

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 6, 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: Ralston, Brady and Shebetka. Grimley was absent. Also present: Todd Wyman, Dixie Brady, Dave DeWitte, Pat Hoyt, Lena Gilbert, Diana Young and Deputy Lemense.

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

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Councilperson Miller wanted to express concern about a couple of what he felt were unresolved issues. Discussion was held on resolving the building permit issue at 159 5th Street North and the auto repair project taking place curbside at 406 5th Street North. Mayor Heeren has spoken with the residents at 406 5th Street N and promised that their car repair project will be finished by Tuesday. Mayor Heeren will deliver a Stop Work Order to 159 5th Street N. and speak with the residents about getting a building permit.

Reports: Deputy Lemense provided the Sheriff's report for April 15, 2013 through May 4, 2013. There were 31 calls for service. April total hours of service: 102.8.

Maintenance: Todd reported that Brandon pumped water at the sewer plant for 20 hours straight at the time of the rain storm on April 18th. The spring discharge has begun at the lagoon. Brandon put sod on graves, has mowed once and started on the second round today. The guys put the snow equipment away for the last time this year, they hope. Brandon has been filling potholes. He has run out of asphalt mix and more will be gotten and the larger potholes fixed once the weather straightens up. The guys are getting ready to pour cement in front of the cemetery building, will get the old Casey's can building torn down and get started on the 6th Street sewer repair. The yard waste site is seeing heavy use with some abuse of the site. A message will be put on the back of the utility bill.

Mayor Heeren: attended the NEIRL meeting. Rick reported that West Union gave an excellent presentation on their downtown rehabilitation program.

Clerk: provided the council with the year to date building permit report, April overtime report and the April library finance report.

Old Business

Railroad ROW Signs: City Atty. Loomis noted that signs could be posted on each end of the railroad right of way without the benefit of an ordinance per Section 61.01; Traffic Control Services of Springville Code. Discussion took place on verbiage to use on the signs. Todd will place an order with Iowa Prison Industries.

401 5th Avenue House: Bixler contacted the mortgage repossession company on the status of the sale of the house. The house is still for sale and listed with a local realty company. The realtor stated that the house is still being shown to prospective buyers. Motion was made by Shebetka and second by Miller to contact the City Atty. about moving forward with the necessary legal steps to declare the house a dangerous building. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

Horizons – Community Center Meal Program: Diana Young of Horizons was present to explain how the Senior Dining Program is run. The funding source is Heritage Agency on Aging. Young noted that there are program nutrition guidelines that must be met. Attendance has severely fallen off with complaints about the quality of the food served. The city has been discussing other options to get our senior citizens coming back to the Community Center. Diana mentioned that Horizons would be changing the menu as of June 1st and putting many of the items requested by participants back into the menu. They will also be having holiday menus and will be adding entertainment in hopes of attracting seniors back to the program.

Reverse Traffic Flow From John Street Thru to City Parking Lot: Discussion was held on visibility problems when trying to exit John Street. Council felt signs directing traffic to enter on John Street and exit from the city parking lot onto Broadway would alleviate the problem. Todd will contact IPI for signage and Bixler will prepare an ordinance amendment for its first reading at the next council meeting. Council also discussed using the back yard of 256 Broadway to expand the city parking lot between that building and the Legion. At a guesstimate from Todd of around \$10,000 the council felt this was too much money to proceed with the project.

Storm Drainage off School Parking Lot: Items discussed, but not limited to; damage runoff was doing to street and residential homes in that area, short and long term solutions to the problem, cost of the fix and making sure the school is on board with project. Todd is working with engineer Tobin for cost estimates for the project.

City/Brown Township Agreement: Council reviewed the updated Fire Agreement between the City and Brown Township. Minor changes were suggested by George Oster, the city attorney and the clerk. Bixler will input the changes and forward the document to the Fire Chief for review by the department and Brown Township Trustees.

Approve Agreement for Services to Plot Block of Cemetery: Motion was made by Brady, second by Shebetka approving an agreement with Hall and Hall Engineers for a cemetery map and mapping of the new additions 9 and 10 to the cemetery and monumenting of blocks contained in the 7th, 9th and 10th additions at a cost of \$5,400. All ayes, motion carried.

Animal Ordinance Concerns: Lena Gilbert addressed the council with concerns on the animal ordinance being violated by pet owners in Springville. Discussion took place on aspects of the problem. Bixler will research the animal ordinances of other towns in Iowa, particularly one that attaches fines to pet owners for not adhering to code and bring those examples to the next council meeting.

Property Purchase: Council declined to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. Discussion was held on the Mysak property that would be needed to square up the cemetery property lines. Ryan Remling of Hall and Hall Engineers computed the amount of acres and corresponding land value needed to be purchased from Mysak to square up the west boundary of the cemetery. Property would also need to be purchased from Pearson on the southwest corner of the cemetery. Total expenditure to purchase all of the property needed to square up the cemetery property lines was predicted to be upwards of \$10,000. Council disagreed on whether the property should be purchased or left as is. This matter be put on the next agenda.

Correspondence: Black Hills Energy annual community involvement letter. Reported that interest has been shown in the Casey's building.

Next meeting: May 20, 2013.

Motion by Brady, second by Ralston to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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