

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

November 04, 2013

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 pm in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Miller, Brady, Grimley, Ralston and Shebetka. Also present: Dave Rowe, Penny Sindelar, Pat Hoyt, Dave DeWitte, Jack Clothier, Steve Carnahan, Lyle Anderson, Wes Bender, Dixie Brady, Karen Anderson, and Todd Wyman.

Public Hearing: Status of Funded Activities (CDBG/SRF) for the City of Springville's Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project: The project was funded in part through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided by the Iowa Economic Development Authority and a sewer revenue backed low interest construction loan from the Iowa State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) for Clean Water Improvements.

As of 11/4/2013:

CDBG Funding Awarded: up to \$500,000/52% of Total Project

Used to Date: \$456,962 – Project Complete

SRF Loan Used to Date: \$398,000

Total Project Cost: \$834,962

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 Brady to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Fire Chief Patrick Hoyt was present to inform the council it has been brought to him that some citizens object to the change of ambulance service from Linn Area Ambulance to Anamosa Area Ambulance. Councilperson Ralston stated that she has a problem with the switch for service to Anamosa Ambulance. Ralston noted that Springville residents pay taxes to Linn County and shouldn't have to pay double tax for Jones County to transport, Linn Ambulance would have better response times to Springville and have a paramedic on board at all times. Mareta said it should not be one decision the citizen's choice which ambulance service they prefer to use. Discussion continued with Chief Hoyt responding to Mareta's concerns about the switch to Anamosa Area Ambulance Service. It was questioned how the service provision being supplied by Anamosa Area Ambulance came to be without notice to the council and was noted that changing the ambulance service to Anamosa had been brought before the council approximately a year ago.

Wes Bender introduced himself to the council and audience as a citizen putting his hat in the ring as a write in candidate for election to the city council.

Sheriff's Report: Reports: Deputy Louis provided the sheriff's report for October 21, 2013 through November 4, 2013 - there were 8 calls for service. October hours of service: 98.64. Council noted that the last 3 calls of the October 7th through October 21st service log were for Hwy. 151 and the quarry road which are areas outside of the city limits.

Todd's written **Maintenance Report** consisted of: end of fall discharge samples at the lagoons, grave dig, replaced plastic plunger on the dump truck air brakes, turned on the heat at the Community Center, arranged for fall street sweeping, changed out the stop sign that was ran over (Mill Ave. and Broadway), changed 2 valves at the lagoon as the water lowered, took apart old valve to see if it could be rebuilt, called on well #3 pump, put rock along shoulder of 1st Avenue and along South 6th Street, inspected garage floor in Circle Dr.,

turned water off at the football and softball fields, fixed overhead door at lift station, finished with discharge, moving water in cells at the lagoon, put 2 rings on a manhole in Circle Drive, changed oil and greased pickup, worked on getting winter equipment ready and lastly mixed 70 tons of sand/salt mix. We will continue to work on seasonal projects including removing the fountain from Cox Lake and trimming limbs over the streets so the sand truck can clear. Will continue to do Bac T samples, put up new street signs and put new rope in the flag pole at the Fire Station. Todd will notify all when the pump is going to be installed at Well #3. We are required to hyper chlorinate and de-chlorinate and pass a Bac T test before the well can go back on line. LL Pelling will begin street sweeping towards the end of the week. They will start with the seal chipped street first to lessen the chance of chips in the yards after snow plowing. Pelling will be back in the Spring for another street sweeping.

Mayor Heeren: attended a Linn County mayor's meeting. Conversation centered on the LOST vote. He also attended the monthly NEIRL meeting in Dyersville, the subject being open meetings, open government.

Clerk: provided the council with the October overtime report.

Old Business

Bid Opening for Purchase of the old Casey's Building: The lone bid for the purchase of the Casey's building in the amount of \$17,315.01 was received from Jeff Grimley of 306 1st Avenue. Discussion was held on the price offered and possibilities of other interested parties. Motion was made by Shebetka, second Ralston to proceed with the steps necessary to sell the property to Jeff Grimley. Ayes, Shebetka, Ralston, Miller, Brady. Grimley abstained. Motion carried.

New Business

MSA, Close Sewer Rehab Project: No one was present from MSA, but project manager Chris Janson informed the clerk that as the CDBG funding was less than \$500,000 an audit was not required.

Affordable Care Act: Council reviewed information from the IRS on new rules on healthcare reimbursements for employee insurance premiums, which is the category the city falls into. It was noted that True North administers the city's short term disability and fire department AD&D policy. Bixler will contact a True North representative to inquire about healthcare policies.

256 Broadway Rent/Lease: Hoyt's Bicycle Recycle, LLC offered a letter of interest to rent/lease the south side space at 256 Broadway. Hoyt would like to move his bicycle repair and sales business to a downtown storefront. Hoyt has outgrown his current location and would like to move to 256 Broadway as soon as possible. Discussion was held on the need to move the fun day games to a different location or the possibility of purchasing a utility building for their storage needs. Park Board has a meeting on the 14th and Roger will attend that meeting and bring their thoughts back to the council at the November 18th meeting.

Lyle Anderson – City Parking Lot: Lyle Anderson was present representing the American Legion in reference to Ordinance #1-2013 that added a provision that vehicular traffic in the city parking lot between 256 and 252 Broadway shall exit west bound only. The Legion is concerned with the closing of the South entrance to Water Street and subsequent change of parking direction in the city parking lot. They would like to see the reopening of Water Street entrances and the original parking entrance. It was noted that Water Street was not closed by the city, rather that the city only owned approximately 3 feet of the roadway which is not a large enough space for road traffic. Discussion continued on the traffic problems in that area. Council concluded that Ordinance #1-2013 would rescinded at the November 18th council meeting.

Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Miller to approve the 2nd reading of **Ordinance #5-2013: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springville, Iowa 2009 by Amending Chapter 23, Section 23.02, Park Board.** Roll call vote. Ralston nay. Remaining ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Notification from the DOT informing Springville that it is the DOT's responsibility to control the erection and maintenance of advertising signs along interstate and primary highways.

Next meeting: *Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6:00 pm.*

Motion by Brady, second by Miller to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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