

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 10, 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: Ballantyne, Gerdemann, Shebetka and Neff. Grimley was absent. Also present: Chuck Lange, Doug Beard, Steve Shaffer, Tom Miller, Jeff Ward, Tim Scriver and Deputy Meyer.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Neff, second by Gerdemann to approve the consent agenda subject to removal of the payment voucher for Meardon, Sueppel and Downer, P.L.C. until the next meeting when the firm shall be recognized by inclusion in Chapter 20; City Attorney of the Springville Code of Ordinances. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Steve Shaffer of 157 5th Street North noted that the 5th Street signs on the north side of 1st Avenue do not have indications of an N for north on them and most on the south side of 1st Avenue do not have the S for South on them either and some street signs just are missing. Also, that a fox is residing within the city limits. Doug Beard noted to make sure designation of north or south on street signs are correct, as many in Springville are not.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Meyer gave the patrol report for hours of service from April 19, 2010 through May 10, 2010. April hours of service: 101.20.

Maintenance: The stumps have been cleared out of the city right of way, the tree trimming has been completed in the 20 foot city easement and the dirt has been leveled and is ready for seeding. Bushes were trimmed at 201 1st Avenue. Chuck noted many bushes are hanging over on the sidewalks in the City. He will get a list together for the Clerk's office to send notices requesting bushes be trimmed back off the sidewalks. The guys cleaned the bank of all the gravel from the FEMA project at the sewer plant, cleaned catch basins, water shutoffs, worked with D&D Tree Service to get chipping done at the yard waste sight, replaced a stop sign at the intersection of 5th and 6th streets, and marked for a headstone placement. Discussion was held on the sewer main to the school. There is no record of an easement for maintenance of the main and no record of ownership of the main. Discussion continued on possible dedication of the main to the school. Chuck noted the storm sewer on 5th Street needs repair and is totally inadequate to handle rain water during a storm. Both these items will be put on the next council agenda.

Mayor: Rick noted another citizen, James Koppenhaver for his hard work and dedication to Springville. Jim was seen sweeping parking areas along Broadway Street and shoveling the sand out of the gutter and placing it in a large plastic container to transport out of the area. Jim also volunteers his time at the cemetery for spring and fall cleanup and trimming trees, straightening graves, keeping the trash barrels empty and just generally whatever needs to be done at the cemetery. Mayor Heeren thanked Jim for his dedication to Springville.

Other Reports: Roger attended the May Park Board meeting. Discussion was held on plans for the park system. Roger is working on securing a Kirkwood Wetlands grant for the Graham Park Wetlands Project. A cleanup project for Lower Butler Park is scheduled for Saturday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Another park cleanup is scheduled for June 12th. All citizens are encouraged to participate. Roger has talked with a brick layer for an estimate to repair the brick columns at Butler Park.

Library Board minutes for meetings on March 2nd, April 6th and April 19th, Library finance reports for February and March, quarterly finance reports for the Fire Department and Parks, the building permit report and the April overtime report were provided for the council. Fun Days are scheduled for August 13th and 14th.

Old Business

Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway Street: Atty. Jeff Taylor forwarded the nuisance abatement notice to the attorney for the Smith estate and has contacted the attorney for a notice of service receipt. The Smith attorney noted the client no longer resides in Iowa and is not returning paperwork back to the office in a timely manner. Shebetka voiced frustration with the lack of progress and noted something needs to be done with the property sooner than later.

Gazebo: A materials expense sheet for the Gazebo was submitted to the Council. Roger noted the project is 100% funded.

New Business

Reconnect Fees: Discussion was held on the water service reconnect procedure. Delinquent accounts holders receive notice by mail that their water service will be shut off if their utility bill is not paid by a certain date and time. On water service shut off day Chuck is coming back into town as many as 3 times after hours and the Clerk is keeping the office open after hours to accommodate payment of the late bills and the reconnect fees. It is usually the same accounts each month that are being shut off. The City charges a reconnect fee of \$25 during business hours and \$50 after business hours. These fees do not cover the cost of the service nor alleviate the recurrence of the same residents being on the list each month. Council directed the Clerk to prepare an ordinance amendment increasing reconnect fees to \$50 during business hours and \$150 for after hours service for the next council meeting.

Sidewalk Repair List: The sidewalk repair list for the season was presented to the council. Chuck explained the specifications that he works with to determine what sidewalks need repair. Bixler was instructed to prepare a resolution for the next council meeting.

Fence Agreement: Motion by Ballantyne, second by Neff approving the fence agreement between Thomas and Maura Walsh and the City of Springville to place a fence on the shared property line. Maintenance of the fence is the sole responsibility of the property owner. All ayes, motion carried.

Tree Removal: Tree removal bids for trees on 3rd Avenue and at Upper Butler Park were reviewed by the Council. Motion was made by Ballantyne, second by Shebetka to accept the low bid from Lam Tree Service of \$500 for full removal of the Hackberry tree at 510 3rd Avenue and \$325 for full removal of the Maple Tree in Upper Butler Park. All ayes, motion carried.

Request to Close A Street: Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Neff approving the request from Jeff Ward and Tim Scriver to close the street from 5th Street N. to the alley east on 2nd Avenue for a graduation party on May 30, 2010 from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. All ayes, motion carried. The City will provide barricades and the Clerk will prepare a waiver of liability for both parties to sign.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka to approve **Resolution #10-2010: A RESOLUTION TO FIX A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING LOAN AGREEMENT IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000.** Roll call vote, Grimley absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka to approve the first reading of **Ordinance #8-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE BY REPEALING SECTION #165.25, SUBSECTION 6, PERTAINING TO REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.** Roll call vote, Grimley absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Neff to approve the first reading of **Ordinance #9-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION #165.25, SUBSECTION 4, PERTAINING TO NON-CONFORMING USES.** Roll call vote, Grimley absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: none.

The next meeting of the Springville City Council is set for **May 24, 2010.**

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

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

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