

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 16, 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, Tom Miller, Susan Cooper, Laddie Nachazel, John Myers, Todd Wyman and Deputy Pavelka.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Gerdemann, second by Ballantyne to approve the consent agenda excluding the finance report. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Tom Miller reported vehicles traveling at high rates of speed on Saturday after the "mud run". Also, residents residing at 507 1st Avenue are not mowing the grass outside of the fence and it has become unsightly. It was noted that the problem has already been reported to City Hall and a letter will be sent to the residents. Miller also questioned the algae growth and stagnant water at Cox Lake. Todd noted the pond is treated weekly with algae kill, but that adequate aeration is still a problem.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Pavelka gave the patrol report for hours of service from August 2, 2010 through August 16th. There were 48 calls for service. Actual hours of service: 121.30.

Maintenance: Todd reported on the progress of the yard waste site renovation; the structure has been enlarged and is made up of cement block, will have a gravel base and drainage, material from 3 of the walls was salvaged and will be saved for other projects. Also, everything is ready for Fun Days, he is negotiating arrangements with the County for repair of the culvert on 7th Street, continues to patch streets, the Mill Street project will begin after school starts, Northway Well and Pump will be here this week to pull well #3 pump and the sewer plant called on Friday and Sunday.

Mayor: Spoke on the importance of maintaining and increasing the number of trees with the City limits.

Other Reports: Library Board President gave FY 2009-10 statistics and report on the activities of the Library. Also, the July Library Board minutes and the Library activity calendar for August, and August P&Z minutes.

The Park Board received a \$3,000 "Branching Out" grant to plant trees at Graham Park.

Neff reported the policy committee will review the 2010 Legislative Summary of Bills passed by the General Assembly as provided by Iowa Codification. This legislation will affect city code in that some sections of the code would now be inconsistent with certain State laws.

Old Business:

Nuisance Abatement –173 Broadway Street: The Mayor is waiting to hear back from Atty. Taylor on the City's next step in proceeding with the municipal infraction process on the 173 Broadway property.

Employee Manual Update: Robin stated the changes have been made to the employee manual. Heather will help Robin with the formatting process. Bixler noted the employee insurance stipend is listed in the manual and also listed in the yearly wage resolution. It was decided the insurance stipend page will direct readers to the wage resolution for that information.

Website: Bixler met with Neil Patterson about updating the City website. Patterson has experience/training with Dreamweaver software and has offered to create a mock up of what a new City website would like. Bixler

felt she would need training to be able to run the website. Jeff supplied information about Front Page software, which has now been replaced by Expression software. There is on-line training and a sample of the software can be downloaded for review. It was questioned if the software had enough space to be able to post city ordinances, zoning code, permits, the newsletter etc.... Consensus was to wait and review Patterson's "mock up" using Dreamweaver software.

Heather Lane Drainage Issues: Laddie Nachazel and John Myer were present representing St. Isidore's Church. There is no new information at this time. Heather Lane residents will meet with St. Isidore's representatives about the problem.

New Business

Service Contract for LMI Survey & Project Engineers for Wastewater Rehab Project: Jim Holz of MSA was present to discuss requirements for applications for loans from the State Revolving Fund for planning and design engineering and construction engineering and also CDBG Grants. Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka directing the Mayor to sign agreements with MSA for completion of a LMI Survey and project engineers for the wastewater rehab project. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Works Director: Upon the request of Todd Wyman to go into closed session for discussion on requirements of the PWD position, motion by Grimley, second by Neff to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i) *To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.* Motion by Grimley, second by Shebetka to return to open session at 9:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Neff, second by Shebetka appointing Todd Wyman as Public Works Director at a pay rate of \$20.20 per hour. Neff recommended the council agree to Todd's request to retain his accrued sick leave and receive overtime benefits as dictated in the current handbook. Gerdemann noted that this action would be in deference to any of the handbook revisions currently being proposed for all employees. Ballantyne and Gerdemann nay. Remaining ayes. Motion carried.

City Sidewalk Repairs: The City has several sections of sidewalk listed on this year's sidewalk resolution that have not been repaired yet. Motion was made by Neff, second by Ballantyne directing Todd to solicit bids for the sections of City sidewalk that need repair. All ayes, motion carried. Roger will get help to do the Butler Park sidewalk sections that need replacement.

Sewer Plant Driveway Repair: Todd provided rough estimates on upgrading the sewer plant driveway. Todd thought it would take about 15 loads of rock at \$10 per ton. Consensus was to budget this project for next year in order to keep funds available for the sewer renovation project.

Smart Planning Grant: Holz spoke with the Council on the Iowa Smart Planning Grant. These grants are for communities in counties that were declared disaster areas a result of the 2008 floods. The grants are intended to support development and adoption of forward-thinking comprehensive plans that would guide long-term recovery efforts and decision making that would aid communities in future development.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Gerdemann to approve the third and final 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. Ordinance #13-2010 is duly adopted and shall be published or posted as prescribed by Springville Code, Chapter 18.05(2); Manner of Publication.

Motion was made by Ballantyne, second by Shebetka to approve the third and final 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. Ordinance #14-2010 is duly adopted and shall be published or posted as prescribed by Springville Code, Chapter 18.05(2); Manner of Publication.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Neff to approve **Resolution #19-2010: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PLAT OF BLK WILSON FIRST ADDITION TO LINN COUNTY, IOWA.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

The next meeting of the Springville City Council is set for **September 8th, 2010** at 7:00 p.m. in the High School gym for the Public Hearing to inform citizens of the City's intent to complete improvements to the municipal sanitary sewer system. **All citizens are encouraged to attend.**

Motion by Neff, second by Gerdemann to adjourn at 9:39 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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