

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Heinen at 6:30 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Dave Heinen and Council Members Mike Fall, Ryan Hennen, and Doug Schmitz. Absent: Fran Ramler. Others present: Kris Dockendorf, Brian Lintgen, Jason Blum, Jon Stueve, Kelsi Sauer, Karen Rausch, Sam Butler, Angela Dietrich, Shawn Dietrich, Rhonda Iten, Cindee Kron, Alice Schreifels, Angie Neisinger, Tina Barak and Joe Jelovnick.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Alice Schreifels stated that additional consideration should be given before joining GARE. She stated that they work off the premise that America is racist and that their trainings are based on critical race theory. She inquired whether the school district has been invited to participate and questioned how many members of the AdHoc committee were actual residents of Cold Spring.

Angie Neisinger stated that she believes that GARE will not bridge the gaps and that everyone should be accountable to each other instead of handing power over to the government. She stated that the character of Cold Spring citizens doesn't belong to the government to manage. She also stated that many community leaders have stepped away from their involvement with the AdHoc committee and stated that there is lack of engagement and participation.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – November 9, 2022 Regular Meeting and November 16, 2022 Special Meeting

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

TINA BARAK, INCLUSION COMMITTEE – REQUEST FOR MAILING OF COMMUNITY LETTER

Tina Barak from the Inclusion Committee presented a request to send a copy of the letter that was approved at the October 25th Council meeting and published in the Cold Spring Record, to all City residents at an approximate cost of \$650. Barak stated she has reached out to the school board about the results of the study conducted by DeYoung and has asked them to participate. Councilor Fall stated that he contacted GARE to inquire about a price adjustment for the size of Cold Spring and they seemed responsive on considering an adjustment if the City fills out an application for membership. He also suggested that if a city-wide mailing is done that a survey be included with it to gauge resident support of joining GARE, since it would be paid with resident's tax money. Discussion led to whether only city residents should be on the inclusion and equity AdHoc committee. After some time it was apparent that a consensus would not be reached on sending the letter.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION ON MAILING A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

RICHMOND POLICE CONTRACT

Chief Blum explained that the Richmond City Council approve the contract at their workshop and requested that the language relating to a multi-year contract be taken out, since this is only a one-year contract. Cold Spring City staff agreed, and the contract was reviewed by the City Attorney who also approved the change. MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF RICHMOND FOR POLICE SERVICES FOR 2023, WITH THE SECOND PARAGRAPH UNDER "CHARGES FOR SERVICES" STRIKEN, WHICH ADDRESSES MULTIPLE YEARS OF SERVICE; FURTHERMORE, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLD SPRING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Request to Replace and Fix Lights at Pioneer Park

Stueve explained that several wires had been ripped by the loader and some just didn't work at all. He recommended replacement and repairing them which wasn't included in the budget but there is still funds left in that line item within the current budget.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE REPLACING AND FIXING LIGHTS AT PIONEER PARK BY FABER ELECTRIC AT A COST OF \$3,665.00; FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF PARKS EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND BUDGET LINE ITEM #6313. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Request to Hire Part-Time Plow Drivers

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF ERIC BOUCHER, DAVE DINGMANN, RON FUCHS, MARK HENNEN, CHAD VOGT, AND GABE DOUGLAS AS PLOW TRUCK DRIVERS FOR 2022-2023 WINTER AT THE PAY RATE FOR GROUP 3 STEP 0 OF THE PAY SCALE. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

C. Request to Purchase Chemical Feed Pump

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CHEMICAL FEED PUMP FROM VESSCO AT A COST OF \$4,200.00; FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF WASTEWATER EQUIPMENT BUDGET LINE ITEM #6311. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

D. Request for Electrical Consultant for Wastewater Treatment Plant

Stueve stated that the consultant would thoroughly go through the existing plant to determine what can stay and what needs to go for the future needs at the plant.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE HIRING MASTER ELECTRIC INC. TO REVIEW ALL ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS AT THE WASTEWATER PLANT AT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE EXPANSION PROJECT, AT A COST OF \$2,553.00; FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF WASTEWATER ENGINEERING BUDGET LINE ITEM #6215. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. 2022 Brewery Sanitary Improvements

Lintgen stated that the bridge piers are being installed.

B. Water Treatment Plant

Lintgen stated that they are coordinating start-up of the plant in the coming weeks and that it may take a month or two before it's actually running.

C. Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment

Lintgen stated that the footings for the buildings are being worked on and the tip up panels should be here the second week in December.

D. Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facility

Lintgen stated that they will be setting up a meeting with the City of Rockville to discuss their needs.

E. Presentation of the Feasibility Report for the 2023 Improvements Project

Lintgen presented the Feasibility Report going over the components of the project and map of the project areas. Councilor Fall inquired whether the reconstruction of 2nd Street North sidewalks and curb and gutter was included in the report. Lintgen stated that it was not and stated that the report would need to be revised to include it. He added that the projected timeline would then be off by a month due to advertising and public hearing requirements. The Council agreed by general consensus that it would be best to add this section to the Feasibility Report even if it does push the timeline.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Tom Decker Memorial Commemoration Ceremony

Chief Blum stated that the Tom Decker Memorial Commemoration Ceremony will be on November 27th at 1 p.m. at St. Boniface Church. He thanked Paul Waletzko for organizing the ceremony.

B. Snow Parking

Chief Blum reminded the public that the snow parking regulations are anytime and inch or more of falling or blowing snow is received that there is no on street parking.

C. Storage Unit Thefts

Chief Blum stated there have been several thefts from storage units throughout the County and reminded everyone to lock their doors and report suspicious activity.

D. Other

Councilor Fall stated that he received a letter requesting more electronic speed signs. Chief Blum stated that he recently checked the data collected at the speed sign on 1st Street South and in the last month there was a 90-96% compliance rate for traffic. Discussion led to whether another electronic sign would be needed for westbound traffic at a cost of \$4,000-\$5,500. Staff stated they have already talked to the County about adding a regular speed limit sign in this area.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Request to Hire Full-Time Temporary Administrative Assistant

Dockendorf explained that interviews had been conducted and the hiring committee recommended Dennielle Hofmann for the position.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF DENNIELLE HOFMANN FOR THE POSITION OF TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AT A RATE OF \$20.46 PER HOUR, (STEP 3, GROUP 3), CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A BACKGROUND CHECK. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Cold Spring Brewing Company Amendment to Agreement

Dockendorf explained that the Brewery had agreed to the upfront payment of \$500,000, the city’s contribution of \$500,000 and that the rest of the \$3.1 million would be in monthly payments. The Brewery had requested a 20-year term for repayment, while City staff suggested seven years, which was then discussed, and the Council agreed to changing it to a ten-year term. She stated that she had the City Attorney go ahead with a first draft of the amendment agreement to keep things moving forward.

C. Boards and Commissions Openings

Dockendorf stated that on December 31st of each year terms expire for some of the positions on the various commissions and boards. She requested permission to advertise to accept applications for those the open seats.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO ADVERTISE FOR THE ANNUAL OPENINGS ON THE VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Commission Updates

A. Planning Commission

Councilor Fall stated that they discussed the Lot 1, Block 1 of Maple Ridge 1st Addition. He stated they also discussed not vacating Co Rd 49 through River Links Addition.

B. EDA

Councilor Schmitz stated they discussed two revolving loans, goals for CEDA and the need for more Business Park land.

C. Park Board

Councilor Hennen stated that they discussed the areas in the River Links Plat that are designated for parks.

D. Rocori Trail

Councilor Schmitz stated that the project is coming to an end, that they will be tearing down the fencing soon and that the wear course will be applied next spring.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$126,210.77 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$3,033.19 AS PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY FALL, TO ADJOURN AT 8:08 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

David Heinen, Mayor

Kris Dockendorf, City Administrator