

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

October 20, 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 and Ralston. Sindelar was absent.

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

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Deb Vaughn with comments on her concerns about the way things are handled at City Hall. Iris Trampe asking Councilman Brady if he heard anything Vaughn had to say. Mayor Shebetka noted the City Attorney advised that the council should listen to the comments of the audience but have no response to the questions and/or comments from the public. Issues that a citizen brings to the Council may be put on the next council agenda.

Reports

Sheriff: Deputy Egli he service log for October 6, 2014 through October 20, 2014. There were 3 calls for service. September hours of service: 90.20.

Maintenance Report: Council reviewed Todd's written maintenance report. Todd reported there is a very low gallon per minute flow out of pump #1 at the lift station. He thinks during the flood an impellor got stuck or chipped. Todd is researching the problem to ascertain if Electric Pump needs to be contacted to pull the pump. The check valve at well #2 is sticking sometimes. It can be rebuilt or replaced. Todd is checking into the cost of a new check valve and the cost of a rebuild. Todd has been contacted by a concerned citizen about cars parking in the 500 block of Broadway Street. First Avenue parking issues were also discussed. Council consensus was to erect no parking signs. Ordinance amendment will be required and Todd will order new signs as needed.

Clerk: Reported a party interested in rental of 256 Broadway for a business venture. They are developing a business plan which requires rent and utility expenses. Each unit has its own electric meter, but there is only one gas meter. Discussion took place on the best method to recover the cost of utilities to the space. Todd noted splitting off the gas meter would be expensive. Consensus was to quote \$425 per month rent with all utilities included in that price. Utility usage would be monitored to determine if the \$425 would need to be increased. Bixler was directed to contact Morris/Wood Enterprises to inform them that the sidewalk and curb would need to be poured according to code.

Old Business

Sidewalk List: Todd has not had much luck finding a contractor to pour the remaining squares of sidewalk that were marked but not completed by the homeowner. A bid of \$1,950 from a local contractor was rejected by the Council. Council continued to discuss options for completing the squares of sidewalk that need to be replaced. Motion was made by Hoyt, second by Brady to table this agenda item until the November 3rd meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Remote Read Meters: Council continued discussion new information brought to them about remote read meters. There are 3 bids from different companies. Todd and Karen discussed the differences in the bids for council knowledge.

171 4th Street N Property Issue: tabled.

New Business

Library Building Valuation: Tyson Jacobi of EMC Insurance was present to discuss the library building insurance valuation. The library board is concerned that the valuation of the library is not sufficient to rebuild the facility. It cost \$1.1 million to build the library in 2005. Tyson explained how commercial building valuations are determined and how the umbrella unit of the policy works. Ultimately, the library can be insured for a higher value. However, a policy will only pay out the value of the building at the time of a disaster. The purpose of insurance is to “make a policy holder whole”, not to rebuild a facility better than it was at the time of the disaster. If the City wishes to increase the reconstruction value of the library it may do so. However, as the policy holder it is up to the City Council to make that request.

159 5th Street Bank Stabilization: Mayor Shebetka informed the Council he will be meeting with Engineer Tobin on Thursday to view the banks of Big Creek adjoining 159 5th Street, STPA tractor pull sight and the city portion under and around the 5th Street Bridge. Todd has spoken with 3 contractors, but has not received a written bid at this time. The contractors are considering bidding the project using clean cement for bank stabilization rather than “shot rock” priced at approximately \$23 per ton. Councilman Hoyt spoke with Stones are reported that the trees would be removed the weekend of October 25th. Hoyt detailed the conversation he had with DNR personnel on how the project must be accomplished. Hoyt noted project specs must also address the bank on the other side of the stream also. Hoyt also stressed that the entire council needs to be kept informed of the progress of the project.

Request for Water Service: Todd has been contacted by Wendling Quarries with a request to have water service brought to the quarry weigh station. Wendling Quarries would be responsible for the cost of extending that line from the main at 1st Avenue and South 8th Street. Todd estimates it would be approximately 2000 feet of 1” copper line to bring water to the quarry. He is also concerned about how it would affect chlorination of the system. He has a call into the DNR about this concern. Council wondered if bringing and maintaining service to a single entity could be cost efficient. This item will be on the November 3rd agenda.

Tree Removal Bid: A single bid was received for tree removal and tree trimming at the cemetery. Council directed at least 3 bids be solicited before a decision would be made.

Housing Rehab Grant Public Hearing: Mayor Shebetka set the public hearing for November 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Brady, second by Ralston to approve **Ordinance #4-2014: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springville, Iowa, 2009 By Modifying an Existing Provision of Chapter 92 Water Rates.** Roll call vote. Sindelar absent, remaining ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none.

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

Motion by Ralston second by Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor