

Cold Spring City Council May 24, 2010

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 council members present – Lou Gerding, Brenda Helton, Rob Moore, Stuart Oehrle, Janis Reiman, and Sandy Ross. Also present were Police Chief Ed Burk, City Clerk Rita Seger, Administrative Officer Michael Vank and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

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

Mayor Stoeber requested an addition to the agenda, under Item 10 E., first reading of an ordinance for PNC Bank general obligation agreement for funding for the Municipal Aid Road Fund.

As required by Kentucky Revised Statutes, Mayor Stoeber delivered his annual budget message. He outlined goals and important features of 2010/2011 budget year. The three core areas of revenue, property, payroll and insurances taxes account for seventy two percent (72%) of our budget, up from seventy percent (70%) during the 2009/2010 budget year. Mayor Stoeber reviewed other areas of potential growth. He stated that one million dollars is being allocated to potentially repair and replace up to a dozen city streets for the third phase of our thirty year street program. The 2010/2011 budget includes a commitment to resident safety through allocation of funds to policing efforts. The parks and recreation facilities are being enhanced. City staff remains at full strength. The 2010/2011 budget contains real and significant investments in our city's infrastructure, safety and city employees, all within the confines of a balanced budget which also provides for an increase to our city's surplus fund. Mayor Stoeber concluded by stating that council has worked diligently, selflessly and strategically to provide a solid future for our city services. Department heads, the finance committee, the mayor and council have held hard-working meetings to address all facets of city operations. This budget is a culmination of their efforts.

Cindy Wehry, member of the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission announced that the May Yard of the Month has been awarded to Jim and Rebecca Luersen of 2 James Court. She stated that this is the first award for 2010. A plaque showing a photograph of their home will be presented to the Luersens, and a Yard of the Month sign has been placed in their yard.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the Crestview Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 31st. The parade will begin at 9 am. At the request of Brenda Helton, Chief Burk reviewed the areas of the parade route and road closures. Cold Spring Night at Florence Freedom will be held on Friday, June 18th at 7:05 pm at the Champion Window Field in Florence. Tickets will be available for sale at the City Building at a cost of \$9.00 each. There will be a drawing for an American flag, pole and bracket awarded to any resident who stays until the end of this meeting.

The minutes of the April 26, 2010 regular council meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Janis Reiman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Stuart Oehrle requested that the agenda be amended to show that these are the April 26, 2010 meeting minutes.

Julie Smith-Morrow addressed council as an unscheduled guest. She is a candidate for the Kentucky Senate, District 4. She stated that she is just here to introduce herself and to observe this meeting and learn what is going on in Cold Spring.

Ordinance 10-964 to enact and adopt a supplement to the code of ordinances of the City of Cold Spring was read in summary form for the second time. Rob Moore made a motion to adopt this ordinance, and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Ordinance 10-965 amending the 2009/2010 budget was read in summary form for the first time. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve this ordinance, and Sandy Ross seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed six yeses and no noes. **Motion carried.**

Ordinance 10-966 adopting the 2010/2011 annual budget was read in summary form for the first time. Rob Moore made a motion for approval, and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion.

Sandy Ross questioned if all discussions on this budget are concluded and binding when we vote on this tonight. Mayor Stoeber stated that the budget meetings with the finance committee and then with council were scheduled so that discussions and concerns could be resolved before it was time for the vote. There are very clear publication requirements before an ordinance can be put into effect. Technically, since this is a first reading, it is not binding until the second reading in June. Mayor Stoeber

stated that if council desires, a special meeting could be scheduled before the second reading for further discussions. There were no requests from council members for a special budget meeting.

Roll call vote showed three yeses, one no – Lou Gerding, and two abstentions – Sandy Ross and Brenda Helton. There was a required quorum vote of four (three yeses and one no – the two abstentions are not considered as no votes). **Motion carried.**

A list of **surplus items** for public works and the administration building was reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion to approve these items as surplus and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Ordinance 10-967 approving a lease with PNC Bank for financing the M.A.R.F. funding was read in summary form for the first time. Administrative Officer Michael Vank stated that in previous years we have used municipal bond pools which have quite a bit of carrying costs. This year we checked into conventional financing and a very favorable bid was made by PNC Bank for a ten year monthly fixed rate loan, with a lower rate of interest. PNC Bank is willing to do this as long as they can receive the same tax treatment on the interest by virtue of us being a municipality, but it has to pass the test under statute of general obligation to the city so that the lender could have a tax free municipality document/instrument. This is why we are being asked to pass this ordinance. Stuart Oehrle summarized that this is a way for us to get money with a better rate and a better loan.

Stuart Oehrle made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-967 and Sandy Ross seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed five yeses and one no – Lou Gerding. **Motion carried.**

Dave Guidugli reminded council that there will be a Cable Board meeting at 7:00 pm on May 25th to hold discussions on the interlocal agreement. If any council members cannot attend this meeting but have some comments, just give him a call and he will relay their comments or suggestions to the Cable Board.

Departmental reports were submitted in writing.

Ed Burk stated that the Cold Spring Police Department, the Fire Department, and various other organizations will participate in a full scale exercise for an airplane crash scene on Wednesday, May 26th at approximately 9 am at the Carole Huber Municipal Ballfield. Emergency vehicles throughout the county will be responding. Chief Burk advises residents that this is only an exercise and no one should be alarmed. E-mail notifications have been sent out, signs will be posted, there will be a write up about this on our website, and our telephone system will be updated to contain this information.

Stuart Oehrle stated that the street light at Glenridge and the AA Highway is not working. He also stated that the light poles in the Glenridge Subdivision were supposed to be painted but that has not happened. Michael Vank will phone Duke Energy for this repair and he will check into the light poles.

Mr. Oehrle also requested that we discuss “garbage picking” at the June caucus. Pickers are actually opening up and going through garbage containers, even in the nighttime hours.

Stuart Oehrle stated that he has been checking with NKU for assistance on our city website however, due to the state budget crisis, their funding for this type of outreach has vaporized. Mr. Oehrle will continue working on the website himself.

Sandy Ross stated that invitations were received for the Cable Board meeting on May 25th, and also for the Campbell County School meeting on June 3rd. She hopes that council members will be able to attend. Ms. Ross stated that the May newsletter from the Campbell County library stated that out of 120 counties, the Campbell County library system ranks among the top five or higher in most categories of the ranking. It is something to be very proud of and we are very fortunate to have a branch of the Campbell County library in the city of Cold Spring.

The winner of the American flag and pole was resident Nancy Lotz.

Stuart Oehrle made a motion to adjourn the May 24th meeting, and Janis Reiman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: