

**Cold Spring City Council  
Special Meeting  
May 21, 2007**

The special meeting of Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Stoeber. This meeting was being held in place of the regularly scheduled May 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, due to the Memorial Day holiday. 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 – excused was Stuart Oehrle. Also present were Tom Benke, Ed Burk, Rita Seger and Brandon Voelker.

Mayor Stoeber at the request of the Fire Department, pointed out the various exits from council chambers to outside.

Mayor Stoeber introduced our newest police officer, Benjamin Robb and his family members who were present. Ben has begun his schooling with the Police Academy which will last until October 5<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Stoeber issued the Oath of Office to Officer Robb, and offered his congratulations. Officer Robb thanked the mayor and council and said he plans to live up to their high expectations.

Adam Drye and his parents, Jim and Beverly were present. Adam has achieved the status of Eagle Scout. Mayor Stoeber read a proclamation to Adam and congratulated and commended Adam, his parents and also the Boy Scout Troop leaders for the hard work involved in attaining this rank.

Mayor Stoeber stated that last year our Parks Recreation and Tree Commission began a wonderful and popular summer award program called “Yard of the Month”. With summer now beginning, Paul Bogen announced that our May winners are John and Mary Geiger, 13 Sturbridge Drive. He offers his congratulations and stated that they will be awarded with a plaque.

There will be a drawing for an American flag plus a pole for a city resident who stays until the end of the meeting.

The minutes for the regular April 23<sup>rd</sup> council meeting were reviewed by all. Charles Gray made a motion to approve these minutes and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Sheila Bogen, head of Operation Hug, was present and stated that she and her husband, along with Nancy and Roger Bay, visited Ft. Campbell, Kentucky over the weekend for the “Week of the Eagles”. She reviewed the various activities and events that they attended and said they had a great time. Our adopted unit greatly appreciated all of our support, including our donation of Girl Scout cookies and the coins that we had minted for them. She passed out pictures she had taken at Ft. Campbell. Sheila Bogen said they met with the captain and two first lieutenants of our adopted unit, and the major general who is the base commander and also the battalion commander. Sheila Bogen said that our adopted unit will be deployed to Iraq in October, and it will be a fifteen month deployment. The vast majority of are adopted unit are new members. Our adopted unit requested a Cold Spring city flag that they will fly at their station in Iraq and will be returned to us when their deployment is over.

Mayor Stoeber replied that we would be honored for them to do that. He stated that we were so fortunate that our adopted unit in the past deployment all came back home. He thanks Operation Hug and all of the volunteers for everything they do for our troops. He verified with Sheila Bogen that our list of needed supplies are posted on our website. Sheila Bogen stated that items needed most are snacks, drink additives, books and magazines. Our collection box is once again located in the city building vestibule, and any monetary donations to help defray the cost of postage may be made with checks payable to Operation Hug. Volunteers are always needed to work at city events, packaging, etc. Charles Gray suggested that our newsletter contain excerpts from e-mails received from our unit while they are deployed. Sheila Bogen will check into this.

Ted Hall of Bluestone Court in the Springhouse Condominiums addressed council with a concern he has on the condition of their street. It is deteriorating quite rapidly due to water run-off. With all of the traffic going up and down the roadway, it is crumbling the center of the sections and Mr. Hall would like for the city to take a look at it and see if they can do as much repair as possible because it is an accident waiting to happen.

Mayor Stoeber stated that we have two bids for city auditor. Lou Gerding made a **motion to accept the bid from Van Gorder Walker & Co.**, and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Tom Benke stated that this is on a three year contract and will be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Stoeber expressed his gratitude to former auditor Tom Hart for all his past work with the city.

**Ordinance 07-926, amending the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget** was read in summary form for the first time. Rob Moore made a motion to approve this first reading and Charles Gray seconded the motion. Mayor Stoeber commented that we are in a surplus situation of over \$100,000.00 on the budget. Roll call vote showed five yeses and no noes. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 07-927, for the budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year** was read in summary form for the first time. Tom Benke stated that the amended pay classifications would be Exhibit A of that ordinance. In summary the budget shows a \$70,000 surplus. Dave Guidugli made a motion to approve this first reading and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and no noes. Motion carried. Mayor Stoeber stated that this has been a culminating a process that began in February. A lot of time and effort has been put in generating the city budget, with care concern and effort to make sure our budget every year follows the strategic plan that this council put together four years ago. Thanks to everyone involved, particularly to Finance Director Tom Benke and Council. Dave Guidugli verified that the next caucus meeting will be a special council meeting for the purpose of having a second reading of these budget ordinances.

Tom Benke stated that Exhibit A, to adopt the pay plan will be included in Ordinance 07-927.

Brandon Voelker gave a review of the May Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. There was an issue of the Blau building and the parking question. When they first developed that building, there was a small amount of parking. Mr. Blau purchased the lot next door with a recorded parking easement for the Blau building. This parking easement did satisfy the parking space conditions. P & Z did take action to approve the ADA ramp. There was some discussion on the size of the sign and if it was conforming or non-conforming and whether it could be moved, but that did go through also. The next public hearing was on Immanuel Baptist Church, which was approved. Planning & Zoning revised the recommended Staff condition on having the sidewalk go all the way down to Rocky View Drive. Since that roadway would have to be expanded when future development occurs, P & Z decided to forgo that portion sidewalk to save unnecessary expense to Immanuel Baptist.

Paul Bogen, facilitator for Parks and Recreation Commission reminded everyone that Friday, June 15, was Cold Spring Night at Florence Freedom. Tickets can be purchased for \$8.00 at the city building. Free ball caps go out with the first one hundred tickets sold.

Sheila Bogen, Operation Hug, stated that Operation Hug will have a booth at the Crestview Memorial Day Parade by the Crestview flag pole and will also march in that parade.

Mayor Stoeber reminded everyone that Tuesday is the primary election day and he urges everyone to exercise their right to vote on primary day, to determine who will be running in a general election.

Mayor Stoeber offered his congratulations to Police Officers Mike Welch and Brian Messmer who, during the last caucus meeting, were ceremonially sworn in to be promoted to the ranks of Sergeant in the department.

The attendance award for an American flag and pole was also awarded to resident Sue Crouch, 27 Springhouse Drive.

Charles Gray made a motion to adjourn the April 23<sup>rd</sup> council meeting and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**