

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 15, 2013

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 6:00 pm in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Grimley, Brady and Shebetka. Miller and Ralston were absent. Also present: Brandon French, Atty. Anne Loomis, Dave DeWitte, Pat Hoyt, Susan Cooper, Deb Vaughn, Treva Davis, Beth Hiner and Deputy Lemense.

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

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Susan Cooper was present to inquire about the council's plan for the abandoned house next to her. Susan reports there is a broken window, black mold and the porch has caved in. It was noted that this house was the next candidate for disposal of abandoned property under Section 657A of the Code of Iowa. The mortgage company will be contacted to inform them of these issues. The clerk will call Linn County Public Health to report the mold issue. The issue will be an item on the May 6th council agenda for discussion on declaring the house a dangerous building.

Reports: Deputy Lemense provided the Sheriff's report for March 27, 2013 through April 14, 2013. There were 18 calls for service. March total hours of service: 109.22.

Maintenance: Todd submitted a written report consisting of: still sweeping streets with the skid loader and pickup broom, quarterly water samples, Bac. T samples for the month, patched potholes, cleaned up some of the snow equipment, footing inspection on new home, water and sewer inspection for new home on 1st Avenue, sought street sweeping bids, worked on designating streets for summer seal coat program, worked on CIP with clerk and Pat Callahan, tried to run a cutter in the 6th Street N sewer, got bids for repair of 6th Street N sewer, got the Exmark out and serviced, completed CCR water report and hauled from the grass bin at the yard waste site. Todd also reported on meeting with Roto-Rooter about grease and grit cleaning of the lift station. This was one of the points listed on the DNR inspection report.

The guys will continue patching pot holes, start park clean up, complete sampling (pre-draw, quarterly raw samples) at the lagoon for the spring discharge and have D&D in for chipping at the yard waste site.

Mayor Heeren spoke to the council on the serious decline in senior citizens using the dining program. The Mayor would like to see the Community Center utilized to its fullest with programs for senior citizens such as visiting nurse day, bingo, card club, exercise and fitness programs, music and dancing, computer classes or any other programs so desired by the participants. Mayor Heeren will be visiting with Springville senior citizens and attending other communities such as Central City to see how their programs work. City staff will look into the program needing an activity/recreation director and looking into grants to help fund the startup of a program.

Councilman Brady noted that we have a full downtown on most Friday nights and many times on Saturday nights also and parking is becoming a problem. Discussion was held on establishing more parking behind the 256 Broadway building.

Clerk: provided the council with the 3rd quarter finance reports for the Fire Department and Parks and the March library finance report.

Old Business

Bid Opening: council reviewed the bids received on items left in the Casey's building. Bids were received for the sink unit and the scrap metal contained in the building. Welter's was not interested in any of the shelving. The Fire Department viewed the inside of the building and is also interested in some of the items. Motion was made by Brady, second by Shebetka to have the Fire Department remove the items they are interested in and to help the Public Works Department in removing all the scrap metal that is left in the building. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

Railroad ROW Trespassing: Neighbors along the railroad ROW report ATV and motor bikes are running up and down the old right of way at all times of the day and evening hours causing a disturbance. Council discussed posting NO TRESSPASSING or NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES at both ends of the ROW. Advise will be sought from the city attorney on how to proceed and will be put on the May 6th council agenda.

1951 Fire Truck: The 1951 Fire Truck needs serious repair in order to remain a viable vehicle. The Fire Department has discussed the need for repair of the truck should it become a special occasion/parade worthy vehicle. Discussion was held on ownership of the vehicle and the possibility of transfer of ownership to a private individual who would get the vehicle in running order. Advise will be sought from the city attorney on how to proceed and will be put on the May 6th council agenda.

6th Street N Sewer Repair: Todd prepared a cost estimate for repair of the 6th Street N sewer. The total bill for parts and labor is estimated to be \$3,800. Motion was made by Brady, second by Shebetka approving the project. All ayes, motion carried.

Storm Drainage Off School Parking Lot: tabled.

Continuing Education: Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Brady approving enrollment in Kirkwood Community College for a Water Certification II class. All ayes, motion carried.

Appoint City Attorney: Motion by Brady, second by Grimley to appoint Ann Loomis of Allen, Vernon and Hoskins, P.L.C. to serve as city attorney. All ayes, motion carried.

Library Board – Library Issues: Library Board members Treva Davis, Beth Hiner and Deb Vaughn were present for discussion items brought up in the board's latest policy review. Discussion took place on the board request to implement some changes at this time and possible implementation of others in the immediate future after further discussion, review and conference with the City. Library liaison Jeff Grimley will set up a meeting.

Public Hearing for FY 2012-13 Budget Amendment: set for May 20th.

Motion by Shebetka, second by Grimley to approve a 60 month lease with Office Machine Consultants for the lease of a Toshiba Studio 3540C copier. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Brady, second by Shebetka to adopt **Resolution #13-2013: Resolution Approving Plat of BTO First Addition to Linn County, Iowa.** Roll call vote, Ralston and Miller were absent. Remaining ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Iowa Economic Development Authority informing the city was not funded for Phase II of the sewer rehabilitation project, 2013 real estate assessment for 256 Broadway and a progress report from ECICOG on Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Progress Report.

Next meeting: May 6, 2013.

Motion by Brady, second by Grimley to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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