

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

October 4, 2010

Mayor 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: Shebetka, Ballantyne, Neff and Grimley. Also present: Doug Beard, Steve Shaffer, Tom Miller, Dave Haugen, Dennis Goemaat, Mike Brady, Lena Gilbert, Doug and Mareta Ralston, Todd Wyman and Deputy Pavelka.

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

Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Steve Shaffer informed the council that the Historical Society cleaned up the front part of the old library over the weekend in preparation for use of the room as a meeting room and historical display area. He noted the door and windows are "crap" and wanted to know when they would be replaced. Mayor Heeren noted the windows are the same as those in the meeting room and that staff was aware the door jam needed to be repaired.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Pavelka gave the patrol report for hours of service from September 27, 2010 through October 4th. There were 16 calls for service. Current hours of service: 99.70.

Maintenance: Well #3 passed the bacteria test and is now back on line. Two check valves, pipe, pump and motor were all replaced. Todd noted semi-annual discharging of the lagoon is in progress. He is performing extra testing due to more stringent EPA regulations. Also, he and Jake did a walk thru of the sewer utility mains and manholes with MSA, called MSI to come back and do some street sweeping due to dust complaints and will continue to patch streets yet this fall. Dumping of illegal materials at the yard waste site has slowed down, working on getting the street sweeper up and running, needs to get the leaf vac going and winterize equipment. Salt procurement for the year is locked in and sand will be purchase from the quarry. Some salt and sand mix is on hand from last season.

Mayor: none.

Other Reports: submitted for Council review; August Library Board minutes, Library October calendar and August finance report, building permit report, BOA minutes of August 31st and September OT and leave report.

Roger reported on attending the Iowa League of Cities annual conference, working with the Historical Society in getting the old library room cleaned up and ready to go. Also, planting of 38 trees at Graham Park and 4 trees at Cox Lake which were received from a Branching Out grant from Alliant. Roger noted the project could not have been completed without the help of many volunteers, with special thanks going to John Bohlken for providing and running the auger that dug the holes trees were planted in.

Old Business:

Nuisance Abatement –173 Broadway Street: nothing new to report.

Yard Waste Site: Roger noted dumping of illegal materials has greatly decreased. Bixler inquired if the policy committee should still try to meet on the development of a resolution establishing fines for violations of the yard waste site. Roger felt this could be put on hold for now.

New Business

Sidewalk List: Motion was made by Neff, second by Ballantyne accepting the bid from Oberbreckling Construction for replacement of sections of residential sidewalk as flagged and not completed by the deadline. All ayes, motion carried.

Appointment of Council Person to Fill Vacant Seat: Mike Brady, Lena Gilbert and Mareta Ralston were all present as candidates that filled out an application of interest for the position. Per the request of councilman Shebetka each candidate explained why they are interested in the position. Roger asked Mareta Ralston if there would be a problem in her appointment due to the fact that she is Todd's aunt. Mareta noted she was knowledgeable of the fact that as a relative she must abstain on any personnel issues pertaining to Todd. Mayor Heeren noted pages 42 and 43 of the Iowa Municipal Policy Leaders' Handbook pertaining to conflict of interest and nepotism and asked Roger if he had read those sections of the handbook. Roger read the sections aloud and stated he had reviewed them and felt that there would be no problem complying with the conflict of interest and nepotism rule. Roger asked Brady if the reason he was interested in the position had anything to do with the sewer renovation project. Brady replied he has no knowledge of the sewer project and reiterated his reasons for interest in the position that were listed on his application. Shebetka also noted he had a problem with Lena Gilbert bringing her attorney to a council meeting in reference to her property being included in the sidewalk replacement list. Lena explained she felt she was unknowledgeable about law pertaining to her sidewalk situation and simply felt that an attorney would best represent her and deal with the City much more competently than she could. Ballantyne noted she had read all the applications and felt Mike Brady had much experience and attributes stemming from his profession that would benefit the City. Motion was made by Ballantyne to appoint Mike Brady to fill the council seat vacated by Mary Gerdemann. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Neff to appoint Mareta Ralston to the vacant council seat. Ballantyne nay, remaining ayes. Motion carried. Ralston will be sworn in at the next council meeting.

Institute of Public Affairs, Goal Setting Sessions: Due to budget constraints, council consensus was to review utilizing the program at a later date.

CDBG Grant Application & Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project: Dave Haugen of MSA was present to update the council on the status of the CDBG grant application and sanitary sewer system improvement project. A phone conference with Butch Doorenbos who has been assigned to serve as the DNR project manager was held on September 28th at City Hall. This opens the way for the SRF process to begin. Dave briefly addressed the findings of his tour of the system with Todd and Jake. He asked if he should work with Todd and Jake on establishing which mains will be repaired &/or replaced or if the City would like to appoint a committee. Neff felt that the council needed more information on the specifications of the project and asked for a work session of the council for Haugen to give a presentation and recommendations on how to proceed with the project. Council will meet October 14th at 5:00 p.m. for further review of Haugen's findings.

256 Broadway Real Estate Listing: Bixler informed the council that agent Errol Lindsey of Skogman Realty has turned the keys for 256 Broadway back to the City. The 6 month representation agreement has expired with no interest being shown on the property. Council discussion continued on how to proceed. Bixler will contact another realtor for a price assessment and recommendation on how the city should proceed.

LMI Survey: Hagen noted there have been approximately 200 surveys returned which is about 43%. Eighty percent return of the surveys is required. Discussion continued on the fact that to get an 80% return a door to door effort will be required. Council will wait until the October 14th meeting for final numbers on the amount of surveys returned and will then execute a plan to go door to door to acquire the remaining surveys to meet the 80% requirement.

Wickiup Hills Request for CAT Grant Support: Dennis Goematt of Wickiup Hills was present to explain expansion plans for services and facilities. Fund raising efforts are underway which include an application for CAT Grant funds. Goematt asked for monetary support of \$100 and passage of a resolution detailing said support as a requirement of the CAT Grant application.

Trick or Treat Night: City Hall has received several inquiries about a date for trick or treating as Halloween falls on a Sunday this year. Council consensus was that previous councils had never set a date for trick or treat night and they would not set precedent by setting a specific date at this time.

Motion was made by Neff, second by Shebetka approving **RESOLUTION #22-2010; A Resolution Allocating \$100 Support For a Community Attraction & Tourism (“CAT”) Application by Linn County Conservation Board for a Proposed Expansion to the Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center.** All ayes, one council seat vacant. Motion carried.

Correspondence: An estimate of \$3,250 was received from Schmidt Masonry Inc. to repair the vandalism to the gazebo. Invitation received from the DNR to attend the Public Information Meeting on October 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the Buresh Room.

The next meeting of the Springville City Council is set **October 14, 2010** at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Neff, second by Shebetka to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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