

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Heinen at 5:00 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Dave Heinen and Council Members Mike Fall, Ryan Hennen, Doug Schmitz and Fran Ramler. Others present: Kris Dockendorf, Sam Butler, Jason Blum, Jon Stueve, Cliff Johnson, Matt Hesse, Tom Kratz, Larry Zeman, Pat Donlin, Tim Holthaus, Dan Weber, Molly Buerman, Gary Stang, Merrilee Stang, Mike O'Connor, Boy Scout Troop 15 and Joe Jelovnick.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Heinen welcomed Boy Scout Troop #15 to the meeting. Cliff Johnson from the Cold Spring Area Historical Society announced a Pearl Harbor speaking event they would be co-hosting on April 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. He also stated their new hours and presented a piece from the museum as a visual Way Back When featuring a handmade radio from the 1920s created by Steve Muggli, Sr.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE MARCH 12, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – February 26, 2025 Regular Meeting

B. Nicholas P. Koenig HERO Foundation, LG220 Application for Exempt Permit, for a Raffle to be held April 5, 2025 at The Great Blue Heron

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Purchase of Five Picnic Tables

Stueve explained that this purchase is part of the five-year plan to replace all the picnic tables in the parks. He stated that this is year three of the five year plan.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FIVE COMPOSITE PICNIC TABLES FROM N.O.F. INC. AT A COST OF \$5,475.00; TO BE PAID FROM PARK DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM #6311. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Purchase New Ex-Mark Lawnmower

Stueve explained that the price for this lawnmower is on the state bid which saves approximately \$3,000. He stated that no units are being traded in and that this will be the only mower with a 72-inch deck, which will be useful when mowing large open areas.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW EX-MARK LAWNMOWER FROM POWERHOUSE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT, INC. AT A COST OF \$11,279.00; TO BE PAID FROM PARK DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM #6311. MOTION PASSED 4-1. ROLL CALL VOTE, AYES – RAMLER, FALL, HENNEN AND HEINEN, NAYES – SCHMITZ.

C. Purchase Titan Powerline Paint Sprayer

Stueve explained that last year they borrowed the City of Richmond's sprayer which worked great. He stated he obtained two quotes and that this model will be used to paint road stripes, crosswalks, and curbs.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A TITAN POWERLINE PAINT SPRAYER FROM SHERWIN WILLIAMS AT A COST OF \$5,850.00; TO BE PAID FROM STREET DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM #6311. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

D. Replace Make-Up Unit

Stueve explained this unit is on the digester building. He stated that it is basically an air exchanger and is essential to operations. He explained their plan to carry it over into the rehabbed building when the expansion project happens.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A MAKE-UP UNIT FROM WEIDNER'S MECHANICAL AT A COST OF \$26,299.00; TO BE PAID FROM WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT REPAIRS LINE ITEM #6313. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

E. Replace Cooling Unit on UV Building

Stueve explained that he obtained two bids and that the cooling unit is needed to keep the electrical panels from overheating in the UV building.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A COOLING UNIT ON THE UV BUILDING AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FROM WEIDNER'S MECHANICAL AT A COST OF \$12,275.00; TO BE PAID FROM WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT PARTS AND MATERIALS LINE ITEM #6314. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

F. Updates

Stueve gave an update on the Maintenance Shop construction project including that the fire suppression is finished and the rough-in for plumbing and electrical are done.

CONSIDERATION OF CHARITABLE GAMBLING LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Dockendorf stated that she had received a request from River Oaks Golf Course to have charitable gambling at their location. She explained that the Council had directed her to place an advertisement to charitable organizations to apply for the premise permit. She stated the applicants were Cold Spring Fire Department, Cold Spring Lions, and Cold Spring Legion. The Council then heard from each of the three applicants who gave an introduction to their organizations and spoke about their charitable gambling experiences. Councilor Fall felt strongly that priority should be given to the organization with the least amount of other gambling sites, which would be Cold Spring Lions. Overall the Council stated that all three organizations are worthy and do great things for the community. Tim Holthaus from River Oaks Golf stated that Cold Spring Fire had helped him get the ball rolling on the charitable gambling site process, so he was leaning in favor of them receiving the premise permit. Mayor Heinen stated he was for Cold Spring Fire as did Councilors Schmitz and Hennen. Councilors Fall and Ramler were in favor of Cold Spring Lions.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HEINEN, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GAMBLING PREMISES PERMIT APPLICATION FOR COLD SPRING FIRE AT RIVER OAKS GOLF COURSE. MOTION PASSED 4-1. ROLL CALL VOTE, AYES – HENNEN, FALL, SCHMITZ AND HEINEN, NAYES – RAMLER.

PURCHASE OF AIR EXCHANGE SYSTEM FOR NEW FIRE STATION

Matt Hesse explained the need for the air exchange system at the new Fire Station. He stated that he obtained two quotes and is recommending the purchase from Manegrip based on the flexibility of the proposed system since it can be over-ridden and has a timer feature as well. He also described other benefits of it costing less for operation and maintenance.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW AIR EXCHANGE SYSTEM FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION FROM MAGNEGRIP FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$62,308.00. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

INTRODUCTION OF MIKE O'CONNOR, CEO OF COLDSRING

Mike O'Connor introduced himself to the Council stating that he was named the CEO of Coldspring about two months ago. He stated that he joined the company about six years ago. He stated he would like to keep an open line of communication with the Council and if there are any requests that they can be directed to him. The Council thanked him for coming to the meeting and for the recent donation of the granite for the exterior of the Fire Station. Mayor Heinen also stated that there may be a request coming soon for granite capstones for the Council ring at Lookout Park.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. Updates

Butler stated the contracts are signed for the 2025 Main Street project and are being reviewed by the City Attorney. He stated that city staff, the City Attorney and himself are still working through the draft agreement with the City of Rockville. He stated that he plans to have it ready for the next Council meeting for Council to review it before presenting it to the City of Rockville.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Updates

Chief Blum presented the monthly report for February 2025. He stated that there has been a recent increase in the number of wrong way drivers on Highway 23, one of which was a person having a medical issue, one was a stolen vehicle and the other is an unknown reason resulting in two fatalities being investigated by State Patrol. He stated that there has been an increase in the number of DWIs and also in the level of intoxication involved in them. Councilor Fall brought up issues with snowmobilers in town.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Approve Purchase of Copier

Dockendorf explained that the color copier is 13 years old and not working properly. She stated that three quotes were obtained and reviewed by staff.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A KYOCERA COLOR COPIER FROM COORDINATED BUSINESS SYSTEMS, LTD AT A COST OF \$4,373.50, TO BE PAID FROM ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM #6413. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Updates

Dockendorf stated she has submitted requests for funding for the Wastewater Treatment Facility to both the House and the Senate for the State Bonding Bill. She also explained how she is submitting requests through each individual portal as it becomes available for federal funding too.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$1,010,625.60 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$30,190.83 AS PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO ADJOURN AT 5:51 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Dave Heinen, Mayor

Kris Dockendorf, City Administrator