

# SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## October 13, 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: Brady, Hoyt, Ralston, and Sindelar. Miller was absent.

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

**Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda:** Kelley Byers inquired as to on her utility bill she was required to pay the minimum bill amount for usage of 2,000 gallons when she only used 980 gallons. Mayor Shebetka explained that it cost so much to run the system and rates were based on that amount. The minimum of 2,000 gallons was set up to ensure X amount of dollars were taken in each month. Kaitlyn Baker, Janet Evans, Barb Mysak and Al Woods had questions/comments about the city clerk.

### Reports

**Sheriff:** The service log for September 2, 2014 through September 15, 2014. There were 9 calls for service. August hours of service: 88.80.

**Maintenance Report:** Council reviewed Todd's written maintenance report. Todd reported he has taken a water treatment class for Water Treatment 2 Operator certification. He needs to have the \$30 exam fee forwarded to the IDNR.

**Mayor:** spoke on attending the Iowa League of Cities Conference in Council Bluffs.

**Clerk:** provided the council with the the Library September finance report and board minutes, August and September overtime report and the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Parks finance report. Informed the council she had accepted the clerk's position for the City of Martelle. Requested Todd speak with the Council in reference to a letter from Morris Wood Enterprises with questions on installation of curb and sidewalk.

**Fire Department:** Mike reported on his attendance at the Fire Department meeting. Pam Nissen has joined the department and is on probationary status.

### Old Business

**Sidewalk List:** There are 6 names remaining on the sidewalk list. A second letter will be sent to those homeowners who haven't complied with the repair letter. Todd will contact a contractor to pour any squares that were marked but not completed by the homeowner.

**Remote Read Meters:** Roger informed the Council that Dan Sinclair of Metering and Technologies spoke with Council members Sindelar and Ralston on the technology and benefits of a remote read meter system. Todd gave a brief tutorial on the concept of remote read meter systems. Council discussion followed.

### New Business

**Library Building Valuation:** Treva Davis gave an account of her conversation(s) with EMC Insurance agent Tyson Jacobi on the insurance valuation of the library. The library board feels the insurance valuation of the building is too low. Tyson was unable to attend the meeting, so it was decided to put the item on the next agenda.

**159 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bank Stabilization:** Mayor Shebetka spoke with the Council on the status of bank stabilization at 159 5<sup>th</sup> Street, city property and STPA property. Shawn Stone, home owner at that address, stated he was also under the impression that after speaking with the DNR that there are no permits issued for the project. He also related there are stories floating around about what is going on and Stone stated he is confused about the whole

issue and what the status of the project is. The item will be on the next agenda so council members may be brought up to date on the status of the issue.

**Utility Rates for Out of City Users:** Donna Noggle spoke as one of the home owners who are outside of the corporate limits and utilize city services. Springville Code Section 92.03 establishes a rate for customers outside the city limits (133 1/3% of the current rate). Donna stated they have never paid the 133 1/3% and should not have to start paying it now that the city realized a mistake has been made. Discussion continued on the problem with Councilman Brady stating shame on the city for making the mistake and customers outside the city limits should continue to pay current residential rates (grandfathered in). Consensus was that the ordinance needs to be amended for current customers outside the corporate limits remain status quo, but to make sure future customers outside the city are charged the 133 1/3% as stated in the ordinance. Bixler will have an ordinance amendment prepared for the next meeting.

**Housing Rehab Grant:** Liz Kemp of MSA was present to speak with the council about applying for a housing rehabilitation grant (CDBG). The program provides financial assistance to income-qualifying homeowners with rehabilitation of their home. The City would submit a Housing Fund grant application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for funding of a CDBG Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. Motion was made by Brady, second by Sindelar to approve moving forward with MSA writing a Housing Fund grant application to the IEDA for funding of a CDBG Housing Rehab grant. All ayes, motion carried.

**Fire Prevention Week Proclamation:** Mayor Shebetka read a proclamation endorsing Fire Prevention Week.

**171 4<sup>th</sup> Street N Property Issue:** Randy Kelley informed the council of a problem with the plat of survey for his parent's home. The property is for sale and cannot be sold until the problem is rectified. An acquisition plat was never recorded for the transfer of 4<sup>th</sup> Street from the Kelley's to the City. The city attorney and city engineer will be given a copy of the file.

**Resignation:** Motion was made by Brady, second by Hoyt to accept the resignation of council man Tom Miller effective October 13, 2014. All ayes, motion carried. The vacancy shall be filled by appointment as provided by Section 372.13(2)(a), Code of Iowa. A council vacancy questionnaire will be available for interested parties to fill out and return to City Hall by November 3, 2013.

**Appointment:** Motion was made by Sindelar, second by Ralston appointing Branden Whiting and Colleen Vogel to a 2 year term on the Park Board.

**Employee Wages:** Council discussed a 3% wage increase for employees. It was noted that Todd will be taking the test in October for Water Treatment 2 certification. Motion by Brady, second by Sindelar approving a 3% raise increase for city employees: Wyman, Oler, Anderson and French. Kim Donaldson shall receive a .50 cent raise after satisfactory 60 day review (approved at hiring) retroactive to July 1, 2014. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Brady, second by Sindelar to approve **Resolution #14-2014: A Resolution Setting the Salaries for Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Springville for FY 2014-15** striking Bixler from the document. Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** none.

**Next meeting:** November 3rd, at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Hoyt, second by Sindelar to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM. All ayes, motion carried.