

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 6, 2014

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, Hoyt, and Sindelar. Absent: Mareta Ralston. Also present: Brandon French, P.J. Hoyt and Karen Anderson.

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

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Sheriff's Report: none.

Maintenance Report: Brandon reported grave opening and plowing snow have taken up most of their time.

Clerk: provided the 2013 gross wages report, December overtime report, FY 2013 annual financial report to the council for their review.

Old Business

Casey's Building Update: Atty. Taylor provided a *Waiver of Conflict of Interest* in reference to the Casey's real estate transaction between the City and Grimleys. Both parties are using the same attorney. Motion was made by Brady, second by Miller to approve said agreement for transfer of the Casey's property utilizing a single law firm, that being Klinger, Robinson & Ford LLP, to represent both parties in the transaction. All ayes, motion carried.

Trail Grants: Council members received a Statement of Qualifications from MSA in reference to the company's qualifications in securing grant funding and providing engineering services for recreation trails. The council can chose to hire MSA as the consulting firm for a recreational trials project or proceed with a request for proposals (RFP) process. MSA will attend the next council meeting for a discussion with the council.

New Business

Release of Housing Rehab Mortgage: The homeowner at 306 North Avenue was the recipient of a housing rehab grant. Rehabilitation activities have been completed and a mortgage in the amount of the construction costs has been recorded against the property by the City in accordance with the Administrative Plan adopted by the city in accordance with IDEA. The property owner has attempted to re-finance the house at a lower interest rate and the bank will not re-finance with the recorded mortgage in place even though there is no interest due, no payments and will be forgiven in 5 years. Liz Kemp (housing rehab administrator) proposes that the City release the current mortgage in order for the homeowner to secure the re-financing. Once the loan is finalized the City and MSA will be notified so that another mortgage can be recorded for the amount of the home revitalization. The Homeowner is to pay any costs related to the mortgage release and subsequent recording of the second mortgage. Motion was made by Hoyt, second by Sindelar approving said request of homeowner at 306 North Avenue. All ayes, motion carried.

Fire Station-Furnace Failure: The furnace at the fire station quit running on Friday. Comfort Solutions was called and related that the 27 year old furnace needed to be replaced. A 95.5% energy efficient furnace

replaced the defunct furnace. Total cost of the new furnace and air conditioner for the fire station was \$4,541 with a \$400 rebate from Black Hills Energy.

Tax Abatement: tabled.

Oath of Office: P.J. Hoyt was given the Oath of Office for a 3 year term as Fire Chief.

Committees & Appointments: Mayor Heeren designated the following appointments and committees: Mayor pro-tem; Mike Brady, City Clerk/Treasurer, Flood Plain Administrator and Zoning Administrator; Karen Bixler, Public Works Director; Todd Wyman, City Attorney; Anne Loomis, Sheriff's Department; Linn County, Fire Chief; Patrick Hoyt, Newspaper; CR Gazette, City Engineer; Shoemaker & Haaland & MSA Professional Services, Budget & Finance; Hoyt, Ralston, Heeren, Bixler, Board of Adjustment; Miller, Economic Development; Bixler, EMA; Heeren, Library and School liaison; Sindelar, Personnel; Miller, Heeren, Brady, Parks; Sindelar, Policy; Bixler, Brady, Heeren, Hoyt, Fire Dept.; Brady, 911 Board; Hoyt, Cemetery; Bixler, Koppenhaver, Brady, Zoning Representative; Miller.

FY 2014-15 Budget: Bixler informed the council that she would undergo back surgery on February 14th. Her goal is to have the budget finished before that time. Discussion was held on notifying all the departments so they could complete their budget in a short period of time. Susan and Karen will man the office during Bixler's recovery.

Correspondence: DOT announcement that state initiatives to permit use of marijuana for so-called "recreational purposes" will have no bearing on the DOT's regulated drug testing program. Also, a drug test will not be verified negative based upon information that a physician recommended the employee use "medical marijuana" when states have passed medical marijuana initiatives

Next meeting: *Monday, January 20, 2014 at 6:00 pm.*

Motion by Brady, second by Miller to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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