

Cold Spring City Council October 27, 2008

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, Charles Gray, Dave Guidugli, Rob Moore and Kathy Noel – Stuart Oehrle was excused. Also present were Ed Burk, Rita Seger, and Brandon Voelker.

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

Cindy Wehry with the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission announced that the October winners of the Yard of Month award are David and Brenda Aubrey, of 970 Pooles Creek Road. This is the last Yard of the Month award for 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey received a framed, matted photograph of their home and yard, and also a \$25.00 gift certificate from Meijers Cold Spring Store. Mayor Stoeber congratulated and thanked Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey.

Dave Guidugli, who is our representative on the Cable Board, announced that on Tuesday, November 11th a public hearing will be held at 6:30 pm the Southgate Community Center, 301 West Walnut Street. The public hearing is regarding bid proposals from parties interested in operating competitive cable television systems within the confines of the Cable Board's jurisdiction. Input will be received from the public on the pros and cons of negotiations with Cincinnati Bell's competitive cable television bid proposal. Mayor Stoeber questioned if residents will eventually be able to choose which cable service they have, or if one service takes all. Dave Guidugli stated that it will be competing services between the two, at each household level, although Cincinnati Bell will not come in and do countywide right away because of the expense, but they are looking into targeting certain areas in the county for now. Mr. Guidugli stated that we need a lot of people to come in and voice their opinions.

Day in the Park was held on Sunday, October 5th. It was a beautiful day and we had a wonderful crowd. There were many things to do and it was so much fun for the children. Mayor Stoeber expressed his appreciation to the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission for all that they do.

Halloween will be held on Friday, October 31st from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Please be extremely careful and watch out for the children when driving home from work.

Election Day will be held on Tuesday, November 4th. Polls are open from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. All votes are very important. Please show your support and vote for your new council members, and let them know you are encouraging them.

Our Veteran's Day Service will be held on Sunday, November 9th at 1:00 pm at our Veteran's Memorial. We hope to see everyone there for this very honorable and memorable event.

Mayor Stoeber added an important item of interest on a topic that is sadly the number one community issue in the city, which is drug activity. Cold Spring is not any worse than any other city, but he doesn't want to be blind to say that it doesn't exist or that we are better than anyone else. He has asked Police Chief Ed Burk to give us an awareness of this drug activity. If you are aware of, see or are concerned about drug activity in your neighborhood, you can call 911 or the county dispatch.

Chief Ed Burk stated that drug activity is the number one real crime issue in the city. From January 1 to September 30th of this year, there have been fifty drug arrests within the city, thirteen in the first quarter, twenty-one in the second quarter and this last quarter there were sixteen arrests for drug activity. Mayor Stoeber stated that is one arrest every two days in the city. Look for it and watch for it.

Chief Burk reviewed the number of arrests made for possession of marijuana, trafficking marijuana, possession of a control substance such as prescription items not in a proper container or they do not hold a prescription, possession of a controlled substance such as cocaine or crack, possession of hydrocodone, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Thirty one of these arrests were on US 27, Industrial Road, and the AA Highway. Many of these arrests were a result of traffic stops. Mayor Stoeber stated that it is amazing how our officers can turn a traffic stop into a drug arrest very quickly. They are very skilled.

Chief Burk gave a breakdown on the cities where the fifty of those arrested resided. He stated that four of them were actually residents of the Cold Spring. Many of these drug arrests are a result of them stealing money to pay for their drug habit.

Last year we had seventy five DUI arrests by officers in the city. These people were taken off the street which makes residents' lives a whole lot safer. Most of the DUI arrests were made by Officer Nick Love, who is one of the newest officers in our department. He is also the officer who has made the most drug arrests in the city. The county prosecutor was invited to a conference down in Lexington and he was asked to invite one law enforcement officer from the county. He requested that Nick Love be that officer to represent the county. This is quite an honor and speaks well for Officer Love's dedication and hard work.

Ed Burk stated that if you see something that looks unusual, such as people hanging in an area, talking, passing things back and forth and it doesn't look right, call dispatch and have an officer come and check it out.

Mayor Stoeber said that by using the arrest records of last year, that averages to slightly one DUI in the city per week. With every one that gets caught, there are many more out on the streets regularly. Any of these could have been witnessed by someone in the city. Help our police force and more importantly our community by just watching. If something doesn't look right, call county dispatch, they do not mind getting your call.

Rob Moore verified that you can call 911 for this, especially if you feel that this is an emergency and you really feel this is an active drug deal or an assault. Ed Burk concurred, but it would be better to phone the dispatch number unless you feel it is an emergency. Brenda Helton verified that the dispatch number is 292-3622.

There will be a drawing for a flag for any resident remaining at the end of this meeting.

The minutes of the September 22nd council meeting were reviewed by all. Dave Guidugli made a motion for approval and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the October 9th public hearing were reviewed by all. Rob Moore made a motion for approval and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor with the exception of Lou Gerding who abstained.

The minutes of the October 9th special meeting were reviewed by all. Charles Gray made a motion for approval and Kathy Noel seconded the motion. All were in favor with the exception of Lou Gerding who abstained.

The minutes of the October 13th special meeting were reviewed by all. Lou Gerding made a motion for approval and Rob Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resident Keith Van Meter thanked the Police Department for their vacation checks, 121 times, while he was away. They did a fine job and he appreciated it.

Municipal Order 08-09 was read, appointing Joan Aker to the Cold Spring Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission to fill a vacancy which will expire on July 19, 2011. Kathy Noel made a motion to approve this appointment and Lou Gerding seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Stoeber stated that our finance office is in a transition period with Tom Benke's retirement. This month's finance statement will be corrected next month to reflect the correct interpretation of percentages to actual budget spent.

Chief Ed Burk stated that because of the new School Resource Officer, we have had no calls to the Co-op School last month, and only two for this month. This number is way down.

Mayor Stoeber stated that public works is actively working, sealing, repairing streets and are quite busy.

Rob Moore voiced his concern about Park Board grants which need to be renewed each year. Mayor Stoeber stated that we will have our current bookkeeper check on this.

Charles Gray stated that a couple of churches, Immanuel Baptist and First Baptist Church in the Cold Spring community are holding "Truck or Treat" programs on Friday night, where they have trucks set up and give away a lot of goodies.

The American flag and pole were awarded to David Aubrey of Pooles Creek Road.

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

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Charles Gray and seconded by Dave Guidugli. All were in favor. Motion carried. No action was taken as a result of this executive session.

Motion to adjourn the October 27th regular council meeting was made by Lou Gerding and seconded by Dave Guidugli. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved:

City Clerk:

Mayor: