

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 07, 2013

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, Brady, Grimley and Ralston. Shebetka was absent. Also present: Doug Beard, Pat Hoyt, Tracey Achenbach, John Harris, Mark Parmenter, Megan Dimitt, Bob Tobin, Todd Wyman, Randy Kelley, Daryl Pearson, Dixie Brady, Emily Haas, Chris Williams, PJ Hoyt and Deputy Lemense.

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

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Reports

Sheriff: the patrol report was provided by Deputy Lemense for hours of service from December 17, 2012 through January 14, 2013. There were 72 calls for service. December hours of service: 113.5.

Maintenance: written report consisting of; plowing and sanding streets for the first snowfall of the year – the new equipment worked well, went back and cleaned and scrapped when the temperatures rose during the next week, received chemical drop, worked on equipment for next snow (sharpen cutting edges etc...), a burial and cleared snow from catch basins. Will continue to work on the budget with Karen, scrap back the streets, burn brush piles, brush clearing the railroad ROW and Emmons Park. The new electrical panels for the lift station will be installed by Electric Pump on January 22nd. Todd also informed the council of a conversation with Linn County Engineer Gannon in reference to the street light on the corner of Hwy 151 and 6th Street that sits in County ROW. Alliant has informed Linn County and the City that the street light is unmetered. Alliant requires that the light be metered and billed to an entity. Linn County informed the City that it will not pay the electric bill and Alliant noted the pole will be pulled if the City declines to pay the bill. Mayor Heeren has spoken to Alliant and requested the City be given time to work with the County on a solution to the problem.

Mayor reported on a meeting with the Fire Department and Brown Township. The '68 pumper truck will be advertised for sale and maintenance of the truck will continue until it is sold. The Fire Department, Township Trustees and the City will meet with George Oster to study a Township/City agreement.

Reports submitted for council review: December OT report, calendar year wage report and calendar year building permit report. A food service/restaurant inspection of the Community Center kitchen was completed by Linn County Public Health. There are several minor items of repair that need to be accomplished - one of them being new light covers on the fluorescent lights in the kitchen. City staff will look into replacing the lights with T5 fluorescent fixtures. A Housing Rehab meeting was held with Liz Kemp and the housing rehab committee to review the applicant list for the rehab project. The property owners will be notified and the home inspection process can be started. MSA project managers and project architect Josh Demmer met at City Hall for a meeting on Springville's Downtown Revitalization - Façade Improvements grant application to IDDED.

Old Business: Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway: Public Hearing for the sale of 173 Broadway to be held on February 4, 2013.

Casey's Building: The abstract for the Casey's property is being updated.

Water Street Easement: Council reviewed the 3 alternatives (easement, condemnation and abandonment/closure) for dealing with the Water Street problem as provided by Atty. Taylor. Motion was made by Brady, second by Miller to allow the property owner to close this area to traffic, at his own expense, with the

understanding that all easements will remain in place, and the City will provide, at its expense, the appropriate "closed" signage. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

City Attorney: Mark Parmenter and Megan Dimitt of Lederer Weston Craig, P.L.C. were present to introduce themselves to the Council. Mr. Parmenter gave a brief history of the firm and experience in municipal law. Councilperson Ralston requested that Wm. Sueppel be contacted and attorneys Wm. Blum and Ann Loomis were also mentioned as possible contacts.

Final Report - Downtown Restoration Project: Engineer Bob Tobin informed the council that they have completed a field review for the project and found that the project has been completed in substantial conformance with the contract documents and recommends the City accept the project. Tobin also recommended payment of the final pay request from Eastern Iowa Excavation and Concrete.

CIP Project Update: Council was given the second draft of the list of potential capital projects and equipment purchases. It is now time for the council to rank the projects. Rankings are to be received by Thursday to be combined with department rankings so an average score spreadsheet can be prepared. The spreadsheet will be utilized during the FY 2013-14 budget process.

Law Enforcement Contract for Services: Discussion was held on the rate increase proposed by the Linn County Sheriff for protection services. Nineteen hours of service per week at \$30 per hour will be used for budget purposes. Acceptance of the contract will be on the next agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance: Discussion was held concerning reciting the Pledge of Allegiance before each council meeting. Doug Beard spoke on his concerns for minority groups who object to reciting the pledge. It was noted that reciting of the Pledge is a voluntary statement and that anyone who chooses not to recite the Pledge would not be compelled to do so in City Hall. Councilperson Brady agreed with the statement by Ralston that the right of the majority to recite the Pledge should not be mandated by the minority. Motion by Miller, second by Brady to adopt the practice of reciting the Pledge before council meetings.

Linn County Housing Fund: Tracey Achenbach and John Harris were present to provide information on the Linn County Housing Fund. This 13 member board leverages state or federal funds to maximize housing dollars brought in to Linn County, secures public and private funds to enhance the HFFLC revolving loan fund, offers grants and loans, increases housing opportunities for LMI households and partners with housing developers or providers and offers housing technical assistance to communities.

2013 Committees and Appointments: tabled.

Motion was made by Brady, second by Ralston approving **Resolution #03-2013: Resolution Accepting the Broadway Street Improvement Project.** Roll call vote, Shebetka absent. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Iowa DOT requesting a public meeting to present some Hwy.151/X20 interchange options.

Next Meeting: Budget work session on January 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

