

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 21, 2014

Mayor Shebetka 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, Sindelar and Ralston. Also present: Nathan Green, Dave Rowe, Jean Menster, Karen Anderson, Treva Davis, Iris Trampe, Kaitlynn Baker, Bev Franks, Karen Taylor, Brad and Teresa Merritt, Jane Kibler, Deb Yeisley, Lena Gilbert, Laura Riley and Brandon French.

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

Citizens with concerns not on the agenda: Lena Gilbert read a written statement concerning a name calling incident at the March 24th meeting. Ms. Gilbert reported that councilperson Ralston called her an idiot after correspondence requested from the Clerk was read aloud during the meeting. Lena went on to say that she had contacted the Iowa Ombudsman's Office and was advised to attend a council meeting and bring the name calling incident to the attention of the mayor and council. The Ombudsman's Office provided Lena with several links to other cities "Rules of Decorum" for city council meetings. In closing Ms. Gilbert asked for an apology from Councilperson Ralston for the name calling incident of March 24th.

Reports

Sheriff: Deputy Lemere provided the service log for April 7, 2014 through April 21, 2014. There were 16 calls for service. March hours: 107.1.

Todd's written **maintenance report** consisted of: checked on door parts for the Community Center (wrong part was ordered), completed March MOR for the DNR, worked with Engineer Tobin on the street project, checked pipes for water thaw and all residential frozen lines are thawed. Hand swept downtown parking areas, checked park equipment in Cox Lake Park for winter damage, pumped by-pass water at lift station due to sewer lines flooding, completed Consumer Confidence Report and forwarded to Clerk's office for inclusion in the May Newsletter. Also, looked for a dog at large on Heather Lane, worked on the street list for winter repair and seal coating, reinstalled sign on South 6th Street, preparing the lagoon for discharge, Iowa One Call markings, checked on a retaining wall that collapsed due to excessive rains, marked plots for headstone placement, checked out a tree in Emmons Park and a tree in the creek on Water Street, repaired leaking water line and received the new bucket for the backhoe. The guys will cleanup winter equipment and put away and get the summer mowing equipment ready. Todd and Roger will meet with the City of Marion about a 28E Agreement for salt purchase, work with home owners that need to fix water lines that froze over the winter, finished getting the yard waste site ready for summer, and work on the lane to the lagoon site.

On Good Friday Todd was called to turn the water off at Knight Spot Storage Units due to the water service being damaged by some electrical work being done in the alley. Upon looking for the stop box with no success it was found that the property does not have a stop box on the line from the old service that was inside the building years ago. The service line was pinched off to stop the flow of water to the basement. The department will install stop boxes for Deja Vine and Knight's Storage and remove the second service line out of the Knight Spot basement. The service line will be kept in case the buildings are ever separated.

Mayor: reported on a meeting with Bill Croell of Croell Read-Mix. Bill related that Croell is still working on obtaining a conditional use permit from Linn County for extractive use/open pit quarry operation.

Clerk: the council received the March 12th Library Board minutes.

Old Business: none.

New Business

28E Agreement for Salt Purchase: Todd and Roger will meet with the Public Works Director in Marion yet this week and report back to the Council.

Senior Dining Program: Horizons announced it will suspend further senior meal service to Hiawatha Community Center, Marion Lowe Park, Ely Community Center, St. Marks United Methodist Church and Springville Community Center due to an overall reduction of \$200,000 in Horizons' meal budget for the 2015 fiscal year. The last day of service will be April 30th. The council has decided to form a committee to explore the possibility of starting a meal program in the Community Center. Councilperson Ralston volunteered to be on the committee. If you are interested in being on the committee please contact City Hall.

Nathan Brown Day: Karen Taylor and Bev Franks were present to request a "Welcome to Brown Township, Nathan Brown" day on May 17th from 2:00-4:00 pm on the grass area near the Brown family monument. Nathan Brown, a Revolutionary War veteran arrived in Springville on May 17, 1939. In case of rain the event will be held in the SAHS building. Historical Society members will be present to answer questions from visitors. Bev also supplied a report on the status of the research for repair of the Brown monument.

Log Jam: the property owner of 254 Water Street supplied photos of a log jam in the creek behind his residence. He was concerned about the jam causing flood problems. Councilman Hoyt noted that the west elevation is so high that all jams travel to the east side of the creek eventually and that these log jams happen all the time and they usually resolve themselves. He suggested that a "spring cleanup" of the creek would possibly probably help the problem.

Bid Proposal: Todd provided a bid in the amount of \$1,525 from Hoddy Gates Electrical to ground the pump shed and water tower to end the electrolysis problems. Motion was made by Brady, second by Miller approving the bid from Gates for the project. All ayes, motion carried. Todd requested the Council keep in mind that the well at the water tower site should be pulled and have it checked to see if the motor could fall as happened with Well #3. Cost would be approximately \$10,000.

Springville Animal Ordinance: Council discussed the viability of the current animal ordinance. The policy committee was charged with reviewing the ordinance and bringing a report back to the full Council.

Hazardous Mitigation Planning: Alicia Presto of ECICOG contacted the Clerk's office about getting started on the county wide Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Bixler will get back to Presto with a meeting date.

207 High Avenue Tree Issue: Todd and Roger viewed a tree in the City alley that the property owner is concerned is leaning and could fall down. The tree was found to be a live, viable tree with minimal leaning. It is City policy that no pre-emptive removal of trees takes place. It was Council consensus to leave the tree as is.

Motion by Brady, second by Hoyt to approve the 3rd and final reading of **Ordinance #1-2014 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2-2011 By Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fees for Sanitary Sewer Rates.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried. Ordinance #1-2014 is duly adopted and shall be published and posted as prescribed by Springville Code, Chapter 18.05(2): Manner of Publication.

Motion by Brady, second by Hoyt to approve the 3rd and final reading of **Ordinance #2-2014: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2-2011 By Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fees for Water Utility Rates and**

Charges. Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried. Ordinance #1-2014 is duly adopted and shall be published and posted as prescribed by Springville Code, Chapter 18.05(2): Manner of Publication.

Correspondence: a REAP editorial from the Gazette, notification from ITC that an informational meeting will be held concerning the construction of an electric transmission line in Linn County and Russ Swart with an update on the Tidbits publication.

Next Meeting: May 5th at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Brady, second by Sindelar to adjourn at 7:05 pm. All ayes motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor