

Cold Spring City Council  
July 23, 2007

The regular meeting of Cold Spring Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Stoeber. Pledge to the flag was recited and a prayer was led by Mayor Stoeber. Roll call showed the following present – Lou Gerding, Charles Gray, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore, Kathy Noel, and Stuart Oehrle. Also present were Tom Benke, April Robinson, Brandon Voelker and Chief Ed Burk.

Mayor Stober pointed out the exits as required by Fire Department regulations.

Mayor Stoeber announced that the Cold Spring Cruise-In would be held Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Around 250 cars were present last year and the band was Hot Wax for the concert. Hot Wax will be here again this year. Volunteers are needed for the Cruise In.

Councilman Rob Moore presented the “Yard of the Month” award. He had a plaque and a gift for July winners Mike and Kim Schweitzer of 20 Madonna Lane. The Schweitzers’ were not present to receive their plaque and gift so Councilman Moore will present it to them next month.

National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Highland Heights Civic Center. Air care will have a demonstration along with the Police and Fire Departments. There will be numerous booths and citizens will be able to meet their officers.

Mayor Stoeber announced the dates for “Council on the Road”. The August 13<sup>th</sup> Caucus meeting will be held at Apple Orchard Park at 7:30 p.m. on Orchard Terrace. The September 10<sup>th</sup> Caucus meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Patriot Park in the Glenridge Subdivision. In the case of incimate weather, Patriot Park has a shelter and a tent could be erected at Apple Orchard Park.

There will be a drawing for a flag for any resident remaining at the end of this meeting.

The minutes of the regular June 25<sup>th</sup> council meeting were reviewed by all. Charles Gray motioned for approval and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resident Don Schmidt addressed council. Mr. Schmidt attended the June Caucus meeting where he brought his concerns about empty lots on Jerome Court. He presented council with a copy of his letter and recent pictures of the property in question. He addressed council on the matter stating that there has been partial resolution to his concerns. He stated Ken Geiman has cleaned a couple of the lots and Mr. Geiman’s cooperation was greatly appreciated. There are still a few issues with the lots. Mr. Schmidt would like to see the lots seeded and presentable with “no dumping” signs.

Mayor Stoeber requested a motion for him to enter into legal services, a four year contract, with Attorney Brandon Voelker. Councilman Rob Moore requested that he be recused from voting in this matter. Lou Gerding motioned for approval and Charles Gray seconded the motion. All voting council was in favor. Motion carried.

Stuart Oehrle reported that he attended the July Planning and Zoning meeting. The Ripple Creek development was approved although there was heavy discussion as to what is defined as a flat roof and a sloped roof. The development was approved with conditions. Discussion also included the property across from Buning Lane which ties in with London Acres. Due to the time, the discussion was put off until next month along with other annexation issues.

Mayor Stoeber discussed the city's Strategic Plan. He stated that the Strategic Plan needs to be a living and active document. The assumptions and visions used by council 3-4 years ago need to be reviewed to make sure they are still valid. Mayor Stoeber put council on notice that he would call a few meetings with the intent to look at the city's expenses with much detail. The operation of the city needs to be looked at on a micro basis to ensure the city is positioned now for what is going to happen in 3-5 years.

Department reports were submitted in writing.

Chief Ed Burk submitted a letter from the Wilder Police chief. The letter was a commendation to Officer Chris Ratcliff for his apprehension of a suspect wanted for the robbery of The Great Escape Movie Theater in Wilder. Officer Ratcliff was given the description of the suspect and vehicle through dispatch. He was able to locate the subject and consequently made the arrest. The Chief stated that this was a good example of cooperation between the Police Departments in the area. The suspect is in jail and awaiting arraignment.

Mayor Stoeber requested Chief Burk give Officer Ratcliff their thanks and commendation.

Dave Guidugli had a question regarding code enforcement. He stated a couple of fences have possibly been put up without permits and inquired as to the contact for such issues. Mayor referred him to Walter Blair for this issue.

Rob Moore requested clarification on the work that is being carried out at the church on Orchard Terrace. He said it appeared that a few trees had been cleared.

Mayor Stoeber had sent Dave Piccirillo, Public Works, to see what permits were needed for this work. The church owns the property and will have to apply for a clearing permit through Sanitation District No. 1. Sanitation District No. 1 is providing the church with fill to level the property.

Kathy Noel spoke on behalf of Sheila Bogen regarding "Operation Hug". "Operation Hug" will have a booth at the Cruise-In on August 11<sup>th</sup>. They will be selling

items in order to raise money for care packages to send to Cold Spring's adopted unit. Cold Spring has 108 adopted soldiers. Sixteen of the adoptees will be present at the Cruise-In.

Lou Gerding suggested they turn Don Schmidt's pictures over to Walter Blair along with a copy of his letter.

Mayor Stoeber agreed. He stated that Walter Blair has been very active with the issues. He said that more has been accomplished in a month than has been accomplished in the past eight years.

Stuart Oehrle questioned the work on Glenridge. The ground had been dug up next to the sidewalk in order to connect water lines for the development across the AA Highway. He was concerned about the condition of the sidewalks after the workers had run heavy equipment up them. There are also boulders that where there used to be grass. Councilman Oehrle was advised that Public Works would inspect the sidewalks. Stuart Oehrle also informed council that school this year would begin on August 13<sup>th</sup>. There are two new schools and there may be traffic issues for the Crossroads Elementary.

Mayor Stoeber reminded everyone of the Cruise-In on August 11<sup>th</sup> and need for volunteers. He said that National Night Out this year would be in Highland Heights. This is a chance for everyone to meet their officers and ours. It's a great night out.

The flag and pole were awarded to Jerry Ling.

Stuart Oehrle made a motion to go into Executive Session per K.R.S. 61.810, C. (Litigation). Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Stuart Oehrle and was seconded by Kathy Noel. All were in favor. Motion carried. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Stuart Oehrle made a motion to adjourn. Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**