

## **SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

### **June 21, 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: Neff, Gerdemann, Shebetka, and Grimley. Ballantyne was absent. Also present: Doug Beard, Steve Shaffer, Tom Miller, Mike and Dixie Brady, Jake Hiner, Bill Burkle, Scott and Karen Anderson, Jack Miell, and Deputy LeMense.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Neff to approve the consent agenda with deletion of the finance report. All ayes, motion carried.

**Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda:** Jake Hiner informed the Council the Mill Avenue sewer main was plugged. He, Todd and Roto- Rooter worked on the line and sewage is now flowing. However, the line is either collapsed or the joint has become disjointed and one end is sunken. The line will need to be televised to find what the problem is. Jake reminded the council that previously this 8" sewer line serviced the Mill Avenue area but now takes on flow from the Spring Meadows sub-division. Roto-Rooter has the capability of "pipe bursting" the line. The basic concept of the method is that a "sleeve is run thru the bad line, the line is then "burst" leaving the new sleeve. Discussion continued on the need to move forward with the sewer main project (repair and replacement of sewer mains and manholes) as identified by the engineering study.

Bill Burkle was present with questions on the sidewalk letter he received for his apartment building at 254 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Bill presented pictures showing only a slight offset in one corner of a square. He questioned if it was necessary to replace the sidewalk square. It was noted that lifting the square in that corner and putting fill back in to level the square out.

Steve Shaffer reported sewer gas smell in his home, Bixler noted a call was also received about sewer gas from another resident. Jake noted the gas was from flushing the sewer main and should have disappeared by the time of the council meeting.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy LeMense gave the patrol report for hours of service from June 7, 2010 through June 21, 2010. There were 28 calls for service. May hours of service: 122.60.

**Maintenance:** Bids will be taken for the work on the list of trees needing trimming or removal which has now increased due to the storm over the weekend. Two lock and key vendors were contacted for bids to re-key door locks for the water, sewer, shop, City Hall and Community Center. John's Lock and Key will be out to look over all the doors and locks on Tuesday and make a recommendation on the best way to proceed. The sewer plant ran successfully on the generator for 16 hours. Todd is very pleased with new generator.

**Mayor:** Rick reported on a new law of interest from the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the General Assembly. Bill SF434 addresses nuisance properties and tax sales. This bill helps abate nuisance properties by stopping the sale and resale of a nuisance property. The bill helps make potential purchasers of the property aware that the property is subject to a nuisance action, helps prevents the property owner from intentionally conveying the property to a third party to avoid the nuisance action and in the case of a municipal infraction against the property - helps the city ensure the owner abates the nuisance by lessening the likelihood of sale to a third property.

**Other Reports:** May overtime and leave reports and park finance report. The Clerk also reported the State Auditor's Office will perform the city audit in December.

## **Old Business**

**Nuisance Abatement** – Mayor Heeren reviewed the nuisance abatement section of the Springville Code of Ordinances and the proper procedure associated with a complaint.

**173 Broadway Street:** *Dangerous Building* signs have been posted on all doors of the 173 Broadway property. No contact/correspondence has been received from the owner of the property.

**406 High Avenue:** John Bohlken proceeded with the purchase of tax certificates for the 406 High Avenue property.

**Workman Lease:** Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Neff approving the Workman lease and directing the Mayor to sign the same. All ayes, motion carried.

**5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rail:** Two vendors were located to bid on the replacement of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rail. Todd and Karen will review the bids and notify a vendor to proceed with the repair project. Steve Shaffer reported 13 nuts were also missing off the bridge. Public Works has the nuts they just need to get them back on the bridge.

## **New Business**

**Gazebo:** Motion by Neff, second by Gerdemann to establish a Gazebo Trust Account within the Parks Reserve Fund for the purpose of taking over financial tracking of the gazebo project beginning July 1, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

**Interim Public Works Director:** Motion by Shebetka, second Neff to appoint Todd Wyman as Interim Public Works Director at a pay rate of \$20.20 per hour retro-active to May 25, 2010. All ayes, motion carried.

**138 Circle Drive Water Drainage:** Scott Anderson was present for discussion on a drainage problem to the rear of his property. Anderson presented pictures of the ongoing problem of water ponding up in the woods behind his property which is causing a bug and mosquito infestation, making his back yard unusable. The quarry is going to provide fill material and labor to fill the low areas. Anderson felt the current configuration of the drainage on Park Street is contributing to the problem by directing drainage across his back yard. Marc Whitman of Wendling Quarries, Anderson, Todd and Jake Hiner will meet on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. to look at the problem.

**1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Sewer:** requested to be tabled until further notice by Councilman Shebetka.

**Website:** Discussion was held on bringing maintenance of the website back to City Hall. The Clerk will look into classes for netins.net based websites and into GovOffice as a possible replacement.

**Permission to Pay Year End Bills:** Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka approving payment of year end bills. All ayes, motion carried. The Council will receive a claims listing of all bills paid.

**Street Closing Request:** The request to close Academy Street for a SOAP sponsored dance on August 14<sup>th</sup> was referred back to that organization for exact times for closure of the street. Todd will be reminded to contact the county for use of their barricades.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Gerdemann to approve the third and final reading of **Ordinance #10-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE,**

**IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 20; CITY ATTORNEY.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne absent. All ayes, motion carried. Said ordinance shall become effective upon its final passage and posting in 3 places as set out by Chapter 18; Springville Code of Ordinances.

Motion was made by Gerdemann, second by Neff to approve the third and final reading of **Ordinance #11-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO FEES FOR WATER SERVICE RECONNECTION.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne absent. All ayes, motion carried. Said ordinance shall become effective upon its final passage and posting in 3 places as set out by Chapter 18; Springville Code of Ordinances.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka to approve the second reading of **Ordinance #12-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, 2001 FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 165.05; CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL MAP.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne absent. All ayes, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** from Black Hills Energy on a 2.9% proposed rate increase.

The next meeting of the Springville City Council is set for **July 12, 2010** at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Neff, second by Gerdemann to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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**Mayor**

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

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