

## **SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

### **April 04, 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: Tom Miller, Steve Shaffer, Brandon French, Judy Rose, Jim Schnoebelen, Ken Yanna, Clair Lensing, Joel Rochleau, Jack Clothier, Kevin Hulett, Jack Peterson, Jim and Cindy Teig, J.W. and Robertson, Vince Dudek, Lavern and Susan Shadden, Ray Business, Lyle Andersen, Karen Anderson, Mike and Dixie Brady, Bob and Pat Rose, Martha and Frits Lantermans, Vic Pittman, Doug Beard, Lena Gilbert, Michael Schultz, Steve Carnahan, Mary Gerdemann, and Todd Wyman.

**Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda:** none.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Dunn gave the patrol report for hours of service from March 14, 2011 through April 4, 2011. There were 43 calls for service.

Todd provided a written report for the council that included hauling of compost and sticks after chipping, burned brush pile at Emmons Park, replaced tubing on feed pump at Well #3, warranty repair of Lexmark mower at Rexco, cleaned storm intakes and painted the soccer field lines. Public Works is planning to take the fence down along the water tower, finish hauling out yard waste, clean up grass areas for mowing, take water nitrate samples and pre-draw down samples for discharge at the lagoon. Todd also noted he went to replace the light bulbs in the Springville sign and found that the lights are actually broken. There are also broken lights at Cox Lake Pavilion. Todd will look into replacing these lights with some sort of security lights that cannot be vandalized as easily. Also discussed: the light poles at Emmons Park that were designated for parking bumpers, likelihood of getting the street sweeper working and cleanup of the yard at 256 Broadway.

**Mayor:** Mayor Heeren attended a mayor's meeting on the LOST and NEIRL on purchasing policies.

**Other Reports:** The Clerk reported on the finance committee's meeting with a financial advisor from Ruan Securities. The committee met with the advisor to research funding sources for future bonding plans. Also in the council packet; building permit report, the March 1, 2011 Library Board minutes and February finance report, QTD and March overtime report.

#### **Old Business**

**Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway:** Smith did not file a motion to answer the court petition by the March 29<sup>th</sup> deadline, so Atty. Taylor will proceed with a hearing date to obtain ownership of the abandoned property.

**Cedar Valley Humane Society:** Brandon and Karen are researching insurance aspects of Brandon and/or the City being a holding facility for at-large or stray animals within the City.

#### **New Business**

**IDOT Presentation:** Jim Schnoebelen and Ken Yanna of IDOT were in attendance to give an updated presentation on the J-Turn intersection. Schnoebelen presented a summary of the information given at the October 16, 2010 public meeting. At that time 16 alternatives were presented. Discussion at the time of the meeting and written feedback provided by the citizens on the 16 alternatives was compiled. A technical group reviewed the report and determined which alternatives to move forward on. Long term alternatives have been identified and each alternative will be further studied, dismissed or left in a category to remain current but not move forward on. Focus of the study will be on the construction of some type of an interchange. Construction, dependent on funding, earliest possible start date would probably be the fall of 2016. Funding for a project is

not currently in the DOT 5 year program and is unlikely to be added in the next program to be approved in June 2011. Short term alternatives were also developed and will move forward subject to availability of funds.

**Joint Meeting on Capital Equipment Purchase with Brown Township:** Monday, April 11, 2011.

**Public Hearing for FY 2011-2012 Budget:** Motion by Shebetka, second by Ballantyne to set April 18, 2011 for the public hearing on adoption of the 2011-2012 FY budget. All ayes, motion carried.

**American Legion, Flag Disposal:** Lyle Anderson was present representing the American Legion in their request to use Cox Lake Pavilion for a flag disposal ceremony on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Bixler noted the pavilion was rented on that date for a family reunion. Motion by Shebetka, second by Ballantyne approving use of Cox Lake Pavilion on June 11<sup>th</sup> for a flag disposal ceremony by the Legion - at no charge. All ayes, motion carried.

**STPA:** Representative Mike Schultz thanked the council for its support of the annual STPA tractor pull event and requested council input on the following: City continue mowing the tractor pull site at \$25 per mowing, August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13 for tractor pull days, use of the hydrant at the pump shed for the tractor pull, continue the lease with Workman's, continue the sub-lease with STPA, continue liability coverage of the tractor pull site during the event and shut down of the yard waste site before and during the tractor pull event. Todd noted the \$25 charge was adequate to cover the cost of mowing the grounds. Motion was made by Ballantyne, second by Ralston approving the request of STPA. All ayes, motion carried.

**FY 2009-10 Audit:** Roger asked that the item be tabled until the next council meeting.

**CDBG Grants:** The City was not funded for the sewer grant or the housing rehab grant. Discussion was held on the impact this would have on the sewer improvement project. Lack of funding would mean higher sewer charges on citizen's utility bills so the finance committee is researching alternate methods of bonding for the debt incurred by the sewer project.

**John's Electric Invoices:** Susan Cooper reported to the Clerk that John's Electric has completed electrical upgrades at the Library as requested by the Council and would like clarification on who was responsible for payment of the bill. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Ralston directing payment of the bill be made from the library budget. All ayes, motion carried.

**Judy Rose Cemetery Plot:** Judy Rose was present to voice concerns about matters concerning the cemetery committee. Lengthy discussion was held on numerous matters involving the cemetery.

**Correspondence** was provided to the Council from Black Hills Energy and Elite Developers, LLC.

Special council meeting: **April 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.**, regular council meeting **April 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

Motion by Shebetka, second by Grimley to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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

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Mayor

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

