

## **SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

### **February 15, 2010**

Mayor Rick Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Grimley, Ballantyne, Neff, Shebetka and Gerdemann. Also present: Chuck and Vicki Lange, Doug Beard, Steve Shaffer, Lisa Stephenson, Deb Yeisley, Maretta Ralston, Todd, Jennifer, Katie and Cati Wyman, and Deputy Payne.

Mayor Heeren opened the public hearing on the City's ***Intent to Vacate an Alley***. There being no one present who wished to speak and no written comment received Heeren closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Payne gave the patrol report for January 25<sup>th</sup> thru February 12, 2010. January hours of service: 107.70. The Deputy noted the written report from January 5<sup>th</sup> through January 25, 2010 was incomplete due to computer work yet to be completed because of the move back to Cedar Rapids.

**Maintenance:** The third load of salt has been delivered for a winter to date total of 75 ton. Chuck hopes this gets us thru the winter. Hoddy Gates repaired the electrical problem in the shop. Mayor Heeren noted the guys put 11.5 hours into the project and inquired what their assistance in the job consisted of. Chuck is still waiting for a repair bid on the 256 Broadway electrical problem. The backhoe is now operational after a hose broke during snow removal.

**Mayor:** Mayor Heeren reminded everyone that the 2010 Census questionnaires will be delivered in March. He encouraged everyone to fill out their questionnaire and return it to the Census Bureau. Federal and state funding is based on the census count. An accurate count of our population ensures Springville receives it's fair share of funding.

**Clerk:** Bixler is looking into an I-Jobs grant and an energy efficiency and conservation grant that have become available. Such funding would aid in financing a sewer rehabilitation project as already identified by the city engineer, Shoemaker and Haaland.

#### **Old Business**

**Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway Street:** Attorney Hammond noted the best way for the City to proceed with abatement of the 173 Broadway property is to site the property owner with committing a municipal infraction. The current property owner(s) must be identified and served with a civil citation. Bixler is working on identifying the owner(s) of the property.

**Update on Building Inspection Contract Service with City of Marion:** Ron Hoover, City of Marion building inspector, was provided with current council information in order to complete the agreement for service. The contract will then be approved by the Marion City Council and forwarded to Springville for approval, hopefully sometime in March.

## **New Business**

**Casey's Tobacco Violation:** A signed *Acknowledgement/Settlement Agreement* along with a check in the amount of \$300 was received by City Hall today. This satisfies the terms of the complaint against Casey's for a tobacco violation.

**FY 2010-11 Budget:** Council was provided with revenue and expenditure sheets, an YTD profit/loss statement and the completed state budget forms in reference to the FY 2010-11 budget. Jeff gave an overview of the committee's budget process and the projected ending balance for the current year and FY 2010-11. Council discussion followed. Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka setting March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. as the time and date for the public hearing on the proposed FY 2010-11 budget. All ayes, motion carried.

**Employee Manual Revisions:** Council discussed revisions to the *Employee Manual* as recommended by the personnel committee. Heather requested a spreadsheet detailing the financial impact to each employee and to the City that changes made to the overtime policy, contractor pay, holiday pay, etc... would make. Comments/concerns were heard from Todd and Jennifer Wyman and Chuck and Vicki Lange. Bixler will meet with the personnel committee to formulate such a spreadsheet for the next council meeting.

**Computer Needs:** Discussion was held on the computers at City Hall. Both are over 5 years old and staff is experiencing operational problems with both computers. A new computer purchase is scheduled for next fiscal year but Susan's computer is indicating a shortage of memory capacity. Bixler inquired if the new computer purchase should be moved to this fiscal year. Heather and Jeff volunteered to check out Susan's computer before a decision is made.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Gerdemann to approve the third and final reading of **Ordinance #1-2010: AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN EAST WEST ALLEY THAT INTERSECTS LOTS 1 & 2 AND LOTS 3 & 4 OF BLOCK 13 OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried. Said ordinance shall become effective upon its publication as provided by law.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Gerdemann to approve the third and final reading of **Ordinance #2-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA BY ADDING A NEW SECTION LIMITING PARKING TO THE EAST SIDE OF 8<sup>th</sup> STREET.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried. Said ordinance shall become effective upon its publication as provided by law.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Grimley to approve the first reading of **Ordinance #3-2010: AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2006 EDITION AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2006 EDITION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.** Roll call vote, Shebetka nay. Remaining aye, motion carried.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka to approve the first reading of **Ordinance #4-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA 2009 BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO FEES FOR RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE DISPOSAL CHARGES.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Grimley, second by Shebetka to approve the first reading of **Ordinance #5-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA 2009 BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SANITARY SEWER RATES AND CHARGES.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Grimley, second by Shebetka to approve the first reading of **Ordinance #6-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA 2009 BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER RATES AND CHARGES.** Roll call vote, all ayes.  
Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** The council discussed correspondence Representative Nate Willems sent to residents of Springville and Cedar Rapids Gazette articles concerning the proposed J-Turn intersection.

The next meeting of the Springville City Council is set for **March 1, 2010.**

Motion by Shebetka, second by Gerdemann to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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**Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Clerk**

*\*\*minutes not official until approved by City Council*