

Cold Spring City Council January 23, 2006

The regular meeting of Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Stoeber. Pledge to the flag was recited and prayer was lead by the City Clerk. Roll call showed the following present – Tom Baldrige, Lou Gerding, Charles Gray, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore and Stuart Oehrle. Also present were Tom Benke, Lt. Wayne Hall, Carole Huber and Brandon Voelker.

Mayor Stoeber added item #16, executive session per KRS 61.810, C. and move adjournment to item 17 on the agenda. Stuart Oehrle requested that item 10, D. be added under New Business. This is a request from a business owner regarding loading and unloading at County Square.

Mayor Stoeber then presented his annual **State of the City address**. He thanked those present tonight and stated that he is proud of this city. The theme for this year's address remains the same, that Cold Spring remains a city in transition. Tonight's focus is that transition is difficult. Change is upon us, and not all is by choice. Difficult decisions have to be made to allow for solid plans to be established, and the plans must be executed. The Mayor then illustrated the similarities between the Cincinnati area where he grew up and Cold Spring area and the changing nature of both these communities. We must have citizen involvement to help with the decision making process. We must take charge of the future.

The Mayor then asked for citizen input on the 2006-2007 proposed budget. It is your money being spent for the betterment of your community. Chief Rick Sears retires on February 1 and a citizen feedback committee is involved in the search process. Mayor Stoeber will keep everyone informed on this process. There will be a drawing for a flag at the end of the meeting for any residents present at that time.

Minutes of the special December 5 meeting were reviewed by all. Stuart Oehrle made a **motion to approve these minutes**. Charles Gray seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The minutes of the special December 12 meeting were then reviewed. **Motion to approve these minutes** was made by Stuart Oehrle and was seconded by Tom Baldrige. All were in favor. Motion carried. Special meeting minutes of December 15 were reviewed. Stuart Oehrle made a **motion to approve the minutes** and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Minutes of special meeting of January 9 were also reviewed. **Motion to approve these minutes** was made by Lou Gerding. Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Pickett, owner of property in the proposed **annexation area of Low Gap Road and US 27**, was present and read a letter from Dallas Bray regarding annexation of the properties. Mr. Pickett is not in favor of voluntary annexation of his property. He does not see the benefit of having his property annexed, and he is opposed to forced annexation. He discussed the delay in having calls returned from city representatives. He also questioned the legal requirements for notification of property owners. Brandon Voelker assured him that the notifications are within KRS requirements. He asked if permits, previously issued by the County, would be honored if and when the city would annex his property. Mr. Voelker responded that these permits would be looked at in each case, based on the time frame and scope of the project. Mr. Pickett stated that he is unhappy with the city's unwillingness to discuss this issue.

Ken Dalton, Low Gap Road resident stated that there was a meeting with City Attorney, Brandon Voelker, for advise on how to proceed to work out concerns regarding the annexation. No one was told to keep this meeting, or any other, a secret.

Jennifer Teipel, Campbell County Cable Board, was present to request **adoption of the amendment to the inter-local agreement**. The Cable Board provides valuable services to many groups in this area. This will be discussed at the February caucus meeting. Lou Gerding requested that Brandon Voelker review HB 272 and provide a brief report at that meeting.

Sheila Bogen, Operation Hug Chairperson, reported that donations continue to come in for our adopted unit in Iraq. The Highlands High School Honor Society was the latest group to collect and donate items. A cornhole game was raffled, with proceeds to Operation Hug, and the winner was Marian Neiser. A letter from the Captain of our unit was read, expressing their appreciation of all we do for them.

Walter Blair, Code Enforcement Officer, was present and reported on recent contacts and violations that have since been brought into compliance. Mayor Stoeber thanked him for his approach with the residents.

Casey Ream was present to discuss his request for the city to provide a **skateboard park**. Liability is a big concern and he presented some common practices. They are prepared to look for grants for this project and have someone with experience in the field who will help. He stated that the dangers involved are similar to other sports. The group would help with trash cleanup, etc. The owner of Freedom Park could possibly help with fundraising as well as some other possibilities.

Ordinance 05-885, accepting Chardonnay streets for city maintenance upon completion of required repairs, was read for the second time, in summary form. Dave Piccirillo will oversee the repairs and determine when they are satisfactory. Motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Stuart Oehrle. Charles Gray seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 05-882, proposing to annex the NE area of Low Gap Road and US 27, was read for the second time, in summary form. Property owners were notified per KRS requirements. Stuart Oehrle recused himself from the discussion and vote, due to a personal relationship with Jim Pickett. Rob Moore stated that he had received a message from Dallas Bray, but has not had communication with Mr. Bray. Tom Baldrige made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Motion was seconded by Charles Gray. Roll call vote showed five yeses – Stuart Oehrle, did not participate. Motion carried.

Ordinance 06-892, intent to annex property located on the southeast corner of US 27 and the southern terminus of Ripple Creek Road, was read for the first time, in summary form. Motion was made by Stuart Oehrle to approve this first reading. The motion was seconded by Dave Guidugli. Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 06-891, incorporating various city civil fines into the jurisdiction of the Code Enforcement Board, was read for the second time, in summary form. Dave Guidugli made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Tom Baldrige seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. Motion carried.

The **annual meeting of the Municipal Properties Corporation** was called to order for the purpose of selection of officers for 2006. Lou Gerding made a **motion to elect Charles Gray as President, Stuart Oehrle as Vice President and Rob Moore as Secretary / Treasurer for 2006.** Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses, one no – Charles Gray. Motion carried. Dave Guidugli discussed the letter from Campbell County PVA regarding cell towers. This will be looked into further by former President Tom Baldrige. Rob Moore made a motion to adjourn the Municipal Properties Corporation meeting. Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Municipal Order 06-01, re-appointing Roger Bay to Planning & Zoning, was read. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve this re-appointment and Charles Gray seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Stuart Oehrle reported that the owner of Enzo's Coffee Shop in County Square Shopping Center is experiencing some problems with suppliers delivering to his business. He does not have a back door to allow deliveries there, so the vehicles must park in front of the store to do so. This is at the intersection, which causes a policing problem. He is looking for a resolution for this and also that cars run the stop sign at that location.

Department reports were submitted in writing.

A meeting to assign ballfields will be held soon. Thanks to the Code Enforcement Board's dedication, they are doing a fantastic job!

Dave Guidugli requested that Brandon Voelker obtain some background information regarding raising the Mayor's salary.

Lou Gerding reported that recently passed Ordinance 05-891, putting a stop sign at Buning Lane, needs to be revoked. He also requested that a lien be placed against the appropriate delinquent tax bills. Brandon Voelker will look into this.

Tom Baldrige stated that he appreciates Walter Blair's handling of the Code Enforcement duties. He also thanked Taco Bell for repairing their sign.

Stuart Oehrle expressed his thanks for the new warning light on the AA Highway, in the Glenridge area.

Rob Moore stated that the sidewalk on US 27 across from Buning Lane, which was dug up, needs to be repaired. Also, the old school at the corner of E. Alexandria Pike is being repaired and Mr. Moore questioned if we are keeping up with occupational licenses for this project. Carole Huber responded that since the county is now issuing these, it is a bit difficult to tract, but she will check with the county office.

Mayor Stoeber stated that many appeals to District 6, Highway Department, have finally resulted in a flashing light at the AA Highway. Other avenues are in the works to get a signal.

Drawing for the American flag for any city residents present at this time, was held. The winner is John Fey, 18 Orchard Terrace.

Stuart Oehrle then made a **motion to go into executive session per KRS 61.810, C**. Motion was seconded by Lou Gerding. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to go out of executive session was made by Stuart Oehrle. Tom Baldrige seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session.

Stuart Oehrle made a motion to adjourn and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: