

## **SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

### **September 16, 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: Miller, Brady and Shebetka. Grimley and Ralston were absent. Also present: Kurt Gillette, Dave DeWitte, Pat Hoyt and Todd Wyman.

**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:** Bev Franks was present to remind the council of Constitution Week (September 17<sup>th</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup>) in remembrance of the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787 in Philadelphia.

**Sheriff's Report: Reports:** none.

Todd's written **Maintenance Report** consisted of: mowing at the lagoon, completing pre-discharge samples, monthly back T samples, located all the sewer and water stop boxes on the west half of Circle Drive for fiber optics boring, dug 2 graves, removed vines on back of the Community Center, checked out condition of back door at the Community Center, picked up signs at Iowa Prison Industries, reset the timer for the pond fountain and checked out the GFI to determine why it keeps tripping and contacted Gates Electric to have new outlets installed in the Gazebo. Will be working on: cutting limbs on 6<sup>th</sup> Street N, lagoon sludge check, patch the street and put the curb back on Fox Drive and 6<sup>th</sup> Street N and seal the red concrete downtown. The tree by the water tower has blown down and we will be removing it. Seasonal work will consist of leaf pick up at the parks, putting up fall banners and preparing city buildings for winter. We will work at the lagoons preparing for discharge and cutting trees along the west fence. There will be tree limbs to be burnt – we have a valid permit through February 2014. Discussion was held on the cemetery dirt pile and filling with black dirt and seeding the large dips in the old section of the cemetery.

**Mayor Heeren** read a Constitution Proclamation in recognition of Constitution Week.

**Clerk:** provided the council with the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2013-14 Parks finance report, July and August library board minutes and the August building permit report.

#### **Old Business**

**Review & Approve Cemetery Blocks 9 & 10 (roadways included):** Motion was made by Brady, second by Miller to approve the plat of blocks 9 and 10 for the Springville Memorial Cemetery. All ayes, motion carried. In order for there to be a roadway along the south end of the cemetery the trees along the fence line will need to be taken out.

**Community Center Door:** Council discussed the rear basement door of the Community Center. The guys got the entire vine off the side of the building and found that it actually grows out of a window well. The vine is an obnoxious vine that the guys have tried to eradicate several times. It was suggested that perhaps a Linn County Extension specialist could come and try to identify the vine. Until that time it will be monitored so it does not grow back up the side of the building. Bids will be sought for repair of the door frame and threshold which are rotting away.

**Emmons Park Light Pole:** The Park Board approved the erection of a light pole in Emmons Park at their last meeting. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Miller to move forward with the necessary steps for Alliant Energy to erect a light pole in the park. All ayes, motion carried.

### **New Business**

**Possible Sale or Lease of Casey's Building:** Council reviewed 2 letters of interest for use of the Casey's building. Patrick Hoyt Sr. submitted a letter of interest proposing to rent or lease the building for his Bicycle Repair and Sales business. Jeff Grimley submitted a letter of interest to buy the property for absorption into the current parcel at 306 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The building would be used as a personal shop for old car restoration. Council discussed the best way to proceed – noting they must adhere to the strict rules for sale of city property. Notice will be published stating letters of interest are due by October 21, 2013 for consideration at the council meeting on that same day.

**Graham Park Security Light:** In light of the current problems in Emmons Park discussion was held on the need for a security light also at Graham Park. Security lights have already been installed at Cox Lake and the Gazebo to curb disorderly behavior and vandalism. Alliant will be asked to provide a price quote for installation of a light(s) pole at that site.

**Gazebo Outlets:** Todd reported that Al of Gates Electric is researching the best covers (mandated) for the electric plugins in the Gazebo. Once these are received he will precede with repair of the disabled (vandalism) plugins.

**ZBA Appointment:** Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Brady to appoint Robin Ballantyne to a 5 year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. All ayes, motion carried.

**Rural Park Board Member:** The park board voted to expand the park board to 6 members to include a rural member. This must be done by an ordinance amendment. Bixler will call the League for a legal opinion on the proposal.

**Transfer Fun Days Profit:** The park board has accrued a balance of approximately \$11,600 in profits from their Fun Day activities since 2009. These funds are currently held in the general fund. The park board requested \$9,000 be transferred to the Park Reserve Fund for use in future capital projects. A transfer resolution will be prepared for the next council meeting.

Motion by Brady, second by Miller to approve the final reading of Ordinance **#3-2013: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springville, Iowa 2009 by Modifying an Existing Provision of Chapter #15 Mayor.** Roll call vote, Grimley and Ralston absent. All ayes, motion carried. Ordinance #3-2013 is duly adopted and shall be published and posted as prescribed by Springville Code, Chapter 18.05(2): Manner of Publication.

Motion by Shebetka, second by Miller to approve the final reading of Ordinance **#4-2013: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springville, Iowa 2009 by Modifying an Existing Provision of Chapter #17 City Council.** Roll call vote, Grimley and Ralston absent. All ayes, motion carried. Ordinance #4-2013 is duly adopted and shall be published and posted as prescribed by Springville Code, Chapter 18.05(2): Manner of Publication.

Motion was made by Brady, second by Miller to approve **Resolution #21-13: Street Lighting Resolution**. Roll call vote, Grimley and Ralston absent. All ayes, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Iowa Codification – code update and MSA, information about the Downtown Revitalization Program.

**Next meeting:** *Monday, October 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm.*

Motion by Shebetka, second by Brady to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*City Clerk*

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*Mayor*

**\*\*** *minutes not official until approved by City Council*