



Cold Spring Council Minutes
September 22, 2025

The September 22, 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, Lisa Cavanaugh, Steve Cunningham, Cindy Moore, Adam Sandfoss, Laura Vroegindewey, City Clerk Robin Morency, Public Works Director Ron Hitch, Police Chief Steve Collinsworth, and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.
- Not present: Chris Ampfer

Items of Interest to the Community:

- September 29: The last Yoga in the Park of the season will be held at the amphitheater at 10:00am.
- October 4: Movie in the Park starts at 6:30pm with Wicked starting at dusk. Smores, popcorn and drinks will be provided, just bring a chair or blanket.
- October 18: Boo Bash from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes:

- September 8, 2025, special meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Steve Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Adam Sandfoss. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**
- September 8, 2025, caucus meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Adam Sandfoss made a motion, seconded by Steve Cunningham. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

- Ordinance 25-1101, a 2nd reading to adopt 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 with the City of Cold Spring for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Adam Sandfoss. Cindy Moore clarified the rates of .125 for personal property, .138 for tangible, and \$254.40 for the trash rate. Roll call vote shows 5 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion passed.**
- Ordinance 25-1102, a 2nd reading to adopt an ordinance amending the City of Cold Spring budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Adam Sandfoss. There was discussion about the pay plan. Roll call vote shows 5 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion passed.**
- Discussion: Solicitation ordinance –Brandon Voelker presented proposed revisions to the existing solicitation ordinance for council’s review. Council engaged in a discussion regarding the purpose of the suggested changes, the appropriate time restrictions, and the enforcement measures, including penalties for non-compliance.
- Discussion: Comprehensive Plan Update – Mayor Penque asked council for input on how they would like to proceed with the project, noting that the quotes received were higher than originally anticipated. Council discussed their goals for the update, considering whether to conduct a comprehensive overhaul or a more limited review. Council wants to allow for public input and review topics such as aesthetics and traffic. Brandon Voelker recommended that the Planning and Zoning Commission conduct a public hearing to obtain community input on the goals and objectives for the update. The results could then be presented to council for consideration on how to proceed with securing a vendor.



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- Discussion: Playground Update – Ron Hitch provided an update on the playground projects at Municipal Park and Friendship Park. Renderings for each playground were presented, with a note that the swing design shown in the renderings for Municipal Park will be revised. The cost for these improvements is \$88,703.75. Steve Cunningham thanked the committee for their work on these projects.

Department Reports (in writing)

- Public Works: Ron Hitch gave an update on the bids that were received today for the Darlas project. Three bids were received with the highest being \$100,000 and the lowest was \$67,004. Steve Cunningham made a motion to authorize entering a contract with Jefferson Contracting for the Darlas culvert project, seconded by Adam Sandfoss. Roll call vote shows 5 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion passed.**
- Robin Morency informed Council that American Sound visited the city building to review potential upgrade options for the microphone system and will provide a quote for longer and wireless microphones.

Council Comments:

- Lisa Cavanaugh inquired about nightly road closures that were posted on US 27. Chief Collinsworth stated that he would get more information. She also shared concerns with signage being posted on telephone poles.
- Steve Cunningham discussed approaches used by other cities in addressing persons in the median asking for money. He also mentioned that nearly all surrounding cities contribute to social security. Mayor Penque added that this is an issue he also wishes to address and emphasized the importance of implementing it. Steve Cunningham added that there are multiple employees who deserve pay raises as well. There was also discussion about reviewing the business license tax.

Attorney Comments:

- Brandon Voelker presented an ordinance prohibiting activities on public roadways with medians.
 - Ordinance 25-1103 – 1st reading to approve an ordinance prohibiting activities on public roadways with medians. Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Steve Cunningham. Roll call vote shows 5 yeses and 0 noes. **Motion passed.**

Adjournment:

- Lisa Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29pm, second by Steve Cunningham. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

Approved: 10/13/25

City Clerk:

Robin Morency

Mayor:

[Signature]

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