

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 18, 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. Also present: Tom Miller, Brandon French, Doug Beard, Dave Haugen, Michael Brady, Marie DeVries, Steve and Gladys McShane, Todd Wyman and Deputy Pavelka.

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

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Pavelka gave the patrol report for hours of service from April 04, 2011 through April 18, 2011. There were 26 calls for service.

Todd provided a written report for the council that included checking into the viability of the street sweeper, spring discharge at the lagoon, patched on 6th and 7th Streets, meet with Bracy's on the shared fence, tore bushes out at the Springville sign and looked into replacement lighting for the sign. Public Works will start flushing hydrants, take the fence down at the water tower, start mowing and seed yard repairs necessitated from winter snow plowing. Todd gave the council a letter from Linn County Secondary Roads concerning an upcoming construction project on Springville Road consisting of concrete paving and shoulder work that will affect the entrance to the lagoon. Discussion was held on whether the culvert under the driveway should be replaced at this time. Todd thought the culvert was in good enough shape at the present moment, but will monitor the project to if the grading will affect the flow of water into the culvert.

Other Reports: Springville Library Board minutes from March 1, 2011. Bixler reported City Hall experienced a gas leak and Black Hills Energy was called for repair. The technician requested a support bracket be installed on the outside piping by the meter for support and the furnace room needs registers at the ceiling and floor for ventilation.

Old Business

Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway: the City Attorney has filed the necessary paper work requesting an order granting default judgment awarding title of the Smith property to the City.

Cedar Valley Humane Society: Brandon and Karen researched insurance aspects of Brandon and/or the City acting as a "holding facility" for at-large animals in the City. Both parties reported the insurance costs were prohibitive to such a venture. Atty. Taylor reviewed the proposed 28E Agreement for animal control services with Cedar Valley Humane Society. He pointed out several areas of concern that the Clerk will ask Zach Melton about and then finalize the contract.

New Business

Oath of Office: The Oath of Office was given to Tom Miller. Miller was then seated at the council table. Miller fills the seat vacated by Heather Neff. Miller will serve till the next regular election on November 8, 2011.

Designate Brandon as a Permanent Employee: Motion was made by Ballantyne, second by Miller designating Brandon French as a full-time, permanent employee. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Hearing for FY 2011-2012 Budget Amendment: Motion by Ballantyne, second by Grimley to set May 16, 2011 for a public hearing on the 2010-2011 FY budget amendment. All ayes, motion carried.

Welcome to Springville Sign Maintenance: Todd reported on the condition of the Welcome to Springville Sign. Some of the shrubs are dead, the sign needs repainting and the spot lights are broken. Discussion was held on refurbishing the sign. Roger suggested the area be surrounded with landscape brick and the lighting be included in that area for protection. Todd is looking into industrial lighting for replacement of the current lighting that is damaged beyond repair. An Eagle Scout has volunteered to refurbish the sign as a community service project.

Website: Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Ralston for the Clerk to enroll in the Dreamweaver Level 1 website class to be held thru Kirkwood Community College from August 1st thru August 10th. All ayes, motion carried.

Sewer Improvement: Dave Haugen of MSA was present for an update and discussion on the sewer improvement project. Dave explained reasons why the project was not granted CDBG funding. Discussion continued on the idea of reducing the scope of the project for this year and applying for the grant again next year, the fact that the project in its entirety does not address all the problems with the system, the process to move forward with the project and funding of the project. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Ballantyne to move forward with the project and place a notice of bid letting to contractors, plan rooms, the MSA internet site and the Gazette. All ayes, motion carried.

Spring Meadows III: A request for designation of Spring Meadows III as an urban revitalization area was received from Elite Developers, LLC. With respect to a new residential development a city may meet "urban revitalization" criteria for residential development giving 100% tax abatement to the first \$75,000 of new value for a maximum of five years. Elite Developers will be contacted to attend the May 2nd council meeting for further discussion on the request.

Cemetery Mowing Contract: Motion was made by Ballantyne, second by Miller approving a 3 year contract with K&H Mowing for mowing of the cemetery. All ayes, motion carried.

Linn County Solid Waste Presentation: Marie Devries from Linn County Solid Waste Agency gave a presentation on the services provided by the agency.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Ballantyne approving **Resolution #5-2011; A Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget for the FY Ending June 30, 2012.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Grimley, second by Ballantyne approving **Resolution #6-2011; A Resolution Establishing Recognition of Volunteerism, Dedication and Commitment to the City of Springville.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Correspondence was noted from Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. in reference to reappraisal of all commercial property in Linn County.

Next regular council meeting **May 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

Motion by Shebetka, second by Grimley to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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