

SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 16, 2015

Mayor Shebetka called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:02 pm in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Brady, Hoyt, Ralston and Merritt. Sindelar was absent.

The council meeting began with an overview of the Broadway Phase IV Project. Citizens were able to view a draft plan of the project, converse with Justin Mottet of Alliant, Chad Deemer of Eastern Iowa Excavating and project engineers Jay Varva and Bob Tobin.

Public Hearings: FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget hearing opened at 6:35 pm. Mayor Shebetka called for oral or written comment. Ralston stated she did not agree with including benefits to part-time employees in the budget, because unless the handbook is re-written it does not address this issue. Mayor Shebetka noted that the employee handbook is being reviewed by the city attorneys for recommended changes and updates. Final aspects of employee wages are approved by a wage resolution in June and the council will need to review the amended employee manual and approve it before that time. This topic will be an agenda as soon as time is available. There being no further discussion Mayor Shebetka closed the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Brady, second by Hoyt, to approve the consent agenda with corrections noted by Ralston. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens with Concerns Not on the Agenda: Councilman Merritt on the fact that Deputy Clerk Donaldson was present and that citizens have asked if she was getting paid overtime for this. Bixler stated that Kim is staying as part of her training and in this case to learn the meeting process as she will eventually be taking minutes. Kim is doing this voluntarily with no pay.

Sheriff: no Deputy.

Public Works Maintenance Report:

he council reviewed Todd's written maintenance report. The tires for the backhoe are ordered. The tire company has not gotten back to Todd on the warranty issue.

Clerk: Black Hills Energy has contacted City Hall in reference to the gas franchise that needs to be renewed. Bixler was confident that after going through the electric franchise last year she could probably accomplish the gas franchise with very little help from a professional.

Old Business

256 Broadway Committee: Roger is still talking with citizens to develop a 256 Broadway committee. This will be discussed again at the April 6th meeting.

New Business

Audit: Bixler reviewed the "Audit Comments" with the council. A copy of the commentary is available at City Hall.

5th Street Tree Bid: Todd had Bug of D&D Tree Service assess 3 trees on 5th Street. The trees have some branches hanging that need to come down at some point. Discussion was held on identifying dying or diseased trees to create a "tree list" in order that contractors could just bid an already approved list and to

budget more effectively for tree removal in each fiscal year. Funding for tree trimming or removal is put in each fiscal year budget, but the amount is based on what was needed the previous fiscal year. D&D Tree Service gave a price quote for the removal of the 3 trees. When it is decided the trees need to come down bids will be taken for the project.

Seal Coat List: Todd explained to the Council that LL Pelling will be working extensively in the area this spring and would like to include Springville in their lineup of towns. Springville seal coat project for FY 2014-15 has not been completed yet. LL Pelling would combine the current fiscal year project and FY 2015-16 project and allow payment to be split between the 2 fiscal years. Designation of streets to be seal coated for FY 2015-16 will be an agenda item at the next council meeting.

Sidewalk Program: City employees informed the council that the sidewalk program as it is currently setup is not working. Assessing repair by the “square of sidewalk” is not conducive to homeowners fixing a single square or contractors bidding several single squares in different sections of Springville. Consensus was that the program needs to be started earlier in the season with an earlier completion date also. This will be discussed again at the April 6th council meeting.

Motion by Brady, second by Hoyt approving **Resolution #11-2015: A Resolution Adopting FY 2015-16.** Roll call vote, Sindelar absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Merritt, second by Ralston approving the 2nd reading of Ordinance **#1-2015: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map, 2001 for the City of Springville, Iowa in Accordance with Section 165.05, Changes in the Official Zoning Map (Caraway)** and to waive the 3rd and final reading. Roll call vote, Sindelar absent. Motion carried. Ordinance #1-2015 is duly adopted and shall be published and posted as prescribed by Springville Code, Chapter 18.05(2): Manner of Publication.

Correspondence: Library liaison Maretta Ralston noted that Library Board President has problems with the newsletter.

Next Meeting: April 6, 2015.

Motion by Hoyt, second by Merritt to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor