

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 4, 2010

Mayor Rick Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present on roll call: Grimley, Ballantyne, Neff, Shebetka and Gerdemann. Also present: Chuck Lange, Karen Anderson, Doug Beard and Deputy Lemense.

Mayor Heeren opened the Public Hearing on: **Vacation of an Alley Intersecting Property at 104 1st Avenue.** There being no oral or written comments Heeren closed the public hearing at 7:05 pm.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Ballantyne, second by Shebetka to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Lemense gave the patrol report for December 21st thru January 4, 2010. December hours of service: 121.70. Discussion took place on complaints of snowmobiles running down sidewalks, across private property and parking on private property. City Hall will place copies of the snowmobile route at the bars, convenience stores and in the next newsletter.

Maintenance: The guys continue to plow snow and mix sand and salt. The City contracted for one hundred ton salt, with the contract stipulating the City must take delivery of 80 ton of salt. A normal year sees usage of 75-80 ton of salt used. Chuck is looking to hold over some of the salt for next year. Mayor Heeren reported Susan Cooper asked that the Library be given some salt in a bucket for janitor Scott Kilburg to apply in front of the Library when he shovels the sidewalk. Chuck explained the salt is very expensive as it melts to 30° degrees below zero and that the public works department preferred to distribute it on the sidewalks for city entities. Ballantyne noted Scott clears the sidewalk in the very early morning and would need the salt at that time so a small bucket of salt would need to be provided for the Library. The snowblower broke down and has been repaired. There was a sewer back up on 5th Avenue on Christmas Eve. The homeowner called Hiner Plumbing. Jake checked it out and determined there were roots in the City main. Roto-Rooter jetted the line to move the solids through. Chuck and Todd came back later and cut roots in the line. Chuck reported when the sewer system was televised this was marked as one of the trouble spots.

Mayor: Mayor Heeren expressed goals for the new administration. Rick noted the need to be a proactive council that must work with businesses, churches, the school and various clubs, boards and organizations in Springville. Heeren also stated the council are stewards for the safety, welfare and future of Springville.

Clerk: Bixler noted the following reports: MTD and YTD overtime report, contractor pay report and the January library calendar. Also noted: new federal requirements for traffic sign standards, USDA loans and grants available through the Recovery and Reinvestment Act and a valuation report from the Linn County Assessor.

Old Business

Nuisance Abatement: Bixler noted Mayor Cooper asked her to report he has spoken with Attorney Taylor on the status of his research on ownership of the 173 Broadway property. Taylor has been busy with other items and has not gotten to the 173 Broadway research or review of the documents involved with building inspection services with the City of Marion.

Attorney Update on Review of Documents for Building Inspection Contract Service with City of Marion:
tabled due to no report.

New Business:

2010 Appointments & Committees: Motion was made by Neff, second by Grimley to adopt the following appointments and committees : Mayor pro-tem; Jeff Grimley, City Clerk/Treasurer, Flood Plain Administrator & Zoning Administrator; Karen Bixler, Public Works Director; Chuck Lange, City Attorney; Jeff Taylor, Sheriff's Department; Linn County, Fire Chief; Todd Wyman, Newspaper; CR Gazette, City Engineer; Shoemaker & Haaland. Budget & Finance; Grimley, Neff, Heeren, Bixler, Board of Adjustment; Ballantyne, Economic Development; Heeren, EMA; R. Shebetka, Library; Ballantyne, School; Grimley, Personnel; Ballantyne, Heeren, Gerdemann, Parks; R. Shebetka, Policy; Bixler, Neff, Heeren, Shebetka, Fire Dept.; Heeren, Cemetery; Bixler, Palmer, Koppenhaver, Brady, Zoning Representative; Gerdemann. All ayes, motion carried.

Budget Committee Meeting: January 25th at 5:00 pm.

Tobacco Product Sales Violation: Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Ballantyne to proceed with civil proceeding against Casey's General Store for violation of tobacco sales laws. All ayes, motion carried.

Sealcoat Bids: Chuck explained the premise of sealcoating streets, his preference for the bids received from MSI and L.L. Pelling and why the bid process was necessary, as requested by councilman Shebetka. Bixler noted there will be approximately \$10,500 in I-Jobs funds received by the state for a designated street project along with monies budgeted from the road use fund for the annual sealcoat project. Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka approving the low bid for sealcoating submitted by MSI, Inc. All ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance #6-2009: AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2006 EDITION AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2006 EDITION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES. No action.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Ballantyne to approve **Resolution #01-2010; A RESOLUTION PROPOSING VACATION AND SALE OF AN ALLEY INTERSECTING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 104 FIRST AVENUE SPRINGVILLE, IOWA.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Mayor Heeren reminded everyone of the notice received from IDOT in reference to the J-Turn Intersection public informational meeting scheduled for January 12, 2010 at the Legion from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. He encouraged all council and citizens to attend the meeting.

The next meeting of the Springville City Council is set for **January 18, 2010.**

Motion by Grimley, second by Gerdemann to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

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