

## **Cold Spring City Council**

### **January 26, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Cold Spring City Council was called to order by Mayor Mark Stoeber. Pledge to the flag and prayer was led by the City Clerk. Roll call showed the following present – Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, Rob Moore, Stuart Oehrle, Janis Reiman and Sandy Ross. Also present were Ed Burk, Rita Seger, Michael Vank and Brandon Voelker.

Mayor Stoeber pointed out exits from Council Chambers, per Fire Department Regulations.

Mayor Stoeber requested an addition to the agenda, under New Business - Police Chief's annual State of the City address.

Mayor Stoeber announced that Nancy Bay, receptionist for the City of Cold Spring and former finance assistant has announced her retirement, effective January 30, 2009. Mayor Stoeber read a proclamation to Ms. Bay and gave her a gift as a memento from the City. She was thanked with a round of applause.

Nancy Bay thanked the mayor, council, and especially everyone she has worked with in the City. Without the Police Department, Public Works Department, volunteers and the Park Board, the Cruise In / Concert could not have worked. She has enjoyed working with everyone in the city throughout the years.

The Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission is sponsoring a Cold Spring night at the Town & Country Sports Complex in Wilder Kentucky. This will be held on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the City Building for \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Mayor Stoeber presented his annual **State of the City** address. He thanked the citizens of Cold Spring for allowing him to serve the community. He thanked last year's council for their hard work and dedication, including the three members who made the difficult decision to move on to other areas of service. Mayor Stoeber also sent his thanks to the spouses for their support. The City of Cold Spring has undergone some significant personnel changes over the past several years, including a hiring of a new police chief, Ed Burk, the passing of our former city clerk Carole Huber and the appointment of Rita Seger as city clerk, the retirement of long-time finance director Tom Benke, and now Nancy Bay's retirement. Additionally, the city conducted a very thorough search and hired Michael Vank as the city's first administrative officer, whose main focus will be to continually enhance the quality of city services in a cost efficient manner, and to search for grants and other supplements to our budget. Mayor Stoeber thanked the current council, including our three new council members for their choice to serve our community.

Operationally, in 2008 the Police Department has relocated to the former newly renovated city building, and will soon have an open house. The Police Department has been extremely effective in protecting our residents and businesses. Mark Tumler is leading an energized and hard working Public Works Department, sealing and repairing our streets and getting ready for snowfalls. Thanks to the Public Works crew for their hard work. The City Clerk has completed her first full year in this position which has many responsibilities, including the collection of our property taxes. A special thanks to the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission for another record year for event attendance. Special thanks to Kim and Mike Schweitzer for their help over the years. Operation Hug led by Sheila Bogen very admirably supported our troops during their deployment.

The city is in excellent shape. We are fortunate to have numerous groups, churches and active and caring parents in Cold Spring. Financially the city is very stable, with a very successful audit, the 15 year strategic plan, and a 30 year street repair plan. We are watching key financial stress indicators and have a broad diversity of revenue sources. The city has experienced a substantial growth in 2008. Our property tax season has shown a high collection rate, and our delinquency rate is reducing every day. A retirement facility investment has been finalized. Thanks to Barry Bortz of Carespring for including the city and nearby residents in their planning.

Mayor Stoeber described three phases for the city. We are now in the early stages of modern maturity. We must be cautious and wise and must continue to invest in our city. Mayor Stoeber urges all of our residents to consider spending their money in our own community where we have a diverse number of businesses, stores, restaurants and banks. The Mayor thanked everyone for the opportunity to lead our city. Your voice is important. Please let us know what you think, want, like, and what you don't like.

Police Chief Ed Burk gave his annual **State of the Police** address with a power point presentation. He reviewed the miles traveled throughout the city each day and their calls for service within the city. He reviewed alarm drops, disorderly

juvenile calls and domestic violence calls, which have all decreased. Traffic activity and accident reports have shown a 7.4 percent increase. Traffic stops have increased by a 3.3 percent. Overall, calls to the city have decreased from last year by 1.3 percent. Chief Burk is most proud of the DUI arrests which have increased by 19.7 percent and which makes our streets safer.

Chief Burk reported on Part I, Part II and Part III crimes in the city. He reported on the participation of our Police Department in the various city events, National Night Out and the DARE program. The Police Department has moved to 5589 E. Alexandria Pike and they plan to hold an open house on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5 pm. They have new equipment, including a grenade launcher for our SWAT team, and have received a federal government grant for night vision equipment. Also, a highway safety grant for highway enforcement on US 27 and the AA Highway was received. A KLC grant for video cameras was also received.

Ed Burk reported on new assignments for police officers. Officer Chris Ratcliff is now department investigator and Officer Hyett is the DARE instructor. He reviewed the department's training / recertification for the police officers. They have received sixteen commendations, mostly for vacation checks, and 15 individual accolades. Special thanks to Les Caudill for his work on the Fishing Derby and Day in the Park. Special congratulations to Officer Nick Love for earning the Governor's Award for DUI arrests. April Robinson has been nominated as a co-recipient of the Robert Shields Memorial Award for her efforts in handling of a hostage situation on Pooles Creek Road.

Thanks to City Council for allowing the donation of surplus cruisers and equipment to the City of Boonesville, who are most appreciative. He thanked all of his Police Officers. We need help from our citizens. If you see something that doesn't look right, call 911 for emergencies, or call Campbell County Dispatch at 292-3622 if it is not high-priority. If you have any concerns call their office at 441-6289. He said it is a pleasure to work with everyone in our city.

Rob Moore confirmed that the decrease in juvenile reports was in part due to the new school resource officer. Councilman Moore commended the Police Department for the large number of calls that our eleven officers responds to.

Mayor Stoeber commented that bad economic times prove that crime goes up. During times of stress, we will have to rely more and more on our Police Department. They have great presence in the city and their task will increase rather than diminish. Drug use usually grows in weakened times. The drug dealers grow and prosper and become very strong. We must invest and counteract this.

There will be a drawing for an American flag and pole for those who stay until the end of this meeting.

The minutes of the November 24, 2008 regular meeting were reviewed by all. Stuart Oehrle made a motion for approval and Rob Moore seconded the motion. Lou Gerding requested a deletion of a duplicate word. All were in favor with the exception of Janis Reiman and Sandy Ross who recused themselves, and Brenda Helton who abstained. Motion carried.

The minutes of the December 15, 2008 special meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor, with the exception of Janis Reiman and Sandy Ross who recused themselves, and Brenda Helton who abstained. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup> special meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The **ratification of permanent sub-committee memberships for 2009** was discussed. Mayor Stoeber stated that in 2003 it was agreed that communication between council, mayor and city administration is important, and so, by ordinance we have four standing sub-committees that must be filled by January 31<sup>st</sup> after every election year. During the January 11<sup>th</sup> caucus meeting council discussed membership. Three of the council members have tenure on those committees and it was decided that it would be a good idea to blend that experience with the creativity of new members. The Mayor does participate at all of these sub-committees. The Safety Committee would consist of Lou Gerding and Janis Reiman, The Public Works Committee includes the Public Works Supervisor, along with council members Rob Moore and Brenda Helton. The Personnel Committee includes Lou Gerding and Sandy Ross, and the Finance Committee includes the Administrative Officer along with council members Stuart Oehrle and Sandy Ross. Brenda Helton made a **motion to approve this ratification** and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Stoeber stated that it was necessary to **appoint new officers for the Municipal Properties Corporation**. Mayor Stoeber called a temporary recess to the current council meeting.

Rob Moore called the meeting of the **Municipal Properties Corporation** to order. **Stuart Oehrle motioned that Rob Moore be nominated to the position of president, and nominated himself as vice president. Rob Moore motioned that Brenda Helton be nominated as secretary.** Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.** Brandon Voelker explained that former law would not allow a city to incur debt over its term of office so it created this entity called the Municipal Properties Corporation so money could be borrowed for the purposes of financing the cost of construction and improvements to municipal properties and facilities. Stuart Oehrle made a motion to adjourn the Municipal Properties meeting and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Stoeber called the regular council meeting back to order.

Mayor Stober requested recognition by council, acknowledging the Griffin Industries addition. He stated that Dennis Griffin made a commitment to his family and the city that it would be a first class, top notch beautiful building that he, his family, his employees and the city would be proud of. Stuart Oehrle made a motion to approve **Resolution 09-01, acknowledging the beauty, quality and green friendliness of the Griffin Industry building.** Lou Gerding seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Stuart Oehrle requested a list of the 2009 Park, Recreation and Tree Commission activities so that he could post them on the web site. Mayor Stoeber thanked Mr. Oehrle for all of the work he does, free of charge, for the city's web page.

Sandy Ross stated that, for all of the times she phoned the city offices as a resident, Nancy Bay has shown her professionalism and her friendliness, and she thanked Ms. Bay for her help and quality of work. She will be missed.

Rob Moore requested clarification from the Administrative Officer on the revenues for the police contract for Crestview as reported for November and December.

Brandon Voelker stated that in the packet was information from the County regarding decreases in valuation of motor vehicle tax revenues. The state is reconsidering this ruling in Frankfort so that may not be an issue for us.

Willis Hatton of 308 Fallingwater Court was the winner of the American flag and pole.

Motion to adjourn was made by Stuart Oehrle and seconded by Sandy Ross. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**