-1099: 1st reading to approve an ordinance providing for residential backyard chickens. Chris Ampfer made a motion, seconded by Steve Cunningham. Roll call vote showed 3 yeses and 3 noes. Mayor Penque broke the tie with a no vote. **Motion failed.**

New Business: None.

Follow up Citizen Comments: None.

Department Reports (in writing)

Council Comments:

- Chris Ampfer inquired about a tree that is down on Barma. There was discussion about an email that council received regarding the pollinator patch at Orchard Park.
- Cindy Moore inquired about vacant property within the city, signage at a vacant business and rumors of a potential business moving to the city.
- Laura Vroegindewey thanked everyone for their input regarding the backyard chicken ordinance.

Attorney Comments: None.

Mayor Comments:

- Mayor Penque stated that the city is in great shape and thanked the Council and staff for their contributions in achieving that position. He is excited to see the new developments coming to the city.

Adjournment:

- Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm, second by Cindy Moore. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

Approved:

8/25/25

City Clerk:

Robin Morancy

Mayor:

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