

## **Cold Spring City Council August 23, 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, Dave Guidugli, Brenda Helton, Rob Moore, Stuart Oehrle, and Sandy Ross. Also present were Police Chief Ed Burk, City Clerk Rita Seger, and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

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

Stuart Oehrle requested an addition to the agenda, under New Business, Item B – updates on Caucus items.

Cindy Wehry, member of the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission, announced that the August Yard of the Month was awarded to Christ Baptist Church of Cold Spring. This month is unique in that it was awarded to a church rather than a residence, however, Ms. Wehry stated that she selected them because their flowers were so beautiful and looked so wonderful along Alexandria Pike. Resident Tom Patton accepted the plaque on behalf of John Shay of Christ Baptist Church. A Yard of the Month sign has been placed on their property.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the 11<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Police Chief Burk stated that 100 to 150 people attended the event. Members were present from the Hazmat unit and S.W.A.T. team, people were walking around in the “bubble suits”, the Fire Department and the National Guard were present with demonstrations, and there was a taser demonstration, and everyone seem to enjoy this event. Mayor Stoeber stated that this was a great opportunity to meet with our police in situations other than a crisis or stop situation.

The Cold Spring Cruise In – Concert, was held on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Stoeber stated that due to the weather conditions, very hot in the afternoon followed by evening rain storms, the crowd was down by one third, however, the Hot Wax Show Band were real troopers and waited out the rain and put on a great performance. Thanks to the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission for pulling this event together, and a special thanks to the Hot Wax Show Band for hanging in there.

An upcoming event is the Cold Spring Fishing Derby, which will be held on Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration is from 7 am to 10 am, and fishing will be from 8 am to noon. This is for children ages six thru twelve and they must be accompanied by an adult. Great prizes will be awarded. Chief Burk stated that there will be bait available, and prizes will be awarded for various categories. Everyone who has attended this event in the past has had a wonderful time.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the Carole Huber Wiffle Ball Tournament, sponsored by Chicks and Chucks and co-sponsored by the City of Cold Spring will be held on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Carole Huber was Cold Spring City Clerk for twenty-three years before her passing, and her family has honored her memory by putting together this event. There is an entry fee of \$75 to register a team, or you can just come for fun, food, face painting, prizes and more. Proceeds benefit those in their battle against breast cancer. For information call Chicks and Chucks at 513-841-6756 or call the City Clerk’s Office.

Mayor Stoeber stated that over the past few weeks, the city has gone through a series of unfortunate passings. Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission member Nancy Bay’s mother passed away, Lieutenant Wayne Hall’s mother passed away, and councilwoman Sandy Ross experienced her mother passing away. Mayor Stoeber pointed out picture boards, gathered by former councilman Charles Gray, which were placed in the back of council chambers and in the mayor’s office. They represent the history of Sandy Ross’s mom and her family. The Ross estate originally belonged to Sandy Ross’s grandparents many years ago. There is a picture of her grandparents on the porch of their farmhouse. After their passing in 1967, the farm of 14 acres was sold to the City of Cold Spring. Their home was brought down, and then became the site of our former city building, now the police building, and Friendship Park. This is an item of interest in the community, not as sadness but as recognition of the wonderful history that Ms. Ross’s family has brought to the city that brings value to our lives. We are all very appreciative.

There will be a drawing for an American flag and pole for a resident staying until the end of this meeting.

The minutes of the July 26, 2010 council meeting were reviewed by all. Stuart Oehrle made a motion for approval and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 16, 2010 special council meeting were reviewed by all. Stuart Oehrle made a motion for approval and Dave Guidugli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There were no scheduled guests.

An unscheduled guest from Ivy Ridge stated that she was late attending this meeting because she was held up trying to get out of the Ivy Ridge Subdivision onto the AA Highway. Mayor Stoeber thanked her for attending tonight and verified that she did attend the July 26<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Mayor Stoeber reviewed the traffic light request that was brought before council on July 26<sup>th</sup>, and stated that he has been working with Senator Katie Stine and Representative Joe Fischer on this issue. A large packet of information was sent to Senator Stine to be presented to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for their review and we expect them to conduct their studies and traffic counts very soon.

**Municipal Order #10-03 was read, re-appointing Bill Von Strohe to the Code Enforcement Board, with his term to expire on August 24, 2014.** Rob Moore made a motion for approval and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.** Dave Guidugli stated that Mr. Von Strohe, who usually attends the council meetings, had a previous engagement and could not attend tonight.

Stuart Oehrle stated that as a result of August 9<sup>th</sup> caucus discussion, he has obtained information on a potential website designer. He passed out packets of information to council. This information contained the estimate on the cost to redesign our website. With training anyone in the city can update it easily. Mr. Oehrle stated that our current website includes a lot of information that other cities websites do not provide, such as minutes going back several years, the monthly financial statements and the budget. The cost for a redesigned website was considered but not included on this fiscal year budget because of the current economic times. Mayor Stoeber stated that the estimate looks to be from \$5,000 to \$7,000 to set this up, with additional costs such as training and ongoing resources that will be required. The mayor also stated that Stuart Oehrle has taken care of the city's website for a number of years, without pay, and thanked him for performing this service for us. This item will be discussed at the September caucus meeting

The issue of a flag pole at the Police Department was also discussed at the August 9<sup>th</sup> caucus meeting. Mayor Stoeber stated that to put the flag up with a pole would cost around \$2,000. We already have lighting there. This too will be a topic for the September Caucus meeting.

