

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 19, 2015

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 Merritt. Sindelar was absent.

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

Public Forum: Deb Vaughn was present to provide the council with information concerning Iowa solid waste code and radio read meters.

Lena Gilbert reminded the council that today is Martin Luther King Day and gave the Council copies of King's speech "I Have a Dream".

Reports

Sheriff: The Deputy provided the service log for January 1, 2015 through January 19, 2015. There were 9 calls for service. December hours of service: 109.50.

Public Works Maintenance Report: Council reviewed Todd's written maintenance report. Todd also noted they will no longer burn brush in the city limits, but rather haul it away and/or have it chipped. Discussion was held on the 3 hydrants that need to be replaced.

Clerk: Bixler reported on preliminary estimates (\$115,000 to \$200,000) for the remote read meter project. Bixler has been in touch with the bonding company and got that process started. Reports: Library Board Meeting minutes of December 10, 2014 and gross wages for 2014.

Old Business

256 Broadway: Mayor Shebetka had tasked each council member with making a decision on either putting the 256 Broadway property up for sale or retaining the property. A Comparative Market Analysis was completed by Skogman realtors Beth Brinks and Lena Gilbert. Sale value of the 256 Broadway property (parking lot not included) was determined to be approximately \$86,000. Merritt, Ralston, Brady and Hoyt each indicated they felt the city should retain the property. Mayor Shebetka related that city hall needs to be moved at some point, Brady voiced concern about losing approximately \$90,000 on the property, Hoyt would still like to see a business on the ground floor and Ralston stated that with money stilled owed on the property that the profit margin would not net enough money to warrant the sale of the property. Therefore, no action will be taken on the sale of the property at this time.

New Business:

MSA: Joe Elslinger presented the council with a conceptual plan for a multi-use trail. The plan is segmented into 4 trails connected together so a single section can be completed at a time. Total estimated cost for the entire project is \$1,902,000. This amount is without grant funding, donated materials or labor or changes to the plan. Discussion was held with the council on the plan. It was noted the project could not proceed without grant funding.

Mat spoke with the council on the sewer system. He highlighted what was accomplished in the first phase of the project and explained the repairs that still need to be accomplished. The first phase of the renovation was

financed by a CDBG grant and money borrowed from the State Revolving fund. The second CDBG grant application was denied stating that the repairs listed on the grant application were maintenance items that should be funded from the sewer operating fund. Discussion continued on expanding the project in order to meet the scope of criteria required to apply for a grant, grant deadline dates, and the need for another Low to Moderate Income (LMI) survey.

Solid Waste Ordinance: Council discussed the burn ban amendment to the solid waste ordinance and how it affected the city's right to burn the disaster waste material from the summer storm. Obtaining a burn permit from Linn County would be ineffectual as it would be violating the city's own burn ordinance. This item will remain on "Old Business" section of the agenda for further discussion

Approve Application for Tax Abatement: Motion was made by Ralston, second by Hoyt approving the tax abatement request for 710 Wild Pine Court in Spring Meadows III. All ayes, motion carried.

Appointments and Committees: Motion was made by Brady, second by Hoyt to approve appointments and committees for 2015. All ayes, motion carried.

Review YTD Financial Status: Council reviewed the December 31, 2014 fiscal year to date fund balances.

Budget Work Sessions: Council will meet every Monday in February for budget work sessions and schedule extra meetings as necessary.

Correspondence: none.

Next meeting: January 29, 2015.

Motion by Brady, second by Hoyt to adjourn at 7:28 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor