

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 20, 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, Miller and Shebetka. Grimley was absent. Also present: Daryl and Megan Pearson, Todd Wyman, Dixie Brady, Karen Anderson, Dave DeWitte, Pat Hoyt, Deb Vaughn, Rich Lorimer, Dave Rowe, Chris Williams, Joel Rochleau, Scott and Barb Mysak and Deputy Lemense.

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

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Councilperson Shebetka gave a brief overview of the circumstances of his community service work for the city.

Reports: Deputy Lemense provided the Sheriff's report for May 6, 2013 through May 19, 2013. There were 13 calls for service. April total hours of service: 104.4.

Maintenance: Todd's written report consisted of: finished the sewer discharge, poured concrete at the cemetery, put sod down on the winter graves, patched potholes on Broadway, assisted with cleanup day, mowing grass, mud jacked the street void on John St., picked trash cans, cleaned and trimmed at Upper and Lower Butler Parks and are working on Cox Lake Park. The guys also mowed at the lagoon, drained and cleaned the water tower, dug a grave, started the air conditioning at the Community Center, hauled out limbs and grass piles at yard waste site, had Rooter Rooter out to look at the wet well for cleaning (will need to build up the ground to get the truck up to the well). We will continue patching potholes, mowing grass, get ready for flag disposal day, complete a new water and sewer tap for a new house, prime and paint the shop building this summer, work on the parks cleaning, trimming spraying and chipping. Iowa Prison Industries recommended "Authorized Vehicles Only" for the sewer ROW signs. Discussion was also held on where to mount the Public Parking signs on John St. Todd informed the council that the Exmark has electric clutch problems again. He has called Rexco and is waiting for a return call to see if the repair work will be covered under warranty – this is the 3rd time the clutch has been fixed. Discussion continued on different options for lawn mowers other than an Exmark. Todd also went over the seal coat list with the council. Original cost of the streets chosen for seal coat repair was \$73,951.50. Todd eliminated 3 streets and pared it down to \$49,638.60. \$2,838.55 will be expensed from general fund to complete the program. Todd inquired about grass/junk letters. Some letters have been sent out already and Mayor Heeren will continue to work on the list for the clerks.

Mayor Heeren: noted that the new banners were put up and are very impressive. Rick thanked the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion for their generous donation of 15 new banners for the downtown.

Clerk: provided the council with March and April Library Board minutes.

Old Business

Animal Ordinance: Council reviewed animal ordinances from other cities, particularly penalty sections for violation of the ordinance. The continual question that arose was who and how would an offense be documented to prove an incident took place. Discussion took place on establishing policy and the need to amend the animal ordinance to provide penalties infraction of the ordinance. Motion was made by Shebetka,

second by Miller to contact the city attorney for assistance on amending the animal ordinance. All ayes, motion carried.

401 5th Avenue House: Bixler once again contacted the mortgage repossession company on the status of the sale of the house. The mortgage repossession company stated that there is an offer on the house and that the abstract is in Waterloo being updated. Bixler noted she was informed by the local realtor for the property that there was trouble with the abstract. Council directed Bixler to move forward with contacting the city attorney about the necessary legal steps to declare the house a dangerous building as decided at the last council meeting.

New Business

Water Quality Issue: Dan Felton of 606 3rd Avenue was present to discuss the poor quality of the water at his residence. The water is continually rusty which causes stained clothing and plugged faucets. Felton has young children and is also worried about the quality of the water for bathing and drinking. Todd explained that Felton's water main dead ends which causes rust to sit at the end of that main. When the cement plant starts to draw great amounts of water this causes the rust to get stirred up and move. Todd said they will start to flush the hydrants much more often in that neighborhood. Todd also noted that he has just switched to a new water chemical that is supposed to sequester the iron in the system and would like to give that a chance to see how it works. Todd and Dan will stay in contact to see if the flushing and new chemicals make a difference in his water quality.

Fun Days Quarry Run: Joel Rochleau and Rich Lorimer were present to tell the council about the "Extreme 5K Quarry Run". This first time run is a fundraiser to help support Springville's **Operation Backpack Program**. The run will take place on August 10th (during Fun Days). The runners will begin running in the City and head west of town and traverse a steep descent down into the working Wendling Quarry. While in the depths of the quarry they will travel through a tunnel, blasted through the rock under Hwy. 151, turn around; come back through the tunnel and backup an aggressive ascent before finishing back downtown. Awards will be given to the top finishers of the 5K. Council indicated they are very excited and pleased with the event and will offer sponsorship of the event. More information will be added to the city web page and a facebook page has been set up by the running group.

Cemetery Property Lines: Scott and Barb Mysak and Daryl Pearson were present requesting information about the status of the cemetery boundary survey. Ryan Remling of Hall and Hall Engineers has completed the survey and estimated property values for the pieces of property needed to "square up" the cemetery boundary lines. Lengthy discussion took place on the many aspects of the survey. The city attorney will be contacted for her input.

Community Service Policy: Discussion took place on how community service was generally handled in Springville and if a policy was in place as guidance for the department heads. It was noted that department heads typically handle the request and required paperwork that went along with a person serving community service. Several council people expressed concern over liability issues and not being informed of a person serving community service. Lengthy discussion was held on the topic as council worked to agree on establishing guidelines.

Set Public Hearing for FY 2012-13 Budget Amendment: Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Miller setting June 3rd as the date of the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance #1-2013: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springville, Iowa 2009 by Adding a New Provision to Chapter 68; One Way Traffic: table for review by the city attorney.

Correspondence: reviewed correspondence from Springville Middle School on a project-based learning activity called "Community Advocate".

Next meeting: June 3, 2013.

Motion by Brady, second by Miller to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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