

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

November 19, 2012

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 6:00 pm at Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Miller, Shebetka, Brady, Ralston and Grimley. Also present: Matt Saur, Shawn O'Shea, Doug Beard, Pat Hoyt, Mike Hudson, Pat Callahan and Brandon French.

Mayor Heeren opened the Public Hearing to Inform Citizens of the City's Intent to Submit a CDBG Application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Funding of Downtown Façade

Improvements: the Public Hearing was opened at 6:05 pm. Shawn O'Shea of MSA was present to talk over the process with the Council. The first step is for the City to designate an area downtown as a slum and blighted area (program terminology). The proposed improvements are funded through the use of IEDA/CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant Funds of up to \$500,000. Participating business owners are responsible for 20% of the cost of their individual property improvement with the grant money funding 80% of the project costs. The application deadline is January 31, 2013. Mayor Heeren asked for further comment, there being none he closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 pm.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Miller to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the minutes as noted by Brady. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Reports

Sheriff: the patrol report was provided by Deputy Munier for hours of service from November 5, 2012 through November 19, 2012. There were 35 calls for service. Current hours of service: 46.8.

Maintenance: written report consisting of; cut tree down at well site for Black Hills Gas, received plate for dump truck bed, received snow pusher and got it ready for use, received the valve for the lift station, put up fall banners, talked to Justice Electric about GFI units on the new light poles and notified Van Meter of water in the new light fixtures. The guys are going to go back to work at getting the trees out of the railroad right of way, start budget work, clean up the yard waste site and continue to get ready for the winter season. It was noted that the School would like to leave some of the crossing STOP SIGNS in place for the entire school day. Section 65.05; SCHOOL STOPS addresses school crossings zones and any crossings that mobile STOP SIGNS would be placed at should be included in Section 65.05 by an ordinance amendment.

The following reports were provided to the Council: September 4th and October 2nd Library Board meeting minutes and the building permit report

Old Business: Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway: Atty. Taylor forwarded a copy the RELEASE OF JUDGMENT LEIN for 173 Broadway. The release needs to be recorded and added to the abstract. Bixler will contact Lorimers to see if they are still interested in the property. If Lorimers have no interest in the property it will be advertised for sale locally.

Casey's Building: Council discussion on the old Casey's building included, but was not limited to: the assessed valuation of the building, taxes on the property, underground storage tanks and leaking, condition of the building, and pros and cons of the City owning the building. The DNR will be contacted for a Tier 2 report on the underground storage tanks.

Water Street Easement: Councilmembers have viewed Water Street. It was noted that the "street" actually started out as an alley and very little of the street is actually on City property. It was felt that gaining an easement for the portion of the street that was on Hoyt property was really not solving the problem. Council felt the street should be blocked off so it was no longer a thru street. One end will be barricaded and an ordinance written to make Water Street a dead end street. Roger felt there should be a public hearing on the

matter so that the public has a chance to voice their opinion. A public hearing will be held at the December 3rd meeting. It will be advertised locally.

New Business:

Pat Callahan, CIP: Callahan presented a first draft of the list of potential capital projects and equipment purchases that will be listed in the Capital Improvement Plan. The CIP project list includes projects and equipment items that have been proposed by the City Department Heads, Council Members, Boards and Commission Members and City Clerk. The next step is to rank each of the projects. The results will be tabulated and an average score will be assigned to each project or equipment purchase. The average score is used to determine when the project is listed on the CIP and in what order of priority. Roger requested, and Council agreed that they would like the employees, boards and commissions to rank the projects and equipment items first so that the Council was aware of what the people who were actually involved in each department thought was most important for that department to run efficiently. Callahan will put this information into the spreadsheet that goes to the Council who will then rank each project or equipment item.

RFQ Architecture Firms: Council reviewed the Request for Qualifications submitted by 4 firms; Martin Design, P.C., Invision, RDG and Bergland & Cram. Motion was made by Grimley, 2nd by Shebetka approving Martin Design, P.C. of Marion, Iowa as the architecture firm for the Downtown Façade Improvement project. All ayes, motion carried.

RFR Grant Writers/Administrators: Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Ralston to approve MSA Professional Services as Grant Writers/Administrators for the Downtown Façade Improvement Grant. All ayes, motion carried.

WWTF Facility Plan Amendment – Phase 2: Motion by Shebetka, second by Brady to accept the preliminary engineering report for the WWTF Facility Plan Amendment – Phase 2 to be forwarded to the DNR as part of applying for a CDBG for Phase 2 of the Sewer Rehab Project. All ayes, motion carried.

Fire Station Door: Council discussed the bid from Adams Door, Inc. for a new door at the Fire Station. The current door has been caught in the wind one to many times and needs to be replaced with a new door that will have the exit devise reversed to the opposite side. Motion by Brady and second by Grimley to accept the bid of \$1,599 from Adams Door, Inc. for replacement of the Fire Station door. All ayes, motion carried.

Tax Abatement Application: Motion was made by Shebetka and second by Ralston to approve the tax abatement application for 708 Wild Pine Court in the Spring Meadows 3 subdivision. All ayes, motion carried.

Sale of 1988 Ford F-800 Truck: There were no bids received on the F-800 truck. The truck will be put on Craig's List, the minimum bid requirement will be removed and will have a December 17th deadline for bids to be received at City Hall.

Correspondence: none.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Miller, second by Brady to adjourn at 8:01 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