Dave Guidugli stated that he would also like to include in the September caucus discussion some wording on a Resolution that we can get to Senator Stine to take downstate, for an east / west connector as briefly discussed at the July 26<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Councilman Guidugli stated that he has spoken to Highland Heights, Alexandria, Wilder and the Fiscal Court, and they are willing to go along with this but they want to see a copy of the Resolution. The Fiscal Court will place this topic on their agenda at their next Mayor's meeting.

Ed Burk shared with City Council an award they received for accreditation to the Kentucky Police Officers Association. Sergeant Brian Messer is the accreditation manager. Lieutenant Hall and other members of the Police Department worked very hard to get this. This is an important achievement for the department. This certificate was enclosed in a very beautiful frame. One of the benefits of going through the accreditation process is that it establishes professional standards for the department, and because they have to meet those professional standards, it also reduces the liabilities of the department and costs for the city.

Mayor Stoeber stated that while the Police Department is to be congratulated for receiving the accreditation which is awarded for professionalism, policies, and how the officers conduct themselves in what would be considered traditional policing, he received a letter which falls outside of that traditional policing, but shows a good flavor of the city in regards to the Police Department. The letter was received by the city from a resident, thanking four police officers for alerting them and helping them get their cows back into the pasture. The letter went on to state that it was nice to know that they live in a city where the Police Department can be so helpful in any situation. The accreditation is for tremendous policing, but cow-herding is not usually part of the process.

Stuart Oehrle questioned who in the city should be notified about non-city streets that are in need of crack maintenance. He stated that we should put a list together to be directed to the proper authority. Some exit ramps in our city have large weeds growing out of cracks, and they need to be repaired. Mayor Stoeber stated the information should be given to the City Clerk who will forward it to our Public Works Supervisor, who can talk to the State and the County to see about having them repaired.

Lou Gerding stated that a new water line was put down Weaver Lane, and the area where they tore up and then patched on Weaver Lane is not holding up and is sinking. He stated that when we had the water line go in on East Alexandria and Dodsworth Lane, the Water Department ground down and resurfaced the road. He questioned what the plans are for Weaver Lane. Councilwoman Brenda Helton, who is also a member of the Public Works sub-committee, stated that they will do the same thing. They will grind it down and replace it in collaboration with the city.

Mayor Stoeber stated that the Water District will come through and redo their half of the street, grind it down and once they get the top off, they will look for sink holes and things like that, but they also made an offer to us to participate at their contractor rates, and grind down the other side and basically redo the whole street. We are going to accept that offer and redo the surface from East Alexandria all the way back to the ninety degree bend. They will do the work next week.

Lou Gerding stated that it should not be done next week. The spot where the water line went in is still settling, and it should probably wait about a year. On East Alexandria, it took a lot of years for it to fully descend, and the section where they had to go back and patch is already sinking. Mr. Gerding's stated that we should wait until it all settles. At the same time, with all of the equipment that they had back there, they tore up the opposite side of the road, and yet they want us to participate. Councilman Gerding stated that they should replace the whole thing and the city should not be participating in this. The road was not in bad shape and wasn't all cracked up and sunken in until the Water District came through.

The Mayor gave thanks to Cindy Wehry for Yard of the Month and Nancy Bay for her work on the Cruise in / Concert. Despite the bad weather the event was very nice.

Brenda Helton stated that the trees in the park have all been trimmed and cleaned up around the grounds, and the dead ones have been removed. Thanks to the Tree Board for participating with Public Works in this project.

Lou Gerding stated that a letter was included in the correspondence packet about community room use, and he would like this to be discussed at the September caucus meeting.

Sandy Ross commended the city clerk for the minutes, which were some of the longest that we have had and there were no requested changes on them. Also, she gave thanks to the city for the many condolences and lovely flowers.

Brandon Voelker updated Council on the Plaza Drive issue. He stated that he has spoken to Mr. Morris, and it is his understanding that Mr. Morris will have Michels Construction make the necessary repairs. Mr. Voelker stated that he also spoke to White Castle. Mayor Stoeber requested that Brandon Voelker make absolutely sure that NKAPC is on site to watch what is going on. Mr. Voelker stated that he did give the punch list to Mr. Morris, and also Michels Construction and White Castle. CDS engineer Mark Brueggemann will also be contacted. Mayor Stoeber asked that we be informed when this work is scheduled to be done. This would be helpful, especially since Councilman Gerding has particular interest, as we all do, in this project.

The winner of the American flag and pole was resident Steve Jacobs.

Lou Gerding made a motion to adjourn the August 23rd meeting, and Stuart Oehrle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approved:**

**City Clerk:**

**Mayor:**