



# SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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The leaves have all fallen and the raking should be about done in preparation of our winter months. The farmers hopefully have had a safe and fruitful harvest. Let us be thankful for what is good and right as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches. **Also, remember Daylight Savings Time ends, so set your clocks back November 6<sup>th</sup>.**



## Talk Around the Hydrant

### *The Bravest*

I want to start this month by saying "Thank You". I want to thank all of you for making this year's Fire Prevention Week Open House such a huge success. The weather did not cooperate long enough for us to bring Lifeguard out, and the fire truck rides had to be altered a little bit, but other than that it was a lot of fun. I also want to thank the men and women of Springville Fire and Rescue for all of their help getting everything prepared. We had a lot of fun talking to all of the kids this year at Springville Elementary. We went over with the kids the importance of having a meeting place, and the steps they can take in making their homes safer. They were all great listeners and very willing to talk about the plans that their families have in place already.

While at the open house many of you took the time to talk with Mike Goldberg who is head of Linn County Emergency Management. A lot of you were willing to sign up for the Community Emergency Response Team. The next step in this process is to set up a meeting that will be at the fire department with Tom Ulrich. He will come out and have a more in depth meeting about the training aspect of the team, and he will set up when you will all meet to complete the training. I was very impressed with the response from all of you. It really says something when ordinary people such as yourselves are willing to answer the call to respond when your community needs you. It also makes me feel better about the preparedness of our community in the event of a major incident. I look forward to working with all of you throughout this process and the training to come. If at any time you have questions please feel free to contact me, I will do my best to answer your questions and if I can't I will find someone that can.

It is also that time of year again that we all need to take the time to change those batteries in our smoke detectors. A good rule of thumb is to change them each time that you change your clocks. Most fire related deaths can be avoided when you have working smoke detectors in your home. Another thing you may want to do if you have the hard wired smoke detectors in your home, is to get yourself a can of air that you would clean your electronics with. When you are changing the batteries in these take the time to also blow them out a little. The dust that can build up in them can cause the eye to detect that dust and give you the occasional beep. If that still doesn't help it may mean that the detector needs to be replaced.

### **This month we have responded to these calls:**

9/18/201110-52 Medical  
9/23/201110-52 Medical  
9/24/201110-70 Mutual Aid to MVFD  
9/28/201110-52 Medical  
9/29/201110-52 Medical  
9/30/201110-52 Medical  
10/4/201110-52 Medical  
10/6/201110-52 Medical



## LIBRARY NEWS

Story time every Friday 10:30 am

November 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm - Library Board

November 8<sup>th</sup> Adult Book Talk 6:30 pm

November 12<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Movie showing "Star" by Jim Brockhohn.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Adult book Talk @6:30 pm

November 24<sup>th</sup>&25<sup>th</sup> closed for Thanksgiving

New Titles: **Adult fiction:**

"Best of Me", Nicholas Spark

"Shock Wave", John Sandford

"Strategic Moves", Stuart Wood

"The Night Strangers", Chris Bohjalian (CD)

"The Help", Kathryn Stockett (CD)

"Trilogy" by Shelley Gray:

"Caregiver, Protector & Survivor

Very Thought of You", Rosie Alison

"The Year Everything Changed",

Georgia Brokoven

"Painted Ladies", Robert B. Parker

"Port Mortuary", Patricia Cornwell

**Non-fiction:**

Crochet Stitches, Chachula (memorial book)

"Life Strategies for Teens", by Jay McGraw

"Hey, Back Off!" Tips for stopping teen harassment by Jennie Withey

"Life Itself a Memoir", Roger Ebert

"Audacity of Hope", Barack Obama

"Craft Hope: handmade crafts for a cause" by Jade Sims (memorial book)

"The Calorie King Calorie Fat & Carbohydrate Counter"

"Entrelace": the essential guide to interlace knitting by Rosemary Drysdale (memorial book)

"She walks in Beauty": a woman's journey through poems selected and intro by Caroline Kennedy (memorial book)

Events:

Movie showing "Star", film by Jim Brockhohn.

Jim is a Springville graduate. He lives in Forest City, Iowa and is a chiropractor/actor. He is going to show his movie "Star" @ the

Springville Memorial Library on November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00

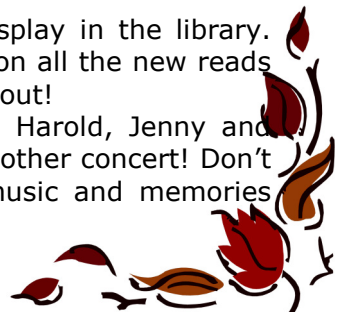
The Knit pickers are enjoying their Thursday afternoons of knitting, crocheting and fun conversation. SANSI will greatly benefit from the ladies work in making scarves, hats & mittens.

SANSI got the treats and patrons cleared their accounts of fines. The food for fines program was successful with everyone being the winner.

**Thanks** to all who brought in food for the SANSI pantry!

Look for our *New Books* display in the library. You can't miss it. Catch up on all the new reads for all ages and check them out!

December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. Harold, Jenny and Jane are coming back for another concert! Don't miss this fun evening of music and memories and holiday music!



## 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!**



### Harvest Home, Springville's Fall Festival

If you're a pre-Baby Boomer who spent your childhood here, you may recall Harvest Home. This lively fall festival was a Springville highlight for over four decades. When it began, is uncertain. The Springville New Era reported the initial date as Sept. 16, 1908. However, C. F. "Fred" Butler wrote in 1932 that Harvest Home had started "about 40 years ago" – meaning 1892. Butler wrote that an ox (steer) donated by his father, banker Joseph Butler, was roasted by quarters in the oven at Sterner and Buffington's restaurant/bakery. It was served free – but it couldn't have fed all of the 1,000 people Butler claimed were present!

The ox roast became a Harvest Home tradition. In the 1930s, a big pit was dug near the stone pillars at the southwest corner of Butler Park. When a roaring wood fire had subsided to hot coals, the ox was roasted for hours on a steel grate. Free roast beef sandwiches were served while the meat lasted. In 1908, Harvest Home featured speeches in the morning. People brought picnic dinners to eat at noon. That afternoon, a "splendid showing of vegetables, fruits and grains" was judged. An evening ice cream social capped the day. Suspended during World War II, Harvest Home resumed in 1947. But times had changed, and the homegrown vigor of earlier festivals was gone. The last one was held Aug. 22 & 23, 1949. Harvest Home holds a cherished place in memory, with the ox roast ranking high. Ed Dudek said local butcher Mike Staneslov was in charge, and always gave him seconds. "That roast beef was so good!" he declared. Francis Mysak also remembers the "rassling tent," where a visiting wrestler took on local challengers. The merry-go-round, games of chance, colorful helium balloons, and the horse and pony show are among other memories. Eager anticipation and wholesome joy prevailed. As Bernita Andersen said, "We looked forward to Harvest Home all year."



## 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](mailto:cityofsp@netins.net), or left on the answering machine at 854-6428.

≥ Deadline for items in the next newsletter /community calendar is **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**.

≥ **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.

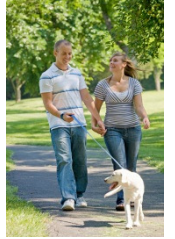
≥ Please, **before you dig**, call **811-IT'S FREE**, AND IT'S THE LAW! It minimizes damages to underground utilities.

≥ **Cox Lake has been stocked with blue gills, crappies, bass and minnows; this is not quite ½ of the amount of fish that is recommended to stock the pond. So for this year all fishermen are asked to fish on a "Catch & Release" basis and give the fish a year to grow!**



## A Big Thank you!!

Grant money from Witwer thru SANSI, was given to the City for our Graham Park walking trail project. The \$1250 was greatly appreciated and we look forward to the completion of this wonderful project.



### 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!**

## For Sale

**The City of Springville will be accepting sealed bids for a 2000 Ford F-350 4X4 regular cab truck with 66,000 miles. The truck has a non-working dump box. Hoist works, box rusty, could be repaired. It has an 8' 2" Boss power "V" snow plow with it. Bids must be returned to the city clerk's office by noon November 4, 2011. For more information contact the city clerk's office at (319)854-6428 or public works at (319)521-2591.**

*The City of Springville reserves the right to reject any or all bids*



**The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Springville girls traveling basketball team** would like to **Thank** everyone for all the can donations. The can drive held on Saturday, October 8th was a huge success!! The money raised will help pay for equipment & tournament fees. We welcome anyone to come watch the girls. The girls will play their first tournament at Linn Mar on Sunday, October 30th. The Team is coached by Jeff & Robin Menster & Russ Wagaman. The team members in the picture are as follows (left to right): Madi Wagaman, Alyssa Jaeger, Mikayla Nachazel, Kylie Hanshaw, Rylee Menster, Sami Johnson, Megan Stockman, Katelyn Gloeckner (not available for picture).



### Recycle More Linn County!

City Carton Recycling, the Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency, and the City of Cedar Rapids teamed up to create **Recycle More Linn County!**

The team is working together to promote recycling more stuff, more often, and in more places in Linn County.

If your neighborhood doesn't have curbside recycling service or you want to de-clutter right away, there are ways for you to recycle any time you want. The three agencies offer a complete solution to recycle just about anything easily, and often for free.

For more information go to the Recycle More Linn County website at: [www.RecycleMoreLinnCounty.com](http://www.RecycleMoreLinnCounty.com)

### MAYOR'S COLUMN

This year's election will bring changes to city hall. With new faces sitting on the city council, we will have fresh ideas and goals in mind all working together for the good of Springville. These elected officials will ultimately make hard choices and decisions on policy and procedures, while remembering and understanding that the most important aspect of our governance has been and should remain citizen participation.

According to Erin Mullenix, research and fiscal analyst for the Iowa League of Cities' "Citizen Participation is not only important but also beneficial to governance." This is one aspect of the many social factors, along with political factors, that affect the balance of influence between government and citizen voices.

The largest challenge to local government is to govern while preserving America's founding and modern values. Erin stated, "Finding the right balance of control between government and citizens is a historical challenge that continues today."

Citizen participation in government is critical to preservation of the values on which our country was founded. This practice provides everyone an opportunity to engage in government issues that ultimately affect their lives. The leaders that authored the "Federalist Papers" struggled with the concept of balancing control while preserving our ever-important democratic values and attributes this country fought so hard to protect. Thomas Jefferson, our 3rd President was very concerned about limiting government in order to preserve individual liberties and voice in government. He encouraged the education of citizens in order to empower them to make their own well-informed decisions. It is now more apparent than ever that since the founding of our nation, times have changed but the need for citizen input in government has remained constant.

Historic legislation i.e. Urban Renewal Act of 1954, the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and The Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 mandates that government will provide opportunities for citizen participation. These opportunities include holding public meetings to gather input, citizen engagement on local commissions, advisory boards and committees.

According to the Alliance for Innovation, some of the benefits of promoting citizen engagement include creating a sense of community, developing public trust, empowering collaboration between citizens and public officials, enhancing problem-solving abilities, creating dialog around key city issues and increasing the likelihood that citizens will support, or at least understand, financial investments in community projects.

The latest change will take effect January 1, 2012. The 2009 HF243 bill passed, requiring all governmental appointed boards, commissions and committees established by the "Code of Iowa", to consider gender when selecting the best-qualified applicant to fill a position. After January 1, 2011 all local board and commission memberships must be gender balanced. This simply means to us that our boards and commissions, which contain an odd number of members, cannot contain one gender that is greater than one half plus one. This law applies to gender balance only, not political affiliation, minority or any other qualification. To comply with this mandate the city shall establish a fair and unbiased method of selecting the best-qualified applicant.

Don't forget to **VOTE** November 8, 2012 as this practice provides all of us an opportunity to shape local government. Rick Heeren, Mayor

### Historical Society to be open November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

The Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) will meet Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the SAHS building (former library). The meeting was moved to the third Tuesday of the month to avoid a conflict with Election Day. Non-members interested in Springville history are welcome to attend to see if they might like to join. Annual dues are \$10 for an individual and \$15 per couple. SAHS will be open to

the public Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and again Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Hours on both dates will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. People are encouraged to browse, ask questions, and share local history information. SAHS met October 11<sup>th</sup>. Present were Bev Franks, president; James Crow, vice president; Karen Taylor, secretary/historian; Bernita Andersen, Doug Beard and Kimball Behning. Janet Lentz has joined, bringing membership to 29. Bev noted she had obtained almost two gallons of paint from the "Swap Shop" at the Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency (landfill). Interior walls of the SAHS building will be painted by members.

Kimball reported that he had been to a "ham fest" (amateur radio swap meet) and found refurbished Dell computers and monitors being sold for very reasonable prices. He suggested this as a possible source for an SAHS computer.

There was a brief discussion on the pros and cons of subscribing to Internet service, once a computer is obtained. No decision was made. Bev also pointed out that a copy machine would be a useful addition.

The need to collect more information about Viola's history was discussed. Karen suggested the 1878 and 1911 histories of Linn County, Iowa, as sources, and offered to check them. Long-time Viola residents could be another source.

### Springville's Civil War Veterans Remembered

One hundred and fifty years ago last April, the United States was plunged into Civil War. About 56 veterans of that war are interred in the Springville Cemetery. An exact count is elusive, as some sources include names that others do not. Many Springville area pioneer names can be found in the Civil War veterans' roster. Among them are Benton, Bolton, Calvert, Dunlap, Dunbar, Gibson, Pherrin, Plummer, Stone, and Wilson. Seven Springville men were killed at the Battle of Champion Hill (Miss.) May 16, 1863. There is a stone at the cemetery for one, Samuel J. Noyes, but it may not mark his actual grave. Scores of the Champion Hill dead were buried on the battlefield. Isaac Nash, a Civil War veteran interred at Springville, fought in the Mexican War as well, enlisting in 1847 at age 18. In the Civil War, Nash was wounded twice and discharged for disability, but lived to be 88. At least six of Springville's Civil War veterans were born in Europe: David Wild in England; Thomas Francis and Patrick Killen, Ireland; Mark (Michael) Tabasinsky, Poland; and John Reed and Thomas Kirkwood, Scotland.

Kirkwood was one of two Springville men in the 37<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry, called the "Gray Beard Regiment" because most members were over 45. He was 71, and Henry Pate 59, when they enlisted in 1862. Kirkwood died of disease in 1864 at Bloomington, Ill. Pate lived to be 81.

In 1934, taps sounded for the last three Springville area "Boys in Blue." William P. Mitchell, 86, died March 29. Henry P. Gillilan was 89 at his death Sept. 17, and two days later, Simeon J. Martin, 88, passed away. Mitchell and Martin are buried at Springville, Gillilan at Wilcox Cemetery near Viola.

### CITY OF SPRINGVILLE

#### Joint Meeting Minutes of P&Z Commission & ZBA on September 29, 2011

Chairman Teig called the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 5:30 p.m. in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Teig, Koppenhaver, Anderson & Pearson. One seat remains vacant after the ordinance amendment reducing the P&Z Commission to a 5 member board. Zoning Board of Adjustment members present on roll call: Hanshaw, Trampe, Anderson and Gillette. One seat remains vacant. Also present: John Tuthill, Marc Whitman, Bill Croell, Les Beck, Bob Tobin, Dick Ransom, Dean Spina, Gordon Bowser, Martha and Frits Lantermans, Ron Fadness, Tom and Linda Abbott, Erv Mussman and Rick Heeren.

**Approval of Minutes:** M/b Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Koppenhaver to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 joint meeting of the P&Z and ZBA. All ayes, motion carried. M/b Hanshaw, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Gillette to approve the minutes of the joint meeting of the P&Z and ZBA. All ayes, motion carried.

**New Business: Request for Conditional Use Permit Within 2 Miles of the City:** Engineer Bob Tobin researched and addressed eleven points of concerns raised by Wendling Quarries representatives at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting in a written report (herein attached to these minutes). Tobin answered questions from P&Z and ZBA members. Attorney for Wendling Quarries Dean Spina presented a list of proposed conditions to be met before a conditional use permit is approved by Linn County P&Z and the Linn County ZBA (herein attached to these minutes).

**Building Permit Report:** none.

**Old Business:** none.

M/b P&Z member Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Pearson to approve **Resolution #32-2011; A Resolution Recommending Linn County Approval of a Conditional Use Permit For B&C Materials** with attached conditions and the stipulation of notification from Linn County Planning P&Z of any minor to major conditions of change reported to Linn County by B&C Materials. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

M/b ZBA member Hanshaw, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Gillette to approve **Resolution #32-2011; A Resolution Recommending Linn County Approval of a Conditional Use Permit For B&C Materials** with attached conditions and the stipulation of notification from Linn County Planning P&Z of any minor to major conditions of change reported to Linn County by B&C Materials. Upon roll call vote Trampe preferred the motion include wording to include the Springville ZBA shall meet and approve any conditional use permits be they major or minor submitted by B&C Materials to Linn County. Motion on **Resolution #32-2011; Recommending Linn County Approval of a Conditional Use Permit for B&C Materials** was amended by Hanshaw, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Gillette to include the stipulation of notification of any conditional use application to Linn County P&Z and approval of said conditional use permit by the Springville ZBA. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Next meeting date:** November 8, 2011.

M/b Koppenhaver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **Springville Council Minutes – October 10, 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. Also present: Doug Beard, Todd Wyman, Brandon French, Dave Haugen, Jerry Von Sprecken, Joel Rochleau, Martha Lantermans, Donald Neal, Dean Spina, Jan Gilmour, Karen Taylor, David Bowser, Gordon Bowser, Dave Kelley, Erv Mussman, John Tuthill, Marc Whitman, Dick Ransom, Daryl Pearson, Megan Pearson, Bill Croell, Bob Tobin, K O'Brien, Rusty Armstrong, Kimball Behning, Patrick O'Brien, Kate O'Brien-May and Deputy Munier.

**Public Hearing:** B&C Materials Application for a Conditional Use Permit. Engineer Erv Mussman addressed the Council on B&C Materials request for a Conditional Use Permit. Mussman noted that B&C Materials would comply with all 11 conditions set forth as part of Resolution #32-2011. B&C Materials representatives continued to answer questions and hold discussion with the council and audience on their request. John Tuthill, representing Wendling Quarries spoke on Wendling's concerns of the volume of water required to operate 2 quarries and liability issues if both quarries are blasting within the same time frames. Atty. Dean Spina submitted a "proposed conditions" document, requesting that B&C Materials address all the concerns listed before the City consider recommending a conditional use permit to Linn County. Mayor Heeren closed the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m.

M/by Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller approving **Resolution #35-2011; A Resolution Recommending Linn County Approval of a Conditional Use Permit for B&C Materials.** Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Ballantyne left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

**Consent Agenda:** M/by Grimley 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralston to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes motion carried.

**Citizens with Concerns Not on the Agenda:** none.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Munier provided the patrol report for hours of service from September 26, 2011 through October 10, 2011. There were 35 calls for service. September hours of service: 146.4.

**Maintenance Report:** Todd reported that the sewer project is moving fast and phase one is almost complete. Almost all the mandrill tests are completed with those completed passing testing. In the new development all the water and sewer infrastructure is completed. The sewer is ready for mandrill testing. The water Bac-T test has been completed. One test passed and Todd is waiting for the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> test. The curb replacement is finished on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, guys are getting the leaf-vac ready to use, 2 graves have been sodded and they will replace the water tower light that is out. Todd reported they recycled the millings from the torn up streets on the alleys and the lane down to the yard waste site. MSI will be back in town to complete the Legion parking lot. Todd will look into the problem with the street on 5<sup>th</sup> and Academy Streets.

Roger reported on attending the Fire Department meeting. The department open house is Wednesday night and the life guard helicopter will be on site. The public is invited to attend. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is moving forward and volunteers are still welcome to sign up for the program. An informational meeting is being planned.

**Other Reports** provided to the council: minutes of the September 29th joint P&Z and ZBA meeting, September 6<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Library Board minutes, July and August Library finance reports, October activity calendar for the Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Fire Department finance report, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter leave report, September OT report, and a time table for the CDBG Housing Rehab grant program.

**Old Business: Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway Disposition of Property:** A bid in the amount of \$2,502 was received from Richard Lorimer for the 173 Broadway property. Council directed the Clerk to contact Lorimer and ask that he attend the next council meeting for a discussion on his intent for the property.

**Elite Developers Tax Abatement Program:** The public hearing on the designation of Spring Meadows III as a residential revitalization area and adoption of a plan for residential property tax abatement is scheduled for the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**New Business: Approve Visa-Sewer Contract:** M/by Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grimley directing Mayor Heeren to sign Contract B of the Sewer Improvement program with Visa-Sewer, Inc. for 5, 327 feet of sanitary sewer lining. Roll call vote, Ballantyne absent, all ayes. Motion carried.

**City Insurance Quotes:** Council reviewed aspects of the information provided by Exchange Insurance Agency, the City's current insurance carrier and Brown Township insurance carrier - Bouslog Insurance Corp. Differences in the policies were discussed. Council consensus was to continue with the City's current policy.

**Project Update (pay application #4 and change order):** Project engineer Dave Haugen was present for project review for the weeks of September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The majority of Contract A, sewer replacement is finished. Connolly Construction will continue work on contract punch list items. The asphalt subcontractor will be in town to sealcoat 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Water Street and the concrete subcontractor still needs to seat joints in 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. M/by Shebetka 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grimley to approve pay application #4 for \$184,754 and change order #3 for \$5,453. All ayes, motion carried.

**Truck Bids:** Two bid for the Ford f-350 dump truck in the amounts of \$3,800 and \$5,251.51 were rejected by the council as being too low. Todd reiterated that the salesman at Junge-Center Point said the value of the truck with the snow plow is approximately \$7,500. The truck will be advertised in the local newspapers for increased circulation of the ad. Bids will be due in time for the November 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Consensus was that if an appropriate bid is not received the truck will be kept.

**Code Update:** Iowa Codification quoted \$1,050 for the ordinance supplement and \$1,350 for legislative

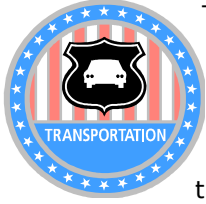
changes, for a total bill of \$2,400. M/by Grimley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralston accepting the quote from Iowa Codification for updating the Springville Code of Ordinances. All ayes, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Cedar Valley Humane Society has named Bob Citrullo as the new executive director.

Next council meeting **October 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

M/by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grimley to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

### ----- IDOT News Release



The IDOT is moving ahead with an interchange study of U.S. 151/Springville Rd (X20) and in the meantime is providing some minor interim improvements. There is a slight modification of the design of the interim improvements. The original design included doveled-on "small islands" in the median crossing with yield signs for X20 traffic. In addition the work included partial paved shoulders from 1,700 feet west of X20 easterly through the intersection. The change is that the Iowa DOT has decided to study the concept of the small islands further and intends to remove that work from the current contract. The DOT plans on placing cameras at the intersection to help monitor and study traffic movements (they are **NOT** speed enforcement cameras). After a period of monitoring and review, we will make a decision regarding the small median island concept. Consistent with previous discussions, the IDOT still intends to post an advisory speed limit after completion of the project.



On Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> children from the Elementary School and others, took part in the Fall Fitness 1 kilometer walk, which was part of the "Get Healthy Iowa walk". (Also, the weather was perfect!)

### SANSI NEWS

**THANK YOU!** To the community, churches, the Boy Scouts, parents and leaders for the food donated to the **SANSI** food pantry. The number of families using the pantry has increased and your donations are a blessing.

**SANSI** is taking children's names for Christmas gifts. Please bring a list of ideas, names and ages to the Community Center or mail to Box 243 **by** November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** will be at the Springville Methodist Church on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please come enjoy the music of the community church choirs. The offering goes to **SANSI**.

### City Council Minutes - October 24, 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. Also present: Doug Beard, Todd Wyman, Dave Haugen, Liz Kemp, Susan Cooper, Mike Brady, Richard Lorimer, Kent & Brent Backen and Deputy Lemense.

**Public Hearing:** Mayor Heeren opened the public hearing on the Designation of the Springville Residential Revitalization Area and the Adoption of a Plan for Residential Property Tax Abatement. Per the provisions of Chapter 404, Urban Revitalization Act, Code of Iowa a City may designate an area of the

City as a revitalization area upon meeting criteria as set forth by the code. The City must also prepare a proposed plan for the designated revitalization area. Said Plan includes an exemption from taxation on the first \$75,000 of actual value of a property for a period of 5 years. The City is moving forward with said plan by holding this public hearing. Mayor Heeren asked for public input, there being no oral or written comment the public hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

**Consent Agenda:** M/b Grimley, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Miller to approve the consent agenda with removal of the finance report. 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 October 10, 2011 through October 24, 2011. There were 31 calls for service. September hours of service: 146.4.

**Maintenance Report:** Todd reported on the final walk through for phase 1 of the sewer project. The light on the water tower has been replaced, they cleaned up at the yard waste site, had 2 burials, fixed the toilet at the rental unit and checked out lights and outlets, drained and winterized backup pumps at the lift station, turned on the heat at the Community Center, showed the Ford F-350 to prospective buyers, fixed & leveled alleys and utility disconnects. The guys will be working on servicing summer equipment, leaf pickup in the parks, patching potholes and starting phase 2 of the sewer project. Todd noted the public works department needs a third person for snow removal in case of heavy snows. Todd recommended resurfacing of the street in the downtown area be considered in next year's budget and will be getting estimates for the project.

**Mayor:** Rick reported on attending the Linn County EMA meeting. On November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. CST, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will conduct the first ever, top-to-bottom nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The purpose of the test is to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the EAS as a way to alert the public, should public safety officials ever need to send an alert to the public in a large region of the United States or nationwide.

**Other Reports:** Roger reported on attending the Park Board meeting. The board has ordered 2 new pieces of playground equipment to put in the same vicinity as the new wood structure installed by the Boy Scouts. The board is also considering putting in a sand volleyball court and lighting the basketball court. Tom Miller suggested the board also look into frisbee golf, as the sport seems to be very popular in other cities. Roger noted that Steve Mysak did a good job on Graham Park wetlands landscaping. The willow trees that were taken out will need to be burned next spring.

Library Board President Susan Cooper was present asking if the council had set any guidelines for the FY2012-13 budget. Susan also inquired if a councilperson would like to attend the Library Boards budget meetings. Robin is the library liaison until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Bixler noted that she would like to attend the Library Board budget meeting.

Bixler informed the council that a deputy was in to take a report on the vandalism done to the gazebo.

**Old Business: Nuisance Abatement - 173 Broadway**

**Disposition of Property:** Richard Lorimer was present for a discussion on the purchase of 173 Broadway. Lorimer reported he intends to build either a single family dwelling or a duplex on the lot. Council asked if he could get the building removed yet this year. Because digging the basement out would require a hole that would need to be filled over the winter and then dug out again for the basement of a new residence, he felt that that was not fiscally possible. Discussion continued on boarding up entryways and the possibility of removing the garage addition as it has no basement under it. An abstract for the property cannot be located; the City Attorney will be contacted to begin that process so sale of the property to Lorimer can proceed.

**New Business: Housing Rehab Grant Writing Proposals, Technical Services Proposals and Award of Contracts:**

Notice of intent to apply for a housing rehab grant was sent to three entities and published in the Cedar Rapids Gazette. MSA was the only entity to submit a proposal. Liz Kemp of MSA was present to explain the housing rehab program to the council. MSA proposes to provide grant-writing service for Springville to prepare and application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) Housing Fund to fund an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. If Springville is not awarded CDBG funding for the program there is no charge for the grant writing. Should Springville be awarded a grant MSA would provide technical assistance to the City to ensure that program administration will be completed in accordance with IDED's current CDBG regulations. M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Ralston to award both grant writing and technical services contracts to MSA. All ayes, motion carried.

**Project Updates:** Dave Haugen was present for an update on the sewer project. As Todd noted, phase 1 is nearing completion with only some landscaping work to be completed. A pre-construction with Visa-Sewer is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. The project is slated to begin on January 9, 2012.

**Alcohol Sales Violation:** Casey's failed an alcohol compliance check. Council directed the Clerk to process the civil penalty (monetary) against Casey's.

**Wanda Young/Ed Sleep:** Discussion was held on correspondence received by the City Attorney on the Wanda Young/Ed Sleep lawsuit. M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Ballantyne to enter into an agreement with Wanda Young, that if she loses the court case with Ed Sleep, she agrees to remove her fence within 30 days of the Court's decision. If she chooses not to remove the retaining wall the City will enforce its' municipal infraction code. All ayes, motion carried.

**Engineers Review of Spring Meadows III Final Plat:** Kent and Brent Backen of Elite Developers were present for discussion on the final plat for Spring Meadows III and the residential property tax abatement plan. Discussion was held on moving forward to get the final plat approved so they can dig basements yet this fall.

**Downtown Revitalization (Banners & Christmas Decorations):** Examples of several types of banners were presented to the council as one method of a downtown revitalization effort. It was noted that new Christmas decorations are also needed along with the appropriate hardware for both banners and decorations. It was suggested that decorations be taken from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and that more banners/decorations be put on Broadway Street. The project will be a budget item for FY 2012-13 and SEDC will be approached to partner in the project.

M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Miller approving **Resolution #37-2011; A Resolution Proposing Sale of City Owned Property Located at 173 Broadway.** Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

M/b Grimley, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Shebetka approving **Resolution #38-2011; A Resolution Pledging a Monetary Contribution as "Local Effort" Toward a CDBG Housing Rehab Grant.** Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

M/b Grimley, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Shebetka approving **Resolution #39-2011; A Resolution Adopting the Proposed Plan for the Springville Residential Revitalization Area.** Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Ballantyne approving the first reading **Ordinance #4-2011; An Ordinance Designating an Area of Springville, Iowa, as the Springville Residential Revitalization Area.** Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. The exact area of the revitalization plan will be confirmed with Bob Josten before the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance and shall be corrected before that time if need be.

**Correspondence:** Resignation of Jim Teig from the P&Z Commission, letter from Pickens, Barnes & Abernathy finalizing litigation, letter from IDOT in reference to moving ahead with the 151/Springville Rd interchange study, and notice from Linn County with information on absentee ballot voting.

Next regular council meeting is **November 7th at 6:00 p.m.**

M/b Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Grimley to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

## SPRINGVILLE INDOOR WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

### 2011/2012 SCHEDULE

#### Saturdays, 9AM to 11AM

Springville Community Center - 265 Broadway

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| November 12, 2011 | December 10, 2011 |
| January 7, 2012   | January 21, 2012  |
| February 4, 2012  | February 18, 2012 |
| March 3, 2012     | March 17, 2012    |
| April 7, 2012     | April 21, 2012    |

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## PRESS RELEASE



The City of Springville is considering a 2012 Housing Fund grant application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for funding of an Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. The proposed program will provide financial assistance to income-qualifying homeowners with the rehabilitation of their homes. All interested citizens are encouraged to sign a document of interest and commitment available at the Springville City Hall or by calling Karen Bixler at 319.854.6428. Anyone with questions about the program may call Liz Kemp at MSA Professional Services toll-free at 888.869.1214. The City of Springville will hold a **public hearing** on November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 pm in City Hall. All citizens are encourage to attend.



**RAINBOWS OF FALL**

