

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

September 26, 2011

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: Grimley, Miller, Ralston, Shebetka and Ballantyne. Also present: Doug Beard, Todd Wyman, Lyle Anderson, Brandon French, Linda Nelson, Dave Haugen, Patrick Hoyt, Marion Boy Scout Troop #555 and Deputy Lemense.

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

Citizens with Concerns Not on the Agenda: Linda Nelson of Friends of the Library was present requesting the keys for 256 Broadway. Extra keys have not been made yet and Nelson offered to get that done.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Lemense gave the patrol report for hours of service from September 12, 2011 through September 26, 2011. There were 29 calls for service. August hours of service: 99.4.

Maintenance Report: Todd gave an update on the sewer project. Third Avenue cement has been poured and 5th Avenue is finished but did not pass the density test probably because of dampness due to the rain and should pass the next testing later in the week. Todd says Connelly Const. is moving swiftly and all streets should be open by the end of the week. Kluesner Asphalt Paving Construction will also be on location soon for the sealchip and asphalt work. Also, the seeding issues in Butler Park have been resolved. The Exmark mower is back. Power supply to the clutch and grounding issues were the main problems that were repaired. The guys are hoping the mower will finish the season without further problems. MSI will be in next week for the sealcoating program. There was only one bid for the residential sidewalk repair project. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Miller to accept the bid from Urban Besler in the amount of \$588 for 84 square feet of concrete a \$7 per square foot. All ayes, motion carried

Roger spoke on the tree in the City right of way that was severely damaged during digging for the sewer project. Pastor John looked at the tree and believes the tree cannot survive the damage done to it. The tree is to be removed yet this week. Roger feels the City should replace the tree for the property owners. Roger committed the City to the purchase of 2 new trees to be planted on private property. Jeff Grimley asked if the trees could be supplied by the Trees Forever Program. Pastor John has been in charge of that program and will be contacted for his help in looking into a Trees Forever Program for the City next spring.

Other Reports: The minutes of the September 14th joint P&Z and ZBA meeting were provided to the Council. Bixler reported the furnace does not work. Todd has looked at it and Comfort Solutions will be called for repair.

Old Business

Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway Disposition of Property: Posters were put out re-advertising the property with no restrictions attached. Bids are due October 10th by noon to be considered at the council meeting that night.

Elite Developers Tax Abatement Program: The public hearing on the designation of Spring Meadows III as a residential revitalization area and adoption of a plan for residential property tax abatement is scheduled for the October 24th meeting.

New Business

Sealcoating of City Parking Lot: Lyle Anderson was present representing the American Legion in their request to have the City parking lot sealchipped. The Legion has offered to share the \$3,536 expense equally

with the City. Motion was made by Ballantyne, second by Miller approving a 50/50 cost share of the \$3,536 expense to sealchip the City parking lot. All ayes, motion carried.

Appointment: Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Grimley appointing Kurt Gillette to a 5 year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. All ayes, motion carried.

Project Update: Dave Haugen of MSA updated the council on the sewer project to date. The 18" storm sewer pipe on 5th street was replaced with a 36" pipe. It was noted that this 36" pipe will not cause further erosion to the south side of the creek. In the second phase of the project Visa-Sewer will begin their portion of the project around October 3rd. Approximately 5,646 LF of 8-inch sanitary sewer will be lined to in an effort to prevent infiltration of ground water into the mains.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Fire Chief PJ Hoyt was present to provide the council with information on a new program administered through Linn County called CERT. Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for those services. Factors such as number of victims, communication failures and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency service they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs. The need for training civilians to meet the immediate need for assistance has been identified nationwide as well as locally. CERT would present citizens with the facts about what to expect following a major disaster in terms of immediate services. Second, give the message about their responsibility for mitigation and preparedness. Third, train citizens in needed lifesaving skills with emphasis on decision making skills, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. Fourth, organize teams so that they are an extension of first responder services offering immediate help to victims until professional services arrive. Linn County is asking for 25-30 volunteers to take the training and get the program going. Council consensus was to have PJ proceed with the program. PJ will return with further information at another council meeting.

Exmark Mower: Discussion was held on the status of the Exmark mower. Todd just picked it up from the dealer after being in for repairs for about 3 weeks. Lyle Andersen of Green Valley Ag & Turf supplied the council with a quote for a new commercial mower. Purchase of a new mower was not in the budget for the parks or public works department this year. Todd has concerns about the purchase of a mower that would now sit all winter as well as housing the Exmark being financially feasible. The Exmark would need to be sold next spring. New pricing on mowers begins about October 31st, the end of John Deere's fiscal year. Consensus was to see how the mower runs until the next council meeting and if problems continue to revisit the purchase of the JD mower.

Housing Rehab Grant: Dave Haugen of MSA was present to inform the Council about CDBG housing rehab grant. Springville applied last year, but did not get funded for the grant. Haugen encouraged the council to apply again this year. The program offers 5 year forgivable loans at \$24,999 per house for rehabilitation, and \$7,500 for lead-based paint remediation. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Ballantyne to apply for the housing rehab grant through MSA. All ayes, motion carried.

Code Update: Discussion was held on the need to update the Springville Code. Council reviewed new laws enacted since codification of the code in June 2009 and determined the ones they felt should be included in the code update. Bixler will contact Iowa Codification for an updated price quote for the project.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Ralston approving **Resolution #34-2011; A Resolution Accepting the IDOT Street Finance Report for FY 2010-11.** Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Mayor Heeren welcomed Scout Troop 555 from Marion who are working on 2 badges; citizenship in the community and communications. Council reviewed the new tax statement for the City that includes 173 Broadway.

Next regular council meeting **October 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

Motion by Miller, second by Grimley to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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