

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 19, 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, Ralston and Sindelar. Also present: Ed Sleep, Dave Raue, Judy Rose, Wanda Young, Daryl Capesius, Deb Yeisley, Jean Menster and Todd Wyman.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Sindelar, second by Ralston to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes, motion carried. Mareta noted the costly Office Machine Consultant bill for the previous quarter. Bixler reported that the bill was inclusive of the mass mailing (500-600 copies) of the newsletter that included the 2013 Water Quality Report. Mareta noted that by running more of the pages in all black and white that it would help reduce the cost, so that suggestion will be initiated.

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Reports

Sheriff: A deputy provided the service log for August 4, 2014 through August 18, 2014. There were 13 calls for service. July hours of service: 98.7.

Maintenance Report: Council reviewed Todd's maintenance report. Todd also noted that a large Maple tree in city right of way at the rear of properties between 202 Broadway and 204 Broadway lost a large limb. Doriene Spoke of D&D tree service inspected the tree and treated it with dry insecticide for ants. She noted that the tree can be trimmed to "lighten the load" and would last for several more years. Removal of the tree would be over \$500. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Council is to view the tree before that time.

Mayor: Mayor Shebetka announced that the Linn County Mayors Bike Ride is September 1, 2014. Roger noted that he gathers a lot of trail information from this event. Iowa League of Cities is sponsoring an "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. The essay contest is to encourage 7th grade students in the community to think about their community and to learn about local government while expressing their own ideas of citizenship and leadership. Along with this Roger would also like the council to expand on this concept by partnering with the school to choose a student to be an "honorary councilperson". This student would attend the 2nd council meeting of the month, receive a council packet, sit at the council table and issue a nonbinding vote on agenda items. Council agreed with the idea and Roger will contact the school.

Clerk: provided the council with the Library finance report for July and the July Library Board minutes. Kim and Karen are signed up for a City Finance 101 in Earlville on August 27th.

Old Business:

Circle Drive Creek Erosion: residents of Circle Dr. were present for discussion on the erosion that is being caused by the velocity of the water that runs through the creek in times of heavy rains. Council requested city engineer Bob Tobin speak with Jon Gallagher about the drainage problem in that area. Bob offered that the erosion could be the result of several factors. Bob spoke with Jon Gallagher, Sandy Pumphrey of Cedar Rapids and Carol Sweeny of Iowa City. Pumphrey of Cedar Rapids and Sweeny of Iowa City indicated that these municipalities view issues with drainage ways on private property as a private property owner issue and that the responsibility for maintaining them falls on the property owner. That being stated, council continued to

discuss the other factors identified by Tobin. Jon Gallagher will be contacted to attend a future council meeting for further discussion on the problem.

Traffic Issues (Speed Limit for 2nd Avenue): 2nd Avenue needs to have a speed limit sign posted. Bixler checked the code which states a residential speed limit shall be 25 mph. Roger noted that 7th Street also needs a speed limit sign for traffic coming off the county gravel road. Todd noted that only one-half of that street belongs to the city – the other half belongs to the county. Roger will talk with Supervisor Harris for input on the county level.

New Business:

Black Hills Energy: Lori Scovel of Black Hills Energy contacted city hall requesting the utility be allowed to erect a standalone utility pole data collector with a solar panel for wireless reading of gas meters in Springville. Black Hills would like to install the utility pole on water tower property. Todd informed the council that this is the same location that the championship board is to be placed and wondered if the pole could be put on their own substation property. Scovel will be notified of this information.

City Attorney: As employment of Lederer, Weston and Craig PLC was approved at the last council meeting Mayor Shebetka signed the engagement letter received from the firm.

I Wireless Agreement. Robert Renken of I Wireless will be contacted about the *Notice of Lease Renewal* that was forwarded to the city. The renewal notice makes no mention of a rate increase for use of the city's water tower space. Renken will be contacted for more information.

5th Street Curb: Council discussed the bid (\$11,500) submitted by Besler Construction for removal and replacement of 575' of curb on 5th Street. Discussion was held about other areas of Springville that were in more dire need of curb replacement and the offer was not acted upon.

Correspondence: Linn County Secondary Road Department permit for ownership and maintenance of a "Reduce Speed Ahead" sign and mock-up of the championship board from CR Signs. Todd gave an update on the status of the Exmark mower.

Next meeting: *September 2nd* at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Ralston, second by Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor