



The August 25, 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, Laura Vroegindewey, City Clerk Robin Morency, Police Chief Steve Collinsworth, and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.
- Not present: Adam Sandfoss and Ron Hitch

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

- Mayor Penque added a guest to the agenda, John Chamberlin with Chamberlin and Owen the city's auditor. Brandon Voelker explained the purpose of reviewing the recently adopted budget, noting that it is essentially a different way of "showing our work." Mr. Chamberlain added that the proposed amendment provides a more transparent presentation of the city's funds, emphasizing that it is a cleaner approach and reflects that the city has resources available to work with.

Items of Interest to the Community:

- Join us for Yoga in the Park every Monday at 10:00 AM, now through September 29! Classes are held at the amphitheater, and in case of bad weather, it will move indoors to the Community Center.
- The Pups in the Park event, originally scheduled for September 13, has been canceled. We will provide an update with a rescheduled date once it is confirmed.

Approval of Minutes:

- July 28, 2025, council meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Cindy Moore made a motion to approve with one minor correction, second by Lisa Cavanaugh. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

Recognition of Scheduled Guests:

- Karly Kurcell has proposed that the city develop a 5-year plan to integrate pollinator patches across the community. She outlined that the estimated cost for establishing three patches would range from \$5,000 to \$7,000. Additionally, she presented several options for creating these patches and recommended a variety of native Kentucky plant species that would thrive in this initiative.
- Playground Committee: Kelly Liesring presented to the council, requesting additional funding to add a toddler area to the new playground at Municipal Park. She explained the planning process and the reasoning for not including this area in the original design. There was discussion about the bid process and what council would like to see added. The committee was instructed to get the ball rolling on the bid process and pick out a few options for the area to present.

Recognition of Unscheduled Guests:

- Joe Heil (resident) asked if there has been any movement on the new audio system.



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- Brian King (resident) inquired about the status of asbestos abatement, to which Mayor Penque confirmed the work had been completed. Mr. King also asked about the 25 Communities Project, the City Administrator position, and suggested organizing a meet-and-greet opportunity for council and mayoral candidates at concerts during the election season
- Mark Majors (resident) expressed concern about a piece of equipment at Friendship Park, noting that he believes it may be unsafe and should be inspected.

Old Business: None.

### New Business:

- Resolution 25-04: An order of the city council of the City of Cold Spring, Kentucky authorizing the issuance of up to \$35,000,000 maximum aggregate principal amount taxable Industrial Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2025A, authorizing the issuance of up to \$5,000,000 maximum principal amount taxable Industrial Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2025B, in order to assist CSTC Retail LLC, or assigns, to finance the acquisition, construction and equipping of Industrial Building facility and related infrastructure improvements to improve said facility; providing for the pledge of revenues for the payment of said bonds; authorizing a springing executory interest deed; authorizing a trust indenture appropriate for the protection and disposition of such revenues and further to secure the payment of said bonds; authorizing a bond purchase or a bond placement agreement; authorizing a pilot mortgage to secure pilot payments, authorizing a home office payment agreement, and authorizing the execution of any further necessary instruments, including related customary and standard documents that may be required by a project lender for the project, including S&T Bank, as a lender to the project comma, including, if requested, a fee joinder to the S&T mortgage. Jim Parsons explained that the document pertains to Phase 1 of the project at the DAV site. He clarified that the bond is not a debt obligation of the city, but rather the responsibility of the developer. He added that the bond is unrelated to the plans that have been approved for the project. Steve Cunningham made a motion, second by Lisa Cavanaugh. Roll call vote shows 4 yeses and 1 no – Moore. **Motion passed.**
- Property Tax Discussion: Council reviewed the compensating rates provided by NKADD. The real property compensating rate is \$1.27 per \$1,000, and the tangible property rate is \$1.38 per \$1,000 and the trash fee is \$254.40 which is a \$9.00 increase from last year. Brandon Voelker explained that the compensating rate is the rate intended to generate the same revenue as the previous year.

Follow up Citizen Comments: None.

Department Reports (in writing)

### Council Comments:

- Chris Ampfer inquired about the status of a proposed state chicken ordinance; it has not been passed at this time.
- Steve Cunningham expressed his appreciation to those who work for and volunteer with the city.
- Lisa Cavanaugh raised traffic concerns related to the Publix site, which Chief Collinsworth has already addressed.
- Cindy Moore asked about the status of the US 27 Corridor Project; there has been no progress at this time. She also inquired about the Cruise In & Concert, which had a great turnout.

Attorney Comments: None.



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Mayor Comments: None.

Adjournment:

- Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm, second by Chris Ampfer. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Approved: 9/8/25

City Clerk: Robin Moruncy

Mayor: [Signature]

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