

## Cold Spring City Council March 26, 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 – Charles Gray, Lou Gerding, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore, Kathy Noel and Stuart Oehrle. Also present were Tom Benke, Ed Burk, Rita Seger and Brandon Voelker.

Mayor Stoeber announced that there will be a drawing for an American flag plus a pole for a city resident who stays until the end of the meeting.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the annual Easter Egg Hunt would be held this Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm at Municipal Park. This is a fun time for all of the children with over 3,000 eggs and three hunting areas. Sheila Bogen stated that at the Easter Egg Hunt, Operation Hug would be raffling four large Easter Baskets filled with assorted goodies and four smaller Easter Egg Baskets, one raffle ticket for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. All proceeds go to Operation Hug to support our adopted unit who will be going to back to Iraq in July of this year. Arbor Day will be held at the Friendship Park on Saturday, April 7 at 11:00 am. We have Bald Cyprus seedlings to give away and there will be gift certificates awarded.

Mayor Stoeber acknowledged and congratulated resident Christopher Verst on having earned the distinction of being named as an Eagle Scout. Mayor Stoeber read and presented a proclamation to Christopher for his achievements.

The minutes for the regular February 26 council meeting were reviewed by all. Stuart Oehrle made a motion to approve these minutes and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The minutes for the special March 12 council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve these minutes and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission will be asked to come to the April council meeting to make residents aware of building season rules/process awareness.

Sandy Ross of 210 Thornbush Court addressed mayor and council and stated that our public works did a fine job on snow removal mid January thru February. She thanked the public works staff for keeping their streets open. Charles Gray mentioned that Sandy Ross's father was very active in the government of Cold Spring when it was begun in 1941.

Sheila Bogen stated that the Cold Spring Police Department donated three bicycles to Operation Hug which will be used for a raffle later on this year. Thanks to Mr. Don West of Montgomery Cyclery, 365 Crossroads Boulevard for replacing some parts, doing minor repairs and making sure they were in good order.

Police Chief Ed Burk gave a presentation, which will be held quarterly, on policing, crime and safety within the city. The police are looking to be very involved with the public. The DAV had a Family Safety Program in June 2006 which was attended by Officer Ratcliff. A presentation to the Rotary Club was done in June outlining what was planned in the future. Officers were present at a Girl Scout event which was held at Municipal Park and did some fingerprinting and explanations of crime scenes. National Night Out had a very impressive and well attended showing this past year. Les Caudill put together the annual Fishing Derby in conjunction with the Fire Department which is a very well received event with toys and prize awarded. The police also had a booth at the Cold Spring Day in the Park where they were fingerprinting and handing out literature to residents. In October the police went to St. Joseph Elementary School, reviewed their disaster plans and input information on what they needed to do, and our police have a copy of that plan. They hope to do this same thing with the Cline Elementary School. The police had a table at the PNC grand opening where they handed out material and did some fingerprinting. Officers working the streets on Halloween stopped and handed out candy to the children. Between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the police had a detail to expedite traffic and watch out for the safety of all who were moving in and out of the shopping center at Crossroads Boulevard. In addition, Chief Ed Burk stated that the police continue to do vacation checks for residents.

Some of the police policies have been revised. They are in the process of hiring two officers and promoting two officers to sergeants. MDT's have been installed in police vehicles. We have GPS systems in the police vehicles which can also track where the police vehicles have been. Reporting systems used by the State for accident reports can now be done with the computers in their cars. The backside of driver's license are coded and can be scanned in order to obtain all information immediately, and electronic citations, once done, cannot be taken back unless the state received information on why. The MDT systems gives officers the ability to make queries without going through dispatch center, checking on license plates and drivers

license information which will show immediately if warrants are out or if any previous arrests or citations on the individual has been made. Officers can send information back and forth to each other.

The Police Department is initiating a citizens' observer which is an opportunity for the citizens to become more involved, establishing watch groups, and they will receive information that is specific to their neighborhood. They are looking for participants in the first Cold Spring Police Academy which will begin in May, with fifteen to twenty people. This is an opportunity to find out what the Police Department does why they do things. The police department is forming a Community Emergency Response Team for citizens to train for different skills to take care of themselves, their families and their neighbors should a disaster strike. Road checks will be done in the near future to remind everyone to watch their speeds, pay attention to stop signs and pay attention to traffic laws. They plan on continuing all of the city involvement in the past. Ed Burk recognized all of the Cold Spring police officers for what a fine group of people they are.

Mayor Stoeber thanked Ed Burk for all of his efforts and looks forward to his June report. Stuart Oehrle stated that vacation checks, which he has personally had done, are a very good idea. All you have to do is call. Police officers can also come to your house to videotape valuables.

Dave Guidugli questioned the TAP activity numbers on the Police Department report which were extremely low. Ed Burk replied that the season does have a lot to do with that, plus they are currently one officer down. Dave Guidugli questioned the cell tower permit that was issued by NKAPC what it was for. This will be checked into by the city clerk's office.

Stuart Oehrle stated that there is a Homeland Security Grant and verified that Chief Burk had received information on this. He had also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the re-opening Cold Spring Branch of the Campbell County Library which was very nice. The Campbell County schools have named a new principal, for Cline Elementary and assigned a principal for the new school on Crossroads Boulevard. The school bus route schedules should be finalized for the new school so we can look at the traffic patterns for the Crossroads intersection. He noticed that public works did set up the play equipment for the Patriot Park.

Mayor Stoeber said that he received a complaint from subdivision about speeding in our city and related some methods the police have used to stop this. Most speeding is done by our own residents. We are getting more creative in enforcing the speed limits, with the purpose not of writing tickets, but the safety of our children.

Mayor Stoeber stated that police chief Ed Burk had lunch with the first grade at Cline Elementary and kindergarten at St. Joseph School and he had a very enjoyable time. They are working on a raffle for a trip to school with a police officer.

The attendance award for an American flag and pole was also awarded to Tom Patton of 210 Thornbush Court.

Stuart Oehrle made a motion to enter into executive session per K.R.S. 61.810 – C. Litigation. Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy Noel made a motion to come out of executive session and Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session.

Rob Moore made a motion to adjourn the March 26 council meeting and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**