

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

December 17, 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 and Grimley. Ralston was absent. Also present: Doug Beard, Pat Hoyt, Steve Shaffer, Todd Wyman, Mary LaGrange, Daryl, Shelly and Megan Pearson, Dixie Brady, Karen Anderson, Jim Koppenhaver, Linda Eldred, Chris Williams, and Deputy Johnson.

Mayor Heeren opened the **Public Hearing To Inform Citizens of the City's Intent to Submit a CDBG Grant to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Funding of Phase II for Improvements to the Sanitary Sewer System**. The recommended improvements are identified through a Preliminary Engineering Report prepared by MSA that evaluates several alternative solutions for the City. Estimated total project cost of the project is \$434,000; to be funded through the use of CDBG funds of \$227,000 and a DNR SRF loan of \$207,033. The proposed improvements will complete the overall plan that was adopted in 2002. Mayor Heeren asked for oral or written comment, there being none he closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 pm.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Brady to approve the consent agenda with the following corrected statement: Jeff requested that "the minutes note that the Council understands they are liable for future contamination and chemical leeching on the Casey's and adjacent properties." All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Daryl Pearson took the floor to complain about the website not being up-to-date and asked who was responsible for maintenance of the site. Bixler replied that website maintenance was her responsibility and that she agreed the website was in terrible condition. Bixler noted she has taken a DreamWeaver class but that she was having trouble maintaining the site the way it was set up and that she could not apply what was taught in the class the way the site was now set up. Bixler noted that Brenda Taylor has assisted in the website maintenance and could be of further help as contract labor. Taylor will be contacted for further help on maintenance of the City's website. Steve Shaffer once again spoke on behalf of STPA. The organization would like to erect a memorial to Bill Cooper in Upper Butler Park. Shaffer was reminded that a representative(s) of STPA would need to request the item be put on a council agenda and attend that council meeting to make a formal request for a memorial. It was noted the Park Board would also need to approve of the request.

Reports

Sheriff: the patrol report was provided by Deputy Johnson for hours of service from December 3, 2012 through December 17, 2012. There were 31 calls for service. November hours of service: 97.5.

Maintenance: written report consisting of; worked on cleaning brush from the sewer ROW, fabricating brackets for the new Christmas decorations, worked with Electric Pump on the new panel for the lift station, meet with Ryan Remling from Hall and Hall Engineers on surveying and Block #7 layout at the cemetery and met with council person Brady and Engineer Bob Tobin about Water Street. For the remainder of 2012 the guys will continue to clear the sewer ROW, finish putting up the Christmas decorations, snow plow and sand streets for the predicted snow storm at the end of the week and begin work on the budget.

Councilperson Brady reported that the current Fire Department officers were re-elected with the exception of the secretary at the last fire meeting.

Reports submitted for council review: November OT report, October finance report for the library, year-to-date finance report for parks and preliminary FY 2013-14 parks budget.

Old Business: Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway: Atty. Mark Tomb of Iowa League of Cities stated that the entire sale process must be adhered to in order to put 173 Broadway up for sale again. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Miller to set a Public Hearing for the sale of 173 Broadway on February 4, 2013. All ayes, motion carried.

Casey's Building: Council discussion continued on the old Casey's building. It was questioned if the Cooper property also had underground storage tanks and if so, had they been removed? Jeff brought up the possibility of future damage claims from neighboring properties due to leaching (contamination) from the Casey's property. Jeff confirmed he has concerns for his property. Brady stated that upon review of the purchase agreement and DNR reports on the property that the City should not be liable for any third party claims. Motion was made by Shebetka second by Miller directing the Mayor to sign the *Purchase Agreement* as forwarded by Casey's Marketing Company. Atty. Taylor settled the question of tax liability for payments due in 2013. The *Purchase Agreement* has been reviewed by Atty. Klinger who provided several comments on the document. Ayes; Miller, Brady and Shebetka. Grimley nay. Ralston was absent, motion carried.

Water Street Easement: Councilman Brady distributed photos of Water Street pertaining to the Hoyt property. Property pins were located with traffic cones set on the pins and tape strung so a person could visualize the street as it sits on Hoyt property. Discussion continued between Pat Hoyt and the Council on a solution to the problem. Council is still waiting to hear from Atty. Taylor as to his opinion on the matter. The item will be on the next council agenda.

New Business:

Cemetery Survey: Council reviewed a proposal from Ryan Remling of Hall and Hall Engineers for surveying, platting and staking cemetery lots in Block 7 and platting of new additions to the cemetery (blocks 9 and 10). Committee members met with Remling about the survey and came away with the following recommendations: contract with Hall and Hall to have a Plat of Survey done to confirm the cemetery borders, rebid platting Block 7 and the new additions (Blocks 9 & 10), and to affirm (or disaffirm) the cemetery road crosses onto Pearson's property and record the survey at the recorder's office. Motion was made by Miller second by Shebetka to engage Hall and Hall Engineering for plat of survey to confirm the cemetery borders. All ayes, motion carried.

Housing Rehab Committee Appointments: Motion by Brady second by Miller appointing Mary Gerdemann, Chris Williams and Clerk Bixler to the Housing Rehab Committee. All ayes, motion carried.

Sale of 1988 Ford F800 Dump Truck & Plow: Motion was made by Shebetka second by Miller to accept the lone bid of \$2,000 from Brian Gehl for the Ford F800 dump truck. Voting was held up due to concern being expressed about the estimated value of the truck being \$5,000 and letting it go for \$2,000, the fact there is no room to house the truck and maintenance and insurance expenses if the truck was kept for city use. Grimley, Shebetka, Miller ayes. Brady nay, motion carried.

Keep Iowa Beautiful Membership: Motion was made by Shebetka second by Brady to Join **Keep Iowa Beautiful** organization. All ayes, motion carried.

Set Budget Worksession: Monday, January 14, 2013.

Employee Reviews: Monday, January 7th starting at 1:00 pm. Roger will substitute for Mareta on Todd's employee review.

Correspondence: Received donation for the downtown restoration from Shoemaker and Haaland and received grant funds in the amount of \$1,000 from Alliant Energy Foundation. Thanks to both of these entities for supporting Springville!

Next Meeting: January 7, 2013 at **6:00 p.m.**

Motion by Brady, second by Shebetka to adjourn at 7:26 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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