

## **SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

### **August 02, 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, Ballantyne and Grimley. Also present: Doug Beard, Steve Shaffer, Ian Fox, Dave Haugen, Laddie Nachazel, John Myers, Heather Schrock, Jake Hiner, Todd Wyman and Deputy Grote.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes, motion carried. Council person Neff took this time to go over the status of the fiscal year end finance report with the council.

**Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda:** Heather Schrock and Ian Fox representing Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) spoke to the council on their goal of preventing the sale of tobacco products, especially to teens. They are meeting with every city in Linn County to ask for support in this effort by passing an ordinance that would prevent sampling of tobacco products, price discounting propaganda and tobacco company sponsorship at local events. The policy committee will review a copy of the ordinance.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Grote gave the patrol report for hours of service from July 12, 2010 through August 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were 38 calls for service. July hours of service: 119.90.

**Maintenance:** Todd reported on the status of the Mill Street sewer line replacement, roof bids for well # 3 and the lift station building, bridge railing repair, street patching, water tower cleaning and inspection, new lock installation, city sidewalk repair/replacement and getting ready for Fun Days. He requested that the sidewalk replacement order for 169 4<sup>th</sup> street be stricken from the resolution listing properties required to repair their sidewalks as the square has settled and is no longer out of alignment. Also, explained the bill from Besler Construction for replacement of curb at 504 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and requested to rock the driveway at the upper edge of the sewer plant. This request will be an agenda item at the next council meeting.

**Mayor:** Rick reported on his attendance at the July meeting of Linn County Emergency Management Commission. Discussion of Hazardous Materials, transportation, Communications, Firefighting and Local Storm Watch/Siren activation were the points of business for the meeting.

**Other Reports:** July building permit report, overtime and leave reports, fiscal year end finance reports for the Fire Department and Library and FY 2010 outstanding debt obligation report were submitted to the Council. Motion was made by Neff, second by Ballantyne approving the Clerk's request to attend the Iowa League of Cities Conference from September 22<sup>nd</sup> thru September 24<sup>th</sup> in Coralville. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

**Nuisance Abatement –173 Broadway Street:** Atty. Taylor was present for discussion on how the City should proceed with abatement of the unsafe house and garage on that property. Options include: utilization of Iowa Code Section 657A, municipal infraction or proceed with the City's right to demolish per Iowa Code. Taylor recommends proceeding with abatement thru the municipal infraction process. This allows for a court order to proceed with abatement and to recoup the expense from liquidation of the property. Motion by Neff, second by Shebetka to proceed with abatement of the nuisance thru municipal infraction. All ayes, motion carried.

**Mill Street Sewer Project:** Discussion took place on aspects of the project (pipe bursting versus traditional dig), time frame and bids received for removal and replacement of 325' of 8" sewer main on Mill Avenue.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka to accept the bid from Borst Bros. Construction in the amount of \$41,232 with payment for the project to be expended from the LOST fund. All ayes, motion carried.

**Employee Manual Update:** Robin explained the communication from Atty. Wm. Sueppel in reference to recommended changes to the policy manual. The drug and alcohol policy from C.J. Cooper is being reviewed and those changes will need to be added to the manual along with proof of insurance page and smoke free workplace policies. The revised manual should be ready for the next council meeting.

**Website:** Bixler shared communication from Neil Patterson regarding assistance in bringing website maintenance back to City Hall. Council requested further information and project costs for the next meeting.

**Tree Bids:** Only one bid, from Lam Tree Service, was received for the list of trees needing trimming in the City. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Ballantyne to accept Lam's bid in the amount of \$900 for trimming of several trees in the City. All ayes, motion carried.

### **New Business**

**Public Works Director:** Robin reported the committee is recommending 3 applications for council interview. Meeting dates of August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Buresh Room were established in order that one night is found to suit all candidates.

**Request to Close Street for Fun Days:** Motion by Shebetka, second by Ballantyne approving closing of Academy Street from 9:00 am to midnight and the usual parade route from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. All ayes, motion carried.

