

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

June 03, 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, Grimley and Shebetka. Also present: Christina and Mark Kirchmann, Todd Wyman, Lena Gilbert, Carol Frisch, Dave DeWitte, Pat Hoyt, Deb Vaughn, Jenna Netz, Dave Rowe, Chris and Sarah Williams, Brandon French, Jim Holz, Joe Erdman, Steve Shaffer, Gary and Marianne Hoyt, Mary LaGrange, Pat Callahan, Steve Tait, and Mary Jane, John and Lillie Helm.

Public Hearing:

FY 2012-13 Budget Amendment. Mayor Heeren asked for oral or written comment, there being none he closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

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: Mark Luzinski of 108 5th Street N. to inquire about the policy for filling swimming pools. He also noted that vehicles are cutting the corner of the street corner too narrow and running over the handicap portion of the sidewalk and damaging the sidewalk. Todd will take a look at it.

Lena Gilbert was present representing SEDC and informed the council that the Farmer's Market sign on Hwy. 151 has been taken down for repurposing. Rickard Sign and Design should have the new sign completed by the next council meeting. Lena inquired if the City would like to share in the cost of the project. This item will be put on a future agenda once the sign is in place and a bill has been received from Rickard's.

Reports: 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: ordered the signs for "Public Parking" and "Authorized Vehicles Only", worked on the Exmark mower with the Nebraska service center and found a problem with the electrical system for the clutch, had John Deere bring a demo mower to try while the Exmark was down and made new water and sewer taps for 108 Mill Avenue. Brandon hauled yard waste sticks and branches out and cleaned up around the yard waste site, the signs were picked up at IPI, mowed at the lagoons, finished discharge and are moving water in the cells for the summer. We built a ramp at the lift station so we can get the wet well cleaned and degreased, dug a grave at the cemetery, ordered salt delivery for next winter and continue to patch streets. Todd spoke with the council on a citizen replacing their driveway and noted that the City should take advantage of this and have the contractor replace the curb at \$25 per foot for 60 feet of 30" wash and curb to fix the water drainage in that area. Council agreed and Todd will contact the contractor for the project. Before the next meeting the guys will put up the public parking signs, continue mowing and chipping in the parks, dig a grave, spray curb lines and parks for weeds, have Roto Rooter clean the lift station so the pumps and valve can be repaired and try to get the sweeper back and hit some of the heavy areas again. Todd also asked the council if they wanted to replace the Exmark mower if the latest fix did not work. It would need to be paid for from next fiscal year budget and be expensed primarily from the general fund. Roger and Jim have been working in the parks cleaning and chipping when it is dry enough not to leave tracks. The work done in Cox Lake Park has been very well noticed and Todd has been receiving many good comments on it and wants to make sure Roger and Jim receive credit for their hard work. Roger has trimmed

the grass and trees along the banks to make it look better and easier to keep trimmed. Roger is also staked some trees in Graham Park that were damaged in the wind storm.

Mayor Heeren: journeyed to Central City to view their Sr. Dining Program. Rick and Karen reported on the success of their program and how it is financed and operated. Roger noted that Horizons is improving their program and we need to see if that will improve attendance at Sr. Dining. The item will be an agenda item in the new fiscal year.

Clerk: provided the council with the YTD building permit report and spoke on the 2010 Census count for Springville. Jeff asked if we could get the raw data from the Springville census. Bixler will look into this.

Steve Tait representing Friends of the Library requested council approval to use space on the “parks side” of 256 Broadway for the book sale to take place in conjunction with Garage Sale Day on June 8th. Council saw no problem with the request and Tait will pick up Todd’s key at City Hall so he can open up on Saturday.

Old Business

Animal Ordinance: Sarah Williams of 106 4th Street N. presented the council with a petition against an amendment to Springville’s animal ordinance that would charge a dog owner a \$50 fine if their dog is accidentally loose in the City and a fee for not cleaning up the “mess” a dog would leave behind while not on personal property. Lena Gilbert of 104 1st Street S. had previously come before the council to complain of instances in which her dog had been attacked while being walked on a leash. Gilbert read a response to the petition. The council had previously reviewed animal ordinances from other communities. Deb Vaughn reminded a couple of the council members that they along with herself had worked on drafting the current ordinance which Vaughn maintained was a sufficient ordinance that just needed to be enforced. Several audience members spoke and discussion with council members followed. Motion was made by Miller, second by Grimley finding the current animal ordinance sufficient and not to pursue any further research or discussion on the topic. All ayes, motion carried.

401 5th Avenue House: Bixler informed the council the mortgage repossession company had called again stating that there is an offer on the house and that the abstract is in Waterloo being updated. They asked to be given 30 days to get the abstract updated and the house sold. Council discussion followed with the result that the repossession company would be given 30 days to get the house sold.

Cemetery Property Line Issue: tabled.

New Business

256 Rental Apartment: One of the tenants renting 256 Broadway has given notice they will be moving out. At the time of the original agreement both parties paid one half of the security deposit. Bixler requested direction on how to proceed. Council decision was to hold the \$450 deposit and when/if a new renter moved in a new rental agreement would need to be secured.

Capital Improvement Program: Patrick Callahan was present with a first draft of the CIP. Callahan reviewed the key parts of the plan with the council. Callahan identified the projects of top priority listed by the council and potential sources of funding for the future capital projects. Discussion was held on lack of revenue to complete some of the projects including the sewer system rehab project. Bixler noted sewer rates would need to be raised should the council decide to proceed with the sewer rehab project. Council will further review the draft and another meeting will be held to complete the plan.

Street Sealcoat: Motion by Shebetka, second by Brady approving the FY 2013-14 list of streets for sealcoating in the amount of \$52,838.55 with \$3,000 of payment coming from the general fund. All ayes, motion carried.

Appoint Robin Ballantyne for a 5 Year Term to the BOA: Motion was made by Miller, second by Grimley to appoint Robin Ballantyne to a 5 year term to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. All ayes, motion carried.

302 1st Avenue Community Fitness Center: tabled.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Brady to approve **Resolution #14-2013; A Resolution Amending the Current Budget for FY Ending June 30, 2013.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Brady, second by Ralston to approve the first reading of **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.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Mayor Heeren read a thank you from Legion Post 331 for the generous donations they received in support of their Wild Game Feed fundraiser and a list of projects the Legion helped fund in 2012.

Next meeting: June 17, 2013.

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

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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