

## **SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

### **February 21, 2011**

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Ralston, Grimley, Shebetka and Ballantyne. One seat is vacant. Also present: Doug Beard, Tom Miller, Steve Shaffer, Mary LaGrange, Cheryl Weld, Al Woods, Kellie Byers, Karen Taylor, Lena Gilbert, Mike Brady, Marla Carnahan, Carrol Hanna, Betsy Williams, Mary Rozinek, Susan Cooper and Treva Davis.

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

**Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda:** none.

**Sheriff's Report:** none present.

**Maintenance:** no report.

**Mayor:** attended the Linn County Emergency Management meeting and reported on CERT; Community Emergency Response Team program being developed for citizen volunteerism. This is a new program that is designed to help people prepare for and respond after catastrophic disasters such as floods, tornadoes and other major emergencies. Interested residents may contact Linn County EMA for further information.

**Other Reports:** January 4<sup>th</sup> Library Board minutes

#### **Old Business:**

**Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway Street:** nothing new.

**Cedar Valley Humane Society:** Council review and discussion on a proposed 28E agreement for animal care services with Cedar Valley Humane Society took place. Bixler noted several Linn County communities are reviewing the proposed contract, but none have signed an agreement for services to date. Also, that the agreement has been forward to the City Attorney for his review.

#### **New Business:**

**Linn County Protection Services Contract:** representative not present.

**Council Appointment:** Applications were received from Mike Brady, Lena Gilbert and Tom Miller. Council questioned Brady and Miller on availability for meetings and discussion continued on attributes of the candidates in reference to suitability for the position. Ballantyne indicated she would be inclined to nominate Brady to fill the vacant position, while Shebetka noted he would chose to nominate Miller to the position. The 4 member council was evenly split on preference for nomination of a candidate. Bixler will contact Iowa League of Cities and the Linn County Auditor for guidance on how to proceed.

**Casey's General Store Tobacco Violation:** Casey's failed a tobacco compliance check of area tobacco products merchants. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> violation within 2 years and carries a \$1,500 fine or 30 day suspension of their cigarette sales permit. Bixler noted she processed the fine paperwork for the last violation instead of having the City Attorney perform the service and requested direction from the council on proceeding with the

current violation. Motion was made by Ballantyne, second by Grimley directing Bixler to proceed with processing the Casey's tobacco violation. All ayes, motion carried.

**Budget:** The first item for the budget was utility rates. Bixler noted at the finance committee meeting the consensus was to raise the sewer minimum from \$12.25 to \$14.25 and the water usage rate from \$3.00/1,000 gallons to \$3.50/1,000 gallons. Discussion was held on the sewer increase being insufficient to cover former and current debt obligation and maintenance costs of the operation and the impact of a large increase on households with fixed incomes. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Ballantyne to raise utility rates beginning with the July 1, 2011 utility bill as follows: sewer minimum fee for up to 2,000 gallons; \$16.50, water usage rate at \$3.50/1,000 gallons of water used. All ayes, motion carried.

Work continued on the budget. Revenue and expenditures were reviewed. Communication has been received informing cities that road use funding was reduced from \$94 per capita to \$91.25 per capita and also that the census population numbers have come in at 1,074, down from the 2000 census figure of 1,091. This will reduce road use revenue significantly. Bixler noted the road use fund budget would need to be reduced. The street sealcoat budget was reduced from \$60,000 to \$50,000 and some other expenditures were moved to the general fund. Reserve fund amounts of \$5,000 for replacement of equipment will be set up in road use, water and sewer funds. Ten thousand dollars will be added to the water money market account for future water tower maintenance (painting). There are no capital purchase expenditures planned for the water or sewer funds. Susan Cooper was present for discussion on the library budget. Cooper gave a brief overview of how the library is funded. The library is requesting a 3% increase in funding. Discussion continued on funding of the library. Council consensus was to grant the 3% increase. Council person Ralston wanted it noted she was opposed to the increase. Council set an approximate tax levy rate of \$14.83 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is a decrease from \$15.20 for the current fiscal year.

**Correspondence:** LOST Election notification, SHPO clearance for the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project and Springville School tour of the school remodeling project.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Ralston approving **Resolution #4-2011: A RESOLUTION ENDORSING LOCAL OPTION SALE TAX AND DESIGNATING THE SUNSET DATE AND USE OF SAID TAX.** All ayes, motion carried.

Next council meeting: **March 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

Motion by Shebetka, second by Grimley to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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

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*Mayor*

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

