

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

June 6, 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: Grimley, Miller and Shebetka. Ballantyne and Ralston were absent. Also present: Kent Backen, Doug Beard, Dave and Randy Kelley, Steve Thomas, Lyle Anderson, PJ Hoyt, Jack Miell, Bill Micheel and Deputy Lemense.

Public Hearings: Mayor Heeren opened the Public Hearing on the ***Proposed Utility Rates Increase*** at 6:06 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak and no written comment received Mayor Heeren closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Mayor Heeren opened the Public Hearing on the **Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, Engineer's Estimate of Cost For Sewer Improvement Project** at 7:00 p.m. Steve Thomas of MSA was present to review the construction/restoration bids and sanitary sewer lining bids received for the sewer improvement project. Engineer's estimate for the construction /restoration phase of the project was \$529,179; Connolly Construction Inc. of Peosta submitted the lowest bid of \$437,773.55. Engineer's estimate for the sewer lining portion of the project was \$164,658; Visu-Sewer, Inc. of Pewaukee, WI submitted the lowest bid of \$170,683.75. MSA recommended awarding both contracts to the low bidder's contingent upon concurrence of award from the IDNR. Council questions and discussion on aspects of the project followed Thomas' report. There being no further comment Mayor Heeren closed the Public Hearings at 7:14 p.m.

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

Citizens with Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Lemense gave the patrol report for hours of service from May 16, 2011 through June 6, 2011. There were 58 calls service. May hours of service: 92.10.

Brandon provided a written maintenance report for the council inclusive of: mowing and trimming, cleaned and weed whipped rental property, pushed up yard waste site, assisted with street sweeping and attended water certification classes at Kirkwood. Things to do: fix drainage problem on Mill Avenue by digging a sump/ drainage pit on the north side of the road as the 24" culvert does not run anywhere. This is the least expensive fix, but if that doesn't work then drainage pipe will need to be installed. Also, the County hit the "blow off" for the water main along First Avenue while they were mowing. Public Works will provide the fix and send the bill to Linn County. Weeds in the parks and on city property will be sprayed and the drainage problem at Circle Drive will also be addressed.

Mayor: Attended NEIRL meeting consisting of topics pertaining to special elections and quorums.

Other Reports: Library finance report for May and the June calendar, P&Z meeting minutes of June 1, 2011 and the May OT report. The Clerk noted that the City has information on challenging the census numbers. Council advised Bixler to look into the process.

Roger attended the May Park Board meeting. As noted at the last council meeting the pond has been stocked. Fishing at the pond will be "catch and release" due to the small size of the fish. A sign will be posted and an article will be put in the newsletter addressing this rule.

Old Business

Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway: City Hall has been contacted by parties interested in purchasing the 173 Broadway property. Discussion was held on various aspects of the property including value of the property with the house on it, expenses to date and the question of selling the property with asbestos being identified in the structure. The Clerk will contact Atty. Taylor in reference to being able to selling the property "as is".

Casey's Cigarette Permit: Casey's tobacco fine of \$1,500 has been paid to the City. In answer to Roger's question from the May 16th council meeting regarding a 30 day suspension of Casey's cigarette permit – a Casey's representative noted that the City cannot invoke the suspension, rather Casey's has the option of a 30 day permit suspension rather than paying the fine. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Grimley approving Casey's cigarette permit. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

SOAP Presentation: no one present.

Elite Developers: Kent Backen of Elite Developers was present for discussion on the **Street Surfacing and Improvements** section of the subdivision ordinance. Backen would like to see the ordinance amended to allow the use of 4" rolled curb in subdivision development rather than the 6" vertical curb currently dictated by the Springville Subdivision Code. Backen stated that many communities allow 4" rolled curb in new subdivisions. Backen continued that the 4" rolled curb allow for more/better parking, doesn't get damaged as much as the 6" curb and is aesthetically more pleasing. The cement street in the new subdivision should last 20 to 30 years and build up of sealcoating or asphalt overlay should not be a concern. Typical lot width is 80' to 90' and up to 30' (to service up to a 3 stall garage) of curb is cut away for each driveway at a cost of \$250-\$300. Backen would like to be able to use a 4" rolled curb to save on the curb cut expense and pass that savings on to the prospective homeowners. Marion building department was contacted as to why Marion went back to the 6" vertical standard when they used to allow the 4" rolled curb. Neal Caraway reported it was felt that the 6" curb created a better guideline for the snow plow and that there were less mailboxes knocked over and less lawn gauged into with the 6" curb standard. The maintenance department would also like to see the 6" vertical curb requirement kept in the subdivision code for the very same reasons. Council discussion was held with varying opinions on the issue. Decision on the request was tabled until the next council meeting when a full council should be present.

Casey's Acknowledgement/Settlement Agreement: Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Grimley directing the Mayor sign the Acknowledgement/Settlement Agreement with Casey's. All ayes, motion carried.

Accept Bids, Award Contracts for Sewer Improvement Project – Contract A: Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Grimley to award Contract A to Connelly Construction of Peosta. All ayes, motion carried.

Accept Bids, Award Contracts for Sewer Improvement Project – Contract B: Motion was made by Grimley, second by Miller to award Contract B to Visu-Sewer of Pewaukee, WI. All ayes, motion carried.

Springville Sign Electrical Bids: Roger obtained a quote for replacement of the accent lights on the Springville sign on Hwy. 151. John's Electrical Service, Inc. quoted \$354.14 for 2 – 70 watt metal halide lights and \$464.14 for 2 LED directional 25 watt floodlights. Discussion continued on the scope of the project for the entire area. An Eagle Scout is taking on the project of refurbishing the sign. It was also noted that a cement block landscape project was planned to protect the new lights from damage in the future. Consensus was that LED lights would be the most economical solution for the long run of lighting of the area. This item will be tabled until further information is received from the Eagle Scout who will refurbish the Springville sign and the cost of the landscape project.

Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program: Bill Micheel of Linn County Planning and Development was present to discuss Springville's inclusion on a grant application for a multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Linn County has the opportunity to apply for a planning grant through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan. The intent is that the plan would include all the jurisdictions within the borders of Linn County. Linn County would act as the sub-grantee and contract with ECICOG to complete the planning process and draft the plan. Adoption and maintenance of a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is a prerequisite to be eligible to apply for and receive funds from governmental sources. Also, the State will no longer approve single-jurisdiction plans. Approved plans must be updated every five years and Linn County would be responsible for initiating this update. Federal share of the total cost is 75%, State of Iowa is 10% and the local share is 15%, which would amount to approximately \$330.

Litigation: not addressed.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Grimley approving **Resolution #12-2011; A Resolution Approving Plat of Bolton Manor First Addition to Linn County, Iowa.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne and Ralston absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Grimley, second by Miller approving **Resolution #13-2011; A Resolution Approving Participation in a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne and Ralston absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Miller approving **Resolution #14-2011; A Resolution Recognizing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Springville Cemetery.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne and Ralston absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution #15-2011; A Resolution Ordering Required Sidewalk Repair or Installation was table until the next council meeting for further information.

Motion was made by Grimley, second by Miller approving the second reading of **Ordinance #1-2011; An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #6-2010 by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fees for Water Rates and Charges.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne and Ralston absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Grimley approving the second reading of **Ordinance #2-2011; An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #6-2010 by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fees for Sewer Rates and Charges.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne and Miller absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Grimley approving the first reading of **Ordinance #3-2011; An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springville, Iowa 2009 by Amending**

Chapter 22, Section 220.1 Planning and Zoning Commission. Roll call vote, Ballantyne and Miller absent.
All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: none.

Next regular council meeting **June 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

Motion by Grimley, second by Ballantyne to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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