**CDBG Grant & Project Engineers for Wastewater Rehab Project:** Heather gave an overall condition of the City's financial condition and recommendation of the finance committee that applying for a CDBG grant and SRF loan money for the sewer rehab project would be the best way for the City to proceed. Previous project estimates of \$550,000 came from Shoemaker and Haaland. City personnel were of the opinion that the estimates was several years old and the sewer mains have continued to deteriorate and that a realistic estimate would be more in the range of \$650,000 to \$800,000. Dave Haugen of MSA was present with information on CDBG grant application and project engineering in reference to the wastewater rehab project. A requirement of the CDBG application is that the City must have 51% of it's' population be in the low to moderate income (LMI) bracket. The 2000 census reported the LMI for Springville at 45%. Since that figure is 10 years old a LMI survey would need to be accomplished with an 80% return rate. A survey can be accomplished by sending each address in the City a survey, insert in the newsletter, setting up a booth at a City Hall or a City function or going door to door. It was noted that return response by mail survey is usually no better than 50% so door to door interaction is usually required at some point. Deadline for the CDBG grant application is sometime this fall (an exact date has not been set). Motion was made by Neff, second by Ballantyne to proceed with MSA as the project grant writers and engineers. All ayes, motion carried.

**Heather Lane Drainage Issues:** Laddie Nachazel and John Myer were present representing St. Isidore's Church. They are unfamiliar with the drainage issues being reported by Heather Lane residents. Neff, a Heather Lane resident, explained the problems being caused in the neighborhood due to run off of rain water from the church parking lot and gutters. Also, that a Heather Lane resident with construction knowledge has offered to diagram a drainage solution and hopefully it would be ready by the next council meeting.

**Street Sealcoat List:** Discussion was held on the Municipal Street Improvements list of streets needing base repair, patching and seal coating. Eganhouse of MSI informed city personnel that many of the streets are in dire condition and if they could not be repaired this year the City should just wait a couple of years and do

reconstruction of the street. The sealcoat bid was \$39,439.56, with \$20,000 being budgeted in the road use funds for street maintenance/repairs. Motion was made by Neff, second by Ballantyne approving the bid from MSI in the amount of \$39,439.56, with \$20,000 being paid from the road use fund, \$10,000 from I-Jobs funding and the remaining balance from LOST. All ayes, motion carried.

**Well #3 and Lift Station Roof Repairs:** Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Neff to accept the bid from Salazar Construction to install steel roofing on well #3, in the amount of \$2,580 and the lift station, in the amount of \$3,210 with a \$250 discount if both projects are done at the same time. All ayes, motion carried.

**Close Yard Waste Site for Fun Days:** Motion by Gerdemann, second by Shebetka to close the yard waste site from Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm thru Fun Days. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Neff, second by Shebetka to have Dryman Trucking help out hauling materials from the yard waste site. All ayes, motion carried. Discussion continued on re-working the bin site. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Neff approving the purchase of 15 used parking bunkers at \$100 each for the project. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Gerdemann to approve the second reading of **Ordinance #13-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA 2009 BY ADDING NEW ITEMS TO SECTION 165.25, SUBSECTION 2, PERTAINING TO C-1, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES & STRUCTURES.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gerdemann, second by Grimley to approve the second reading of **Ordinance #14-2010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA 2009 BY ADDING NEW ITEMS TO SECTION 165.25, SUBSECTION 2, PERTAINING TO C-1, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES & STRUCTURES.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka approving **Resolution #16-2010: A RESOLUTION ADDING A GAZEBO PROJECT TO THE PARK RESERVE FUND.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gerdemann, second by Grimley to approve **Resolution #17-2010: A RESOLUTION SETTING SALARIES FOR LIBRARY PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA FOR FY 2010-11.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Todd submitted correspondence from Pate Asphalt for milling and installation of a 2" asphalt overlay for the downtown business district. It will be on the August 16<sup>th</sup> agenda.

The next meeting of the Springville City Council is set for **August 16, 2010** at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Neff, second by Gerdemann to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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

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Mayor

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