

Cold Spring City Council June 25, 2007

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

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

On Thursday, June 14 our City Clerk, Carole Huber passed away after a long fight with cancer. Mayor Stoeber recounted many of Carole Huber's achievements since her hiring in 1983 and her appointment as city clerk in 1984. A moment of silence was held in her honor. Mayor Stoeber stated that our Municipal Baseball Field will be named Carole Huber Baseball Field.

Nicholas Love has been hired as Police Officer for the City of Cold Spring, and he has begun his eighteen week school program. After this is completed he will be a field training officer for fourteen to eighteen weeks. Nicholas Love introduced his family who were present. Mayor Stoeber issued the Oath of Office, and Police Chief Ed Burk presented the Shield to Officer Love.

Councilman Rob Moore presented the “**Yard of the Month**” award. He had a plaque for May winners, John and Mary Geiger of 13 Sturbridge Drive. Rob Moore announced that the June Yard of the Month is awarded to Bob and Carol Eshman of 248 Ridgepointe Drive. The Eshman's were presented with a plaque and also received a gift donated by Home Depot. Congratulations to the Eshman's.

Mayor Stoeber announced that the city offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th for the Fourth of July holiday.

Sheila Bogen, chair of Operation Hug, read a letter to the residents of Cold Spring from Captain Joseph Gallegos, which reviewed what our adopted unit is being trained for, the goals of their mission, and to thank Cold Spring citizens for their support of the one hundred and ten officers in our adopted unit. Sheila Bogen stated that she is proud of how our citizens have come together to support the troops. The city will have this letter posted on the city website.

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

Mayor Mark Stoeber presented his **2007-2008 Budget Proposal and Message, as required by KRS 91A.030 (7)**. His message outlined the goals, important features, important cautions, reason for proposed changes, and fiscal policy changes. Mayor Stoeber stated that this budget has been the result of hard working meetings between mayor, council, department heads, and finance which all focused on short and long term planning objectives. Thanks to all for their hard work and dedication to the city.

The minutes of the May 21 M.A.R.F. public hearing were reviewed by all. Charles Gray motioned for approval and Rob Moore seconded the motion. Lou Gerding stated that the records be revised to show Dave Guidugli as excused because he was attending to city business at the Cable Board. All were in favor with one change. Motion carried. The minutes of the May 21 special meeting were then read. Motion to approve these minutes was made by Dave Guidugli and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The minutes for the June 11 special council meeting were reviewed by all. Kathy Noel made a motion for approval and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resident Tony Conradi of 36 Brightwood addressed council. He has some concerns about a possible development of twenty-two acres along Industrial Road. The “for sale” sign is down and in this past week there appears to be a temporary drive built across the ravine and an area has been cleared and straw has been thrown. In the past many rumors have been spread, ranging from possible dog kennels to Section 8 housing. Mr. Conradi would like to know if there are plans for this property.

Mayor Stoeber thanked Mr. Conradi for voicing his concerns. He too has noticed this activity. Brandon Voelker stated that we have not received any reviews or notifications for a Stage I Development Plan in that area from NKAPC. It is possible that the Sanitation District needed to do some work. If so a land disturbance permit would be sent to NKAPC. Mayor Stoeber stated that the city will check with NKAPC, do a little research and will let Mr. Conradi know of our findings.

Mayor Stoeber requested the **appointment of Rita Seger as City Clerk**. Rob Moore made a **motion for approval** and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Charles Gray reported that he attended the June Planning and Zoning meeting. Two plat signings were approved, and discussions included a temporary building permit for the South Ripple Creek property, temporary signage at Crossroads Boulevard, the possible removal of the island at Crossroads Boulevard and approval for continuing education for two of the board members. The Hiland Pancake House was not present to discuss the release of a bond for Plaza Drive.

Mayor Stoeber stated that removal of the island is under the jurisdiction of the City even if the State provided funding. Brandon Voelker stated that Greg Land stated he will remove the island but will need the city's approval.

NKAPC, as part of their One Shop Stop has indicated that they are willing to be appointed Flood Plan Coordinator at no cost to the city as part of the Flood Plain program. Dave Guidugli made a **motion to appoint NKAPC as Flood Plan Coordinator for the City of Cold Spring**, and Charles Grey seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all were in favor. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ed Burk gave a slide show presentation to share with council and Cold Spring residents on the current activities of the Police Department. Part I major crimes are down in the city, except for the area of aggravated assault, which in part is due to the change in the state law that makes it a felony to assault teachers and bus drivers. Reported thefts are down, however the items being stolen are more valuable. There has been an increase in reported traffic accidents, most of which are on the major roads. There has been an increase in traffic stops, which many times result in related arrests due to DUI, liquor law enforcement and narcotic enforcement. There has been an increase in traffic offenses, but a drop in speeding citations. Alarm responses are down due to the city ordinance that charges business and residents after two false alarms per quarter. Disabled motorist responses by our police officers are up.

At this point Councilman Stuart Oehrle entered the council meeting.

Chief Burk stated that the city had a low response to the Citizens Police Academy program and an Emergency Response Team, probably due to summer activities and vacations, but we hope to start this up after the summer. The police department plans to be out doing road checks in the future. Ed Burk reminds Cold Spring citizens that is summertime and be aware of the kids who are out playing. We hope to have information posted on our web site so that citizens can be aware of issues when they come up in their neighborhoods. There is a marked improvement in the number of vacation checks, which are checked at least once per shift. Officers average fifty three to sixty six miles per shift patrolling the city streets. Chief Ed Burk reminds everyone that if you see a problem call right away, even if it is just something that doesn't look right. He needs citizens' help with this.

Resident Jerry Ling asked if the increase of crime is related to the increase of population in the city, and also, if items recovered from thefts are deleted or are they included in the figures reported in Chief Burk's presentation. Chief Burk replied that the increase of traffic accidents and enforcement on the road is in part due to the rise in population. Obviously the more people you have, the more calls for service you have. On items recovered from thefts, it shows up as a negative the city but a positive for whatever city recovered the item, and vice versa.

Department reports were submitted in writing.

Dave Guidugli verified that Rita Seger will be getting a helper to assist the clerk's office.

Lou Gerding stated that we are still have problems with Rumpke picking up at dumpsters in the city at 6 o'clock in the morning. He would like to see this on the caucus agenda. Brandon Voelker suggested a letter be sent to Rumpke informing them that fines will be issued if pick up is before 7 am.

The flag and pole was awarded to Ryan Walsh who was in attendance.

Stuart Oehrle made a **motion to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810, C (Litigation)**. Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: