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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

As usual, the time has flown by! Typically we try to launch a new year with renewed hopes and goals. Good luck with all of your New Year's resolutions.



Talk Around the Hydrant

The Bravest

A new year is upon us and so far it has been pretty mild winter. Now we all know that this usually doesn't last so we will enjoy it while it is here. Santa made his yearly visit to Springville Fire and Rescue, and once again it was a great success. I would like to take the time to thank Janet Lentz with the SANSI Organization, for once again letting the fire department have a hand in bringing this Jolly Ole Elf to Springville. I would also like to thank Amber Hoyt, Melinda Hoyt, Kelly Byers, Sarah Williams, and Joann Reese for their generous time and effort in contributing the vast array of goodies that everyone was able to enjoy. Also a special thanks to Kelly Byers for supplying us with a special elf, which is her special duty when she is not passing out plenty of smiles and laughter at Woody's One Stop. There also needs to be a special thanks to a special someone who shall remain nameless, but he knows who he is, for taking his time to bring smiles and joy too many kids for yet another year at Christmas time. Thank you to all the members of Springville Fire and Rescue that also helped bring Santa to town. Without all of these people coming together the holidays would just not be the same.

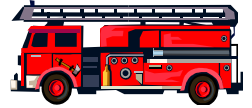
This year is going to be a year of things new at Springville Fire and Rescue. Our new chassis has arrived at the Alexis plant in Illinois and is ready for the rest of the truck to be built. This new truck will replace Engine 246, which has served us well over the past 25 years. We will make sure to keep you updated on the progress of the new truck. Springville Fire and Rescue just held their annual elections of officers, and I have the privilege of introducing George Richards as the new President of the Friends of Springville Fire and Rescue, along with Michele Stone as the secretary, and Kim Markley as the treasure. These individuals keep this department running and help in so many ways throughout the year. I look forward to working with all of them. I was allowed the honor of serving as your Fire Chief for another year as well and look forward to the challenges that the New Year may bring. We work hard to bring you top quality service each and every time we are called upon and are working on ways to make the service you receive even better.

The Community Emergency Response Team is still moving forward and I have been contacted by Tom Ulrich from Linn County EMA and he apologized for the delay, but would like to hold the training for this team on January 14th and 21st. The location for this training is still being worked out but for the people that signed up to participate in the training you will be contacted by me with the location of these trainings. I do hope that there is still an interest by all that signed up and look forward to working with all of you real soon.

In closing I hope that you all had a safe and happy holiday season and that you were all able to spend time with your families and loved ones. We look to an exciting and new year ahead.

Calls Responded to this month:

11/24/1110-5212/11/1110-50
11/26/1110-5212/12/1110-52
11/30/1110-52
12/06/1110-50
12/07/1110-52



THANK YOU WAL-MART!

The Springville Fire Department has received a Wal-Mart Foundation Grant for \$1,650 for the purchase of 2 new TV's for the training room at the Fire Station.

LIBRARY NEWS

Jan 3 rd	6:30pm Board Meeting	
Jan 5 th	1:30pm Knitting group	
Jan 5 th	5:30pm Coupon Group	
Jan 6 th	10:30am Story time	
Jan 10 th	6:30pm Tuesday Ladies Book Talk	
Jan 12 th	1:30pm Knitting Group	
Jan 13 th	10:30am Story time	
Jan 19 th	1:30pm Knitting group	
Jan 20 th	10:30am Story time	
Jan 20 th	1:00-3:00 Board game Fun in the library!	
Jan 24 th	6:30pm Tuesday night Ladies Book Talk	
Jan 26 th	1:30pm Knitting Group	
Jan 27 th	10:30am Story time	

8th ANNUAL TEA

The Springville Memorial Library's 8th Annual Tea will be held February 4, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the Community Center. Cost is \$10.00 per person, with all proceeds going to the library. Reservations must be made by February 1, 2012 to Marla Carnahan, 410 7th Ave or 854-7268. There is limited seating, and you must have a reservation to attend. Come for good food, good friendship, entertainment and door prizes. Hope to see you there.

Start 2012 on the right foot—saving money!

The library will host a new event that we hope will help our patrons save a little money. Have you ever tried couponing? It has always been around but we hope to take it to a new level. Come join the group as we will have extra coupons to share. What a great way to meet new people and save money. Jennifer Minney is taking on the task of organizing the group. Her accounts of how much she has been able to save will amaze you. A start-up meeting will be held on Dec. 29th at 5:30 pm and will meet again on Jan. 5th @ 5:30 pm.

The knitter's are going to stay awhile.

Our Thursday Afternoon Knitters are going to continue to meet on Thursday's at 1:30 weather permitting. Come join the group anytime, sit in front of the fireplace and enjoy some good conversation and work on some projects at the same time.

Board game Day!

January 20th the library hopes to have every library table occupied with board games - Clue, Sorry, Chutes and Ladders, Monopoly, Old Maid, King's Corners, Checkers, Chess, Crazy Eights. Come for the fun. No school that day!

Great response!

The Springville Memorial Library has offered to conduct Office 2010 Computer classes. The response has been great! We have 10 computers in our library for patron use and students are welcome to bring in

their lap tops also. We have 14 sign-ups so far.
Questions: call 854-6444.

We hung our stocking again. The library has hung their stocking by the fireplace in hopes of having wishes fulfilled. Pick up a tag and help us fill our stocking!

Thank You

A big thank you to our holiday concert musicians for making our holiday season so much fun, the 'Good'ol Country' and 'The Cellistas'. Thanks again.

Don't forget Tumblebooks during the holiday season. It is a great way to take a break or show your holiday company a cool way to enjoy books on the computer. Tumble can now be accessed on your iPad or iPhone! Simply sign in to Tumble Book Library and go to story books section.

Dessert raffle winner

The Library once again held their Dessert Raffle where the lucky winner will receive a dessert a month for one year. Some of the area's best bakers have volunteered their time and ingredients to make these monthly treats. The response this year was the best that we have ever had. All money raised goes to the library for needed materials, programs, etc. Your support of this project is much appreciated. This year's winner, who will begin to get his desserts in January, is Steve Tait. Congratulations Steve and enjoy!



MAYOR'S COLUMN

Well, we have ended 2011 in good form. This has been quite a year for major changes and improvements for the City of Springville.

Our new Gazebo in Upper Butler Park is finished and has been dedicated to the City. this spring went well. The New Gazebo is a welcomed improvement to our community and park system. This will be an asset for years to come for our citizen's use and enjoyment.

The sewer repair and upgrade project has taken up most of the year and has been a worthy project for the citizens of Springville. The relining phase of this project is scheduled to start in January 2012. Along with sanitary sewer upgrading this year, we also improved storm water runoff on 3rd Ave N., 4th Street N. and 5th Street N.

Along with these improvements came an entire one block replacement of 3rd Ave N. and the rebuilding of both 5th St. N. and the 6th St. N. intersections, with new catch basins on 6th St. N to alleviate the ponding and ice slick at the intersection of 3rd Ave and 6th St. N. This replacement was to end an ongoing problem with standing water and ice formation causing erosion in this area. Then we added one catch basin on the West side of 5th Street N, replaced the catch basin on the East side of 5th Street N, and directed the Storm sewer into the North bank of Big Creek. At that time, we also re-sculpted 5th St. North of the bridge with Portland cement. In addition, new streets were added this year in Spring Meadow III.

Houses continue to be built in Spring Meadow 3, and the demolition of the house at 5th Street S. and High Ave. making way for new affordable housing there.

These projects were accomplished with the unified support and teamwork of the City of Springville, our engineering firms and our Public Works Department. I would like to take this time to thank everyone, who we disrupted their lives temporarily this summer, for their patience and cooperation during our reconstruction project.

Let us know how we are doing by e-mailing us at cityofsp@netins.net We appreciate your comments. Rick Heeren, Mayor

The true spirit and meaning of Christmas was evident in Springville this December. We had several families gifted with anonymous payments of their December water bill.

Thank you donors, as you are the ones that make a difference in this world!



REMINDERS

➤ Water meter readings & payments are due on the **15th of the month**. Bills not paid in full by 8:00 am on the first business day following the due date shall be considered delinquent & subject to disconnect. Payments can be put in the drop box in the city door. Readings can be emailed to cityofsp@netins.net, or left on the answering machine at 854-6428.

➤ Deadline for items in the next newsletter /community calendar is **Jan. 16th**.

➤ **Rudd Trash Tags** are available for **\$2** each at the City Clerk's office, Casey's General Store & Woody's One Stop. Recycle tubs are available at the Clerk's office for **\$14** each.

SEDC

Happy 2012 to one and all! SEDC, now in our 8th year of service for the community, invites you to become a new member or renew your existing SEDC membership. During the past year we continued our support for the year round Springville Farmers' Market, partnered with city council on establishing goals for our community, completed the SEDC website (www.springville-sedc.org) and hosted a Christmas Tree Walk and silent auction. In the coming year we anticipate working with the city council on new street banners, collaborating on a welcome to Springville packet and partnering with the city on a new welcome to Springville sign at Hwy. 151 and Springville Road. Memberships begin at just \$25 for individuals, \$50 for community organizations, \$100 for businesses and \$250 as an investor. We encourage you to consider a membership at the highest possible level for you or your organization. Please send your membership contribution to: SEDC, P.O. Box 279, Springville, IA 52336. The 2011/2012 executive committee is: John Keizer, President; Lena Gilbert, Vice President; Tami Gillmore, Treasurer; and Joel Rochleau, Secretary. Please feel free to contact any executive committee member at any time for additional information. Our **January** meeting will be held on **Thursday the 12th at 7:00AM at Security State Bank**; all interested parties are welcome to attend.

INDOOR WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

January market dates are the **7th** and **21st**. Market time is 9AM to 11AM and is held at the Springville Community Center, 265 Broadway in downtown Springville. This is a great place to come and shop for made-from-scratch cinnamon rolls and kolaches, baked goods galore, jams, spices, fresh frozen grass fed beef, honey, eggs, winter squash and other produce, unique crafts and fresh brewed coffee. All products for sale at the Springville Indoor Winter Market are grown, produced or made locally. There is plenty of free parking and many happy vendors. For more information contact market manager, Lena Gilbert, 319/854-7097, justlena@netins.net.



A HISTORICAL ARTICLE

Isaac Butler had two wives, 12 children

Col. Isaac Butler was one of Springville's earliest settlers. Arriving in 1840, he was the first storekeeper, postmaster, and justice of the peace. He moved to Tama County in 1854, and died there Feb. 20, 1870, age almost 76. Between 1815 and 1850, Isaac fathered six sons and six daughters. In 1813, he married Clarissa Sargent in Gallia County, Ohio. They had five children: Sarah, Abel M. S., Joseph Samuel, Jane, and Caroline. Abel was named for Clarissa's father, Abel Morgan Sargent. Details are lacking, but apparently Isaac and Clarissa divorced when Caroline was a baby. In 1831 Isaac married a young widow, Mrs. Susan Browning Newman, in Owen County, Ind. She had a 5-year-old son, Calvin Newman. Seven children were born to Isaac and Susan: Philip, David, William, Ozias (a son), Susan, Amanda and Mary. Philip would have been 21 and Mary about 4 when the family moved to Tama County. There Isaac Butler founded a town called

Butlerville. Only two of the 12 Butler children spent their adulthood in Springville. Joseph founded the Exchange Bank (later Exchange State Bank) in 1878. Butler Park was a gift to the town from Charles F. "Fred" Butler, Joseph's only surviving child. Joseph's sister Sarah married George H. Robinson, and after his death, Samuel Starry. She had five children with each husband. Sarah died in 1872 at age 57, and is buried in Springville Cemetery. So is Joseph, who died in 1898 at 77. What about the other 10? Abel moved to Gentry County, Mo. Jane married Joseph T. Berryhill and died in 1867, reportedly in Dade County, Mo. Caroline married Robinson Conwell and lived at Coggon, Iowa. Philip, David, Ozias, Susan (Mrs. Gideon Cronk) and Mary (Mrs. John Haywood) all lived in Tama County. In 1887, William was living in Nebraska, and Amanda (Mrs. Edward Griffith) in Denver, Colo.

SANSI NEWS

Approximately 65 children, parents, and grandparents came to the Fire Station on Saturday, Dec. 17th and visited with Santa, made a craft and had cookies, cupcakes and punch. Special thanks to Don Simmons. Thank you also to the American Legion for their donation to the Santa treat bags. Kid's movie winners were Austin Latham and Xavier Woods. Larry Netz won the turkey drawing and Audrey Howes won the ham.

Thank you to the organizations, businesses, churches, Christmas Benefit Committee, schools, those who donate through United Way, individual donations and the community support of SANSI. Your contributions allow us to be able to help others.

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

An important opportunity to be involved in the 2012 Election is coming soon!

The Brown Township Republican Caucus will be held at the Springville Elementary School the evening of **January 3rd, 2012**. Several volunteers are needed to host this very important event as follows:

- one temporary caucus leader,
- five registration assistants,
- two secretaries &
- two greeters/hosts.

Please give this event your strongest support possible by attending and/or volunteering.

Contact Janet Lentz @ 854-6100 or Tom Meade @ 854-6445



Springville Historical Society Hours

Open from 10 am to 3 pm on: The first Thursday of each month & the third Saturday of each month.

Come Visit US!

Historical Society

Historical Society will meet Jan. 10

The Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) will meet **Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m.** in the SAHS building (former library). Anyone living in Springville and the surrounding area who is interested in local history is welcome to attend.

The Dec. 13 meeting was canceled because of the death of Bob Rose, 87, a charter member of SAHS.____

VOLUNTEER BOARD VACANCIES

The Planning and Zoning Commission has two seats vacant for a 5 year term.

The Board of Adjustment has one seat vacant for a 5 year term.

Please inquire and apply for these important community boards at the City Clerk's Office.

Your community needs your support!

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WHEN SNOW FALLS PLEASE REMEMBER THIS!!

When conditions of 4" of snow are predicted, imminent, or exist on the traffic surface of the street, please **do not park** your vehicles along any streets. This will allow our snow plows to clean the streets effectively.



Amazing Facts about Iowa Libraries

Iowa has 543 public libraries (21 branches), 79 academic libraries, and over 1,400 school libraries. Of the 543 public libraries, 415 serve populations of less than 2500.

There are more than 2 million registered borrowers in Iowa public libraries, a 19.3 percent increase from 2000 to 2010. 68% of Iowans were registered card holders in 2010.

Nationally, Iowa public libraries rank 14th in library visits per capita. On average, 53,810 Iowans visited their public libraries a day in 2010.

Iowa ranks 4th nationally in the number of public libraries and 13th in the number of books owned per capita.



RECYCLING INFORMATION

What to do with Christmas trees.

living. together. green

Solid Waste Agency: accepted at

both locations, \$5 flat-fee

Locations: 1954 County Home Road, Marion; 2250 A Street SW, Cedar Rapids

Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Saturday at 1954 County Home Road, Marion

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday at 2250 A Street SW, Cedar Rapids (Winter hours at 2250 A Street SW, Cedar Rapids thru March 31, 2012)

www.solidwasteagency.org

Alburnett, Center Point, Central City, Coggon, Palo, Prarieburg, Robins, and Springville residents should contact Rudd Sanitation to find out what days they are picking up Christmas trees. Rudd takes them to the Indian Creek Nature Center. Rudd can be reached at 319-438-6563.

What to do with Christmas lights

Can be recycled for free at both Solid Waste Agency locations as part of the electronics recycling program; recycling is free for Linn County residents because the Solid Waste Agency subsidizes the recycling programs to make recycling free and convenient for residents. Christmas lights CANNOT be recycled curbside in any community.

What to do with wrapping paper

Throw it away; wrapping paper cannot be recycled because of the lack of good quality fiber, combined with the volume of "sheen", or foil, coatings. Use gift bags instead.

What to do with plastic, cardboard, paper

Bring to either Solid Waste Agency location and recycle for free or set out for your local recycler.



Since 2000, library visits to Iowa public libraries increased 40 percent and the number of materials checked out rose 17 percent (2000 to 2010). On average, Iowans checked out 80,588 items a day from their public libraries.

The average number of public access Internet computers in Iowa public libraries is 8.

In FY09, 96,595 children and 12,757 young adults participated in Iowa's Summer Library Programs at their public libraries.

Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie helped build thousands of libraries across the United States. In all, 101 communities in Iowa were granted more than \$1,500,000 from Carnegie for the construction of public libraries.

A Report on Dissolvable Tobacco



As U.S. smoking rates have declined over the last decade, the country has seen a rise in the use of novel non-cigarette tobacco products, often called "other tobacco products"

or OTPs. These products include **dissolvables** – flavored, smokeless tobacco products that resemble candy and dissolve in the user's mouth. Tobacco dissolvables come in different forms of finely ground flavored tobacco, such as strips, which resemble breath fresheners; sticks, which look like twisted toothpicks; and orbs, which are shaped like small hard candies. Other novel non-cigarette tobacco products enjoying a surge in popularity include **snus** (the Swedish word for snuff), tobacco in a teabag-like pouch that users place between their lips and gums and **little cigars**, that typically resemble cigarettes and are distinguished from other cigar products by their size and tobacco content weight.

Under the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, the Food and Drug Administration regulates the manufacturing, marketing and sale of cigarettes, including flavored cigarettes and their component parts, but many of its provisions do not apply to novel non-cigarette tobacco products. The Tobacco Control Act does, however, preserve the authority of local and state governments to regulate the sale and marketing of these products.

Although smokeless products are presumably safer than combustible tobacco products, they are far from harmless. There is, in fact, no safe level of tobacco use. Many smokeless tobacco products can not only lead to oral cancer, gum disease and nicotine addiction, but they can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease. Moreover, these products come in a variety of sweet flavorings, and handy discrete forms – all of which make them particularly appealing to young people. The growth of a youth market hooked on nicotine concerns health professionals because they see the use of dissolvables and other smokeless products, such as oral and nasal snuff, and chewing tobacco, as enabling tobacco initiation and perpetuating nicotine addiction.

While research is underway on the health effects of dissolvables, it is undisputed that the nicotine contained within dissolvables is addictive. In addition, studies have shown that dissolvables, which often smell and look like candy or breath mints, can pose a risk of unintentional poisoning for children.

Some proponents of dissolvables and other smokeless tobacco products focus on what they see as their health benefits, arguing that these noncombustible products are a "safer alternative" to cigarettes. While health professionals support any decline in the use of cigarettes, many are concerned when one form of nicotine addiction is substituted for another. They are also troubled when smokeless products lead to tobacco/nicotine initiation or dependence, and when smokeless products are promoted for "dual use" – to be used by smokers as a temporary substitute in places where smoking is not allowed or socially acceptable.

Memories - Oldies But Goodies



I know some of you will not understand this message, but I bet you know someone who might. I came across this phrase yesterday. **'FENDER SKIRTS.'**



On a smaller scale, **'wall-to-wall'** was once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting! Today,

everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. **Go figure.**

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore

'store-bought.' Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days. But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy.



Didn't you ever wait at the street for your daddy to come home, so you could ride the **'running board'** up to the house?



Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me most is **'supper.'** Now everybody says 'dinner.' Save a great word. **Invite someone to supper. Discuss fender skirts.**



City Council Minutes - December 5, 2011

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Grimley, Miller, Ralston and Ballantyne at 6:40 pm. Shebetka was absent. Also present: Doug Beard, Todd Wyman, and Deputy Lemense.

Consent Agenda: M/b Ralston, 2nd/b Grimley to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes motion carried.

Citizens with Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Lemense provided the patrol report for hours of service from November 21, 2011 through December 05, 2011. There were 41 calls for service. November hours of service: 131.3.

Maintenance Report: Todd reported that Northway Well and Pump will be here this week to work on Well #2. The transfer switch for the generator will be here in approximately 3 weeks. They continue to discharge at the lagoon. Todd requested council opinion on budgeting for a street repair project in the business block. Discussion was held on the proposed project. Todd will get bids for the project using both concrete and asphalt.

Mayor: Rick reported on attending the Linn County Mayor's meeting. The topic of discussion was street construction methods and materials. He also attended the NEIRL meeting in Oelwein with the subject being storm utility systems.

Reports submitted to the council: building permit report, library finance report for October and November OT report. The Clerk will be attending a web design class through Kirkwood.

Old Business: Nuisance Abatement: Nothing new.

Broadway Bridge Project: Plans for the Broadway Bridge repainting were related to the city insurance agent for questions on insurance coverage for the project. Additional insurance is not needed; however the agent recommended a list of safety measures that need to be adhered to during the project.

New Business: Housing Rehab: M/b Grimley, 2nd/b Ballantyne directing the Mayor to sign housing rehab paperwork for the grant application. All ayes, motion carried.

FY 2010-11 Annual Financial Report: The clerk reviewed the AFR and Profit Loss Summary for the 2010-11 fiscal year with the council.

FY 2012-13 Law Enforcement Contract:

The contract for law enforcement services for FY 2012-13 was discussed by the council. Current rates for service are \$28 per hour for 19 hours per week. The contract proposes an hourly rate of \$29 per hour. This is due to the hourly rate of pay for a deputy effective July 1, is \$28.22. This does not factor in any employee benefits or equipment cost into the per hour rate. Previously, council had asked for a quarterly report from the Linn County Sheriff's Office on the status of open cases for the City, trends of service being noticed by the deputies and areas of improvement needed. This request is not being followed through on. The council would also like to see more detail in the reports given by the deputies at the council meetings. Discussion continued on the number of hours of service needed by the City. This information will be passed on to the Sheriff's Office before the contract is signed.

US 151/X20 Agreement for a Traffic Control Device:

Discussion was held on the Agreement for Approval of a Traffic Control Device received from the IDOT. The agreement requests approval for the installation of a traffic control device to be mounted above intersections warning signs for north (east) bound US 151 traffic at milepost 43.275 in advance of the intersection with Springville Road (X20). Advisory speed signs will be installed in advance of the intersection. The advisory speed will be 55 mph (10 mph less than the posted speed). Council felt more lighting is needed at the intersection and a flashing yellow light should also be installed on Springville Road (X20). These suggestions will be passed on to the IDOT.

Employee Reviews: Susan Oler and Karen Anderson were present for an employee review by the council.

M/b Grimley, 2nd/b Ralston to enter into closed

session at 7:33 p.m. per the request of Karen Bixler for employee review per Section 21.5 subsection 1, paragraph (i) of The Iowa Code that allows for a closed session meeting "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." All ayes, motion carried. M/b Grimley, 2nd/b Ralston to enter back into regular session at 8:25 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: A representative from Linn County Public Health will be present at the next council meeting in reference to dissolvable tobacco products. Next regular council meeting **Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

M/b Ralston, 2nd/b Grimley to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

City Council Minutes - December 20, 2011

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Grimley, Miller, Ralston, Shebetka and Ballantyne at 6:30 pm. Also present: Doug Beard, Todd Wyman, Tina Allsup, Susan Cooper, Lena Gilbert, Mike and Dixie Brady, Daryl McCall, Mary La Grange, Karen Anderson, Tim Boyle, Major Gerald Hansel and Lt. Gene Parks.

Consent Agenda: M/by Shebetka, 2nd by Miller to approve the consent agenda as posted with the removal of the finance report. All ayes motion carried.

Citizens with Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Sheriff's Report: Lt. Gene Parks provided the patrol report for hours of service from November 21, 2011 through December 20, 2011. There were 69 calls for service. November hours of service: 131.8.

Maintenance Report: Todd provided the council with a written report on the following: they are working on shop equipment, securing the transfer switch for the generator, securing the tower level control unit for well #2, mixed salt and sand and brought new hand tools for the shop. The transfer switch is to be installed on the 28th and the tower level control unit should be installed before the New Year. Tree branches need to be trimmed near road signs and tees cut out of the sewer right of way off of 1st Avenue. The new development needs to have road signs installed and if the frost stays out of the ground that should be accomplished soon. There will need to be an ordinance adopted for no parking on the south side of Wild Pine Court.

Mayor: read the thank-you card from SANSI for the contribution of a Springville Sesquicentennial blanket for the SANSI raffle.

Reports submitted to the council: November finance reports for the library, parks and fire department.

Old Business

Nuisance Abatement: Mayor Heeren reported he has spoken with Atty. Taylor and the City will receive the deed and abstract for the 173 Broadway property by the end of the year.

Law Enforcement Contract for FY 2012-13:

Major Hansel and Lt. Parks were present to provide the council with an overview of crime statistics for Springville for 2010 and 2011. Discussion was held on the information provided in the report. M/by Shebetka, 2nd by Grimley directing Mayor Heeren to sign the FY12-13 contract for law enforcement services at \$29 per hour for 19 hours of service per week, which is a total of \$28,652 for the fiscal year. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

Oath of Office: Oath of Office was given to Mike Brady, Mareta Ralston and Jeff Grimley. Grimley will serve a 2 year term.

Community Center, Linn County Public Health:

Council reviewed the Community Center inspection report from the Linn County Public Health inspector. Of the 6 items noted the council felt the only item that needed to be dealt with by the City was that the bottom cupboards needed to be painted so food could not be exposed to any bare wood surfaces. The guys will apply two coats of light colored paint or varnish to reseal to make all surfaces smooth, cleanable and nonabsorbent.

2012 Committees and Appointments: M/by Shebetka, 2nd by Grimley to adopt the following appointments and committees : Mayor pro-tem; Jeff Grimley, City Clerk/Treasurer, Flood Plain Administrator & Zoning Administrator; Karen Bixler, Public Works Director; Todd Wyman, City Attorney; Jeff Taylor, Sheriff's Department; Linn County, Fire Chief; Patrick Hoyt, Newspaper; CR Gazette, City Engineer; Shoemaker & Haaland & MSA Professional Services, Budget & Finance; Grimley, Ralston, Heeren, Bixler, Board of Adjustment; Brady, Economic Development; Bixler, EMA; Heeren, Library and School liaison; Grimley, Personnel; Miller, Heeren, Ralston, Parks; Shebetka, Policy; Bixler, Brady, Heeren, Shebetka, Fire Dept.; Shebetka, 911 Board; Hoyt, Cemetery; Bixler, Palmer, Koppenhaver, Brady, Zoning Representative; Miller. All ayes, motion carried.

Northway Well & Pump Bid for a Tank Master Water Level Control Unit: Todd reviewed the cost associated for a tower level control like the one installed at well #3. Due to the chemicals in the building the new control will be enclosed in a Nema 2 enclosure. Total cost for a CTI-275-1 tank master water level control, 8 hours of labor and miscellaneous materials is \$5,800. Bixler noted that the budget for this type of repair was set at \$5,000 and would be a part of the May budget amendment.

Linn County Public Health: Dissolvable Tobacco Products: Tim Boyle was present representing Linn County Public Health in their quest to update the community on dissolvable tobacco products. Information on dissolvable tobacco products is available at City Hall.

Library Budget: Librarian Mary LaGrange presented the proposed FY 2012-12 library budget to the council. Mary answered questions from the council on items appearing in the budget and state regulations the library must adhere to for state funding. The library budget will be considered during the budget process in January.

Correspondence: Representative Nathan Willems on the Hwy. 151 – Springville Road and the IDOT on approval of a traffic control device for north (east) bound US 151 traffic at milepost 43.275 in advance of the intersection with Springville Road (X20).

Next regular council meeting **Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**

M/by Shebetka, 2nd by Ballantyne to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.



Springville Tidbits

The Springville Elevator was founded in 1874. Springville's original name was Colonel Butler's Big Spring. In 1910, outgoing mail left Springville by train four times a day. Auctioneers were once known by the courtesy title of "Colonel." Springville had a weekly newspaper, the *New Era*, from 1882 to 1935. Christman Hardware Store closed in 1954 after being in business 78 years. A Springville ordinance in 1916 made it unlawful to permit poultry to run at large. In 1934, Springville had two blacksmiths, Chris Neilson and Nick Schueller. Starting in 1928, Earl George of Springville raised silver foxes for their pelts. The first automotive garage in Springville was opened in 1913 by Bert Jordan. Abraham Greenawalt of Springville, who died in 1934 at age 82, claimed Betsy Ross as an ancestor. In 1931, the Springville Fire Company (as it was known) bought a new LeFrank chemical truck. Carl L. Burroughs, 24, was the youngest mayor in Iowa when he was elected to that post in Springville in 1910. The site of Carnahan Auto Supply & Service was once occupied by a livery barn, destroyed by fire in 1923. C. D. Stickney taught in 1868 at the brick school building that still stands on High Avenue. He was paid \$30 a month.

From the early 1890s until 1940, Springville had two "hose companies" to fight fires. The south side company was named for Dr. J.S. Love and its north-side equivalent for banker J.S. Butler. In August 1942, the fire alarm bell belonging to the Love Company was patriotically donated to a wartime scrap drive. The other bell can still be seen outside Springville's Fire Station.

The first milking machine in this area was acquired in May 1915 by Robert Wilson, who farmed just east of Springville.

In 1916, the Butler Opera House was redecorated and a steel booth was added for a "moving picture machine."

Springville pioneer Hosea White (1819-1901) traced his ancestry to William White, who came from England on the Mayflower.

Dr. John S. Love practiced medicine in Springville 48 years; Dr. J. DeWitt Graham, 44 years; and Dr. George W. Gearhart, 56 years.

The Springville Savings Bank opened Jan. 11, 1912, in the brick building on the east side of Broadway. It failed during the Depression.

Rural mail delivery patrons in 1910 were asked to paint their mailboxes and posts pure white, with names and box numbers in 2-inch black letters.

In 1903, 14 hitching posts with chains attached were installed along Liberty Avenue outside the Exchange Bank, providing space for numerous teams.

John C. Patten of Springville was honored in June 1936 for 50 years as a Mason. He joined the Central City lodge in 1886 and transferred to Springville in 1899.

On the west side of Broadway, iron doors in the sidewalk once led to store basements. The doors were removed and the openings cemented over in 1914.

On March 31, 1881, Springville had a blizzard with drifts up to 8 feet deep. There was no mail for 10 days, and some farmers couldn't get to town for over a week.

Briner's Cash Store in April 1934 advertised sugar, 47 cents for 10 pounds; bread, 9 cents for a large loaf; and Old Hickory peanut butter, 23 cents for a 2-pound jar.

When several country schools were consolidated with Springville in 1921, two buildings were moved into town for extra classrooms. Third grade was in Paralta school, and fourth grade in Prairie Dell.

In December 1917, five Quaker men from Whittier went before federal authorities in Cedar Rapids to explain remarks they had allegedly made against the government and the army. They were released with a warning.

In 1904, R. R. Rogers announced in the *New Era* that his drugstore would no longer sell "spirituous liquors." A letter praising this action was published jointly by the Methodist and Presbyterian ministers.



City Election

November 2011 elections brought to Springville one new councilman and two returning council members. Mike Brady won the write-in campaign for a 4 year term for the seat vacated by Robin Ballantyne. Incumbent council members Mareta Ralston and Tom Miller were re-elected for 4 year terms also. Jeff Grimley will serve a 2 year term to fill the seat vacated by Mary Geardemann. These new members join Roger Shebtka and Rick Heeren to form Springville's Mayor and Council effective January 1, 2012. Thank you to everyone who voted in November! A total of 381 votes were cast in this election.

Chinese New Year Tidbits

Shooting off firecrackers on New Year's Eve is the Chinese way of sending out the old year and welcoming in the new. On the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, every door in the house and even windows have to be open to allow the old year to go out.

Nothing should be lent on New Year's Day, as anyone who does so will be lending all the year. All debts have to be paid by New Year's Eve.