



SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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Fall is in the air! The leaves will begin to turn and soon we will be busy raking them! Please use our yard waste site for your leaf disposal. Also, on Halloween night, please help keep our little trick-or-treaters safe by keeping a light on for them and when driving, watch carefully for them.



Talk Around the Hydrant

The Bravest

Well the colors on the trees will soon be changing and the days are starting to get shorter. It must mean only one thing, and that is Fire Prevention week is again upon us. Some people might not know this, but Fire Prevention week was actually started to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This year the theme is "Protect your Family from Fire". Fires in the home take a great toll on life and property each year. In a 5 year period from 2005-2009 fire departments nationwide responded to an estimated 373,900 home structure fires. These fires caused an estimated 2,650 civilian deaths, 12,890 civilian injuries, and \$7.1 billion dollars in direct property damage per year. Smoking materials remain the leading cause of home fire deaths, while cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries.

You might ask yourself, "What can I do to prevent this from happening?" An important part of home fire protection is making sure that you have working Smoke Alarms in the home. This is an inexpensive way to make sure that your family is protected. Just having working Smoke Alarms is not enough. You need to make sure that everyone in the home knows what they sound like and what they mean. If you are like my family, the smoke alarm just means that dinner is almost ready. A simple thing to do is gather the family around and let them hear the alarms and then explain to them that this means **GET OUT**. Also have a meeting place, somewhere simple like the mail box or a tree in the neighbor's yard. Then when they are out make sure that there is nothing worth going back in for. Everything can be replaced except human life. Make sure that everyone in the family knows their address and the number to call in case of an emergency. This number is still and always will be 911. Also, a simple walk around the home with all the family looking for things that could possibly cause a fire is a good way to get everyone involved with fire safety. Such things as papers or combustibles too close to the stove or heating source, electrical outlets with too many chords plugged into them, or matches left within in the reach of little ones. All these things can cause fires in the home and are often overlooked with the hustle and bustle of life. If there are still questions about Fire Safety we will once again be visiting the elementary on the 12th of Oct, showing off the trucks and going over fire safety with the kids. Then all are invited to the Springville Fire & Rescue Open House the 12th from 6-8pm. The adults are also invited and there may be some rematches in the Fire Relay. Please come and talk with one of the many members of Springville Fire and Rescue and they will be happy to answer any fire safety questions you may have.

This month we have responded to these calls:

8-16-201110-52 Medical
8-31-201110-52 Medical
9-01-201110-52 Medical

9-02-201110-50 P.I. Accident
9-06-201110-52 Medical
9-08-201110-50 P.I. Accident
9-18-201110-52 Medical



LIBRARY NEWS

Oct. 4th 6:30 Library Board Meeting
Oct. 7th Story time 10:30
Oct. 8th Youth Book Talk
Oct. 11th Adult book Talk 6:30
Oct. 14th Story time 10:30
Oct. 20th 6:30 Author visit Sharon Helgens-`piece a story- tell a quilt`
Oct. 21st Story Time 10:30
Oct. 24-31st "Treats for Eats" SANSI Fundraiser
Oct. 25th Adult Book Talk 6:30
Oct. 27th Friends Annual Meeting in Buresh Room
Oct. 28th Story time 10:30
Oct. 28th 2:30-4:30 **HALLOWEEN FUN (IT'S A PARTY!)**
Let's Give SANSI a Treat!!! During the week of October 24-31 bring a nonperishable Item to the library and get \$1.00 off your library fines. The Library is sponsoring this event to help SANSI fill their food pantry. So help the community and reduce your library fine at the same time. Feel free to contribute even if you don't have library fines!
Do you like to knit or crochet? Would you like to help out SANSI? Then let's meet at the Library and knit or crochet scarves, hats, and mittens to help fill the SANSI Christmas boxes and keep their clients warm this winter. Come sit around the fireplace in comfy chairs and chat with friends or make new ones while knitting or crocheting for a great cause. For more information or questions call 854-6444.
Author Sharon Helgens will be @ our library October 20th 6:30. Sharon is an Author/Illustrator and quilt/designer. She is a short story writer and has 2 books to her credit and one more in the making. She has written for several magazines and gives a wonderful talk. She will bring some of her quilts to talk about. Refreshments will be served.
Come join Friday Story time at 10:30. Have fun with stories, friends and a take home craft. Moms & Dads, this is a great time to interact with other children and network with parents. It is just a great time!
HALLOWEEN PARTY October 28th. Come in a costume!
Have fun with crafts, **TREATS!** 2:30-4:40 (no school that day)

Springville Historical Society Hours

Open from 10 am to 3 pm on:

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Come Visit US!



CREEPY TIDBITS

- If you see a spider on Halloween, it is the spirit of a loved one watching over you.
- The Ouija Board ended up outselling the game of Monopoly in its first full year at Salem. Over two million copies of the Ouija Board were shipped.
- In about 1 in 4 autopsies, a major disease is discovered that was previously undetected.

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 **Oct. 17th**.

≥ **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.

≥ **Golf cart permits** (\$25.00) available at City Hall, are required before you can operate them on city streets. Ordinance #3-2009 can be viewed at City Hall, or you can request a copy.

≥ 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!**

VOLUNTEER BOARD VACANCIES

The Planning and Zoning Commission has one seat 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

Real Estate Located at 173 Broadway, Springville IA
Consisting of a house & attached garage on a 95'X128" lot with access to city water & sewer services. Zoned residential.

Terms of Sale: The City of Springville will take sealed bids until noon on Monday, October 10, 2011. Bid opening will take place at the October 10th council meeting. Bids may be dropped off at City Hall.

For more information contact City Hall at: 854-6428.

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

MAYOR'S COLUMN

In successful communities, leaders must become adept in linking their department's goals to outcomes that support the city's ability to achieve its mission. To do this, department heads, boards and commission heads need to meet periodically and study the city's basic documents, such as vision and mission statements, strategic plans and annual operating plans. The Mayor and city clerk along with the city council can help these department heads, boards, and commission heads to better understand the city's top priorities and how each entity can contribute to achieving these goals.

As part of the process of developing a high performance city concept, departments, boards, and commissions need to work as a team to identify mission critical systems and give input on how to keep them working. Mission critical systems are those systems that seriously would disrupt critical city operations if they were allowed to fail. This open communication and brainstorming is good for the city of Springville its citizens and visitors. This is called true teamwork.

In this turbulent world, however, there is always something going on around each of us every day, much of which we disagree with, and is making it increasingly difficult to accomplish what we were elected to do. It is extremely important not to become one of the people angry at the world who often gather in groups of like mindsets and hold rigid opinions often based on fear. Progress does not come

to fruition by taking sides; it is about balance and teamwork. In a functioning community, people do not live on the extreme, nor do they live in the middle. Most people move through their lives and a job dealing with what life has to throw at them. Such stressful situations as the 2011 legislature's outcome of \$5.999 billion in state spending with 1 billion dollars in cash reserves, at the same time budgets are being cut statewide and schools are being held at no increase in allowable growth- spending authority. Commercial property tax relief failed however, a 40% tax cut on commercial property passed, with a homeowners tax increase to make up the difference. This event shows us that teamwork has never been more crucial to the survival of our community. We need to operate as a group to help Springville move forward. A cooperative effort will help develop a green plan and path to make our city's future sustainable.

Rick Heeren, Mayor

New Cox Lake Playground Equipment



The project was coordinated by Eagle Scout James Barkalow and completed with the help of the Scouts, parents and the Springville City Parks Board. The piece had been taken apart and stored for several years in another location. The scout group reassembled the equipment from pictures of the piece before it was disassembled from its original location. Kris Taube with Taube Excavation donated the rubberized base material. Ken Oler donated the use of his trailer so the group could bring the many pieces to the park. **A big thanks you all!**



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Springville Area Historical Society met Tuesday September 13, 2011 at the SAHS building, the former library. President Bev Franks called the meeting to order. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Jean Schmidt took roll call with the following members in attendance: Bernita Andersen, Doug Beard, Kimball Behning, Jim Crow, Bev Franks, Dave & Eleanor Kelley, Merle & Harriett McGrew and Bob & Pat Rose. Minutes from the previous meeting were not available. Jean Schmidt gave the treasurer's report. Bev and Karen Taylor had ordered and received hanging file folders, sheet protectors and white gloves from Gaylord Bros. Inc. in Syracuse, NY and purchased chairs and a table from Welter Storage Equipment, Inc. in Cedar Rapids. Another table, more chairs and a legal size file cabinet will be purchased later. Leah Rogers of Mt. Vernon, a historical researcher and consultant, held a program at the Memorial Library August 27th, which was sponsored by the SAHS. She spoke on the history and archeology in and around Waubeek, Whittier, Viola and Springville. She is researching Linn County, a section at a time. The SAHS has received a book from the organization that she works with, which will be among the books belonging to the society. Kimball Behning videotaped the program. Merle McGrew and Pauline Randall will be on the nominating committee to select new officers. Friends of the Library will be moving the books they have had in the SAHS building, to the south side of the former Fuller Barber Shop. It was decided to paint the walls of the SAHS building and Kimball said we could possibly get the paint at the Linn County Landfill at no charge. Bev has been contacting people who might be able to

help with the history of Viola. If you have any information please contact Bev. The SAHS will be open October 6th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM to be in compliance with the grant we have received. Come and browse and see what we have done since our organization in early 2010. Nancy Bebbler Akers of Central City, a former Springville resident, is researching the history of the Bebbler and Batchelder families for SAHS. Dave & Norma Nietert donated some pictures to the city hall that will be given to SAHS to hang in their building. Steve Shaffer will stencil SAHS on the bottom of the new chairs. The next meeting will be held October 11th at 6:30 PM.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - September 12, 2011

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Grimley, Miller, Ralston and Shebetka. Ballantyne was absent. Also present: Doug Beard, Todd Wyman, Lyle Anderson, Sheryl Weld, Linda Nelson, Mat Sauer, Joe Elsinger and Deputies Mast and Palvelka.

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

Citizens with Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Pavelka gave the patrol report for hours of service from August 22, 2011 through September 12, 2011. There were 31 calls for service. July hours of service: 98.4.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Heeren read a proclamation in remembrance of the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787. Rick also reported on attending the NEIRL meeting on "Smart Growth" practices for cities.

Maintenance Report: Todd reported the new truck is in use and they are just waiting for a call from the sign company to put the "Springville" logo on the cab door. The truck purchase came in under budget and the City saved \$600 in purchasing a 2011 model versus a 2012 model. The ExMark mower is in the shop again. It needs the third electric clutch in the 600 hours the City has owned it. There have been several updates on the mower that have not been done due to lack of communication on Rexco Equipment's part. Lyle Anderson of Green Valley Ag and Turf was present with a quote for a new John Deere lawn mower. Further discussion on the purchase of a mower will take place at the next council meeting. The storm sewer at the high school has been fixed; a new 14 foot pipe was installed. The downtown lines have been painted with 10' stalls. Todd noted they should have been 12' stalls. MSI has the equipment to fix the cracks in the new pavement. This should be done in the fall for a better seal. They would need to quote a price should the council decide to proceed. Water and sewer infrastructure is going in in the new development. Jim Leighton of Shoemaker and Halaand is performing construction observation for the City. Discussion was held on the tree in front of the Folken residence. The root ball was severely cut during digging for the sewer project and it is questionable if the tree can survive. It may have to be removed. Pastor John will be asked to take a look at the tree.

Other Reports: The following reports were provided for the Council: August OT report, August building permits, a GO bond debt service cost comparison provided by Ruan Securities and the August 2nd Library Board meeting minutes. Brown Township Trustee Clerk Kim Donaldson provided an insurance quote on the 1998 Alexis Fire Truck from the townships insurance agent that is much lower than what the City currently pays. In comparing the 2 policies it looked as if there was a difference in coverage. The clerk will contact the City's insurance agent to review the quote. Cedar Valley Humane Society provided the address of the Springville resident who called to have a kitten picked up that had been mauled by their dog. It was Council consensus not to pay the CVHS bill as it was not billed per the terms of the contract with the City. It has been 2 years since codification of the Springville Code and Bixler informed the Council that an update should be done. Bixler will get more information and a price quote from Iowa Codification for the next council meeting.

Roger reported on researching used pick-ups for sale for the PW Dept., receiving rubber chips for the playground equipment to be installed by the Eagle Scouts and a \$1,000 grant for trees.

Old Business: Nuisance Abatement - 173 Broadway Disposition of Property: There were no bids received for the property. Council consensus was to put the property back out to bid with no provisions attached to the bid process. A new derelict building grant program is being funded by the DNR. ECICOG will be contacted for further information.

Elite Developers Tax Abatement Program: no new information.

New Business: 5th Avenue Asphalt: Todd felt that asphalt replacement on the 906 feet of street that would need to be replaced due to the sewer project would be preferable to the sealcoat replacement listed on the project quote, but that the difference in price (\$38,369 for asphalt versus \$9,811 for 6" sealcoat) could not warrant that much of expenditure. M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Miller to stay with the original bid for seal coat repair on 5th Avenue. All ayes, motion carried.

Ford F350 Truck: Blue Book price on the truck without the box is \$7,000 to \$8,000. The snowplow is worth approximately \$1,000. Salesman Jackson recommended asking \$7,500 for the truck. M/b Ralston, 2nd/b Grimley that Todd should write specs for advertising locally for the sale of the truck at this time. All ayes, motion carried.

Project Update: Joe Elsinger of MSA presented the field report for the weeks of August 22nd, August 29th and September 5th. It was noted the seeding job was unacceptable and Connolly Construction was aware of the fact it would need to be redone. Elsinger reported on dealing with the concerns of the resident at 160 5th St. North in reference to the storm water pipe that was installed as part of the project dumping excessive water flow that would drain into the creek abutting her property. Elsinger also explained the need for Change Order #2 in the amount of \$18,100 that was necessary for stabilization of the pipe (crossing creek) due to unsuitable soil encountered on 3rd Avenue. M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Grimley approving Change Order #2. All ayes, motion carried. Councilman Miller left at 8:30 p.m.

Community Center Janitorial: M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Ralston to approve Karen Anderson to clean the Community Center after Winter Farmer's Market at a fee of \$25 per time. All ayes, motion carried.

Sealcoat List: M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Grimley approving up to \$50,000 (as budgeted) for the 2011 sealcoat project with the PWD designating the street to be seal coated. All ayes, motion carried.

Spring Meadows III Construction Observation Contract.: M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Grimley directing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Shoemaker and Haaland for Spring Meadows III construction observation for a fee ranging from \$5,000 to \$7,000. All ayes, motion carried.

Park Board: M/b Grimley, 2nd/b Ralston for approval of Donna Hudson to serve a 2 year term on the Park Board. All ayes, motion carried.

Sidewalk List: M/b Ralston, 2nd/b Grimley for Todd to seek bids on for 9 squares of residential sidewalk repair. All ayes, motion carried. Todd will also check into the broken sidewalk at the park, which will be added to the list if need be.

256 Broadway: Interested party has withdrawn intent for purchase of property. Friends of the Library Board will need 3 keys made for their section of the building.

Fire Truck Chaise Payment: The City's portion of funding for the new fire truck has been received from Ruan Securities. Upon conversation with Brown Township Clerk Kim Donaldson, the township would need to break a CD to make their portion of the chaise payment. M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Grimley to make the entire payment due on the first installment of the new fire truck. All ayes, motion carried.

M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Ralston approving **Resolution #30-2011; A Resolution Finalizing the Execution of a \$403,000 Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2011.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne and Miller absent. All ayes, motion carried. M/b Grimley, 2nd/b Ralston approving

Resolution #31-2011; A Resolution Declaring Necessity and Providing for Notice of Hearing on Proposed Revitalization Plan for Residential Property Tax Abatement. Roll call vote, Ballantyne and Miller absent. All ayes, motion carried. M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Grimley approving **Resolution #33-2011; Closing Certificate for \$1,070,000 GO Corporate Purpose & Refunding Bonds.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne and Miller absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Tthe NPDES sewer discharge permit has been approved permit. Next regular council meeting is **September 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Ralston to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE

Joint Meeting Minutes of P&Z Commission & ZBA on September 14, 2011

Chairman Teig called the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 6:00 pm in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Teig, Koppenhaver, Anderson and 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, Jeff Taylor, Dick Ransom, Dean Spina, Gordon Bowser, David Bowser, Erv Mussman and Rick Heeren.

Approval of Minutes: M/by Koppenhaver, 2nd by Pearson to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2011 P&Z meeting. All ayes, motion carried. M/by Hanshaw, 2nd by Trampe to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2010 Board of Adjustment meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

Reappoint Kurt Gillette to ZBA: It was the consensus of the board to recommend the council reappoint Kurt Gillette to serve a 5 year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Request for Conditional Use Permit Within 2 Miles of the City: Erv Mussman representing B&C Materials presented site maps of the proposed quarry operation for B&C Materials. Mussman went on to explain the operation of the quarry as laid out on the site plan and the request for a conditional use permit for extractive use-open pit quarry operation. Discussion continued on aspects of the conditional use permit and quarry operations with Les Beck, City Engineer Bob Tobin and City Attorney Jeff Taylor taking part in the discussion. John Tuthill and Marc Whitman of Wendling Quarries along with representatives Atty. Dean Spina and Dick Ransom of Hall and Hall Engineering presented written material and their objections to &/or reasoning for the boards to delay a decision on the granting of a conditional use permit to B&C Materials. Also discussed was a report drafted by Engineer Tobin responding to questions raised by Attorney Spina at a previous P&Z meeting. The consensus was that Engineer Bob Tobin research and addresses the concerns raised by Wendling Quarries representatives and present a written report on his findings for review of both boards for a future meeting. M/by ZBA member Hanshaw, 2nd by Anderson to set a meeting for September 29th to review the report compiled by Tobin. Roll call vote, Gillette, Hanshaw and Anderson ayes. Trampe nay. Motion carried. M/by P&Z member Anderson, 2nd by Koppenhaver to set a meeting for Sept. 29th to review the report compiled by Tobin. Roll call vote, Teig, Anderson & Koppenhaver ayes. Pearson nay. Motion carried.

Building Permit Report: members reviewed the building permit report thru August 2011.

Old Business: none.

No action was taken on **Resolution #32-2011; A Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit For B&C Materials.**

Next meeting date: September 29, 2011.

M/by Anderson, 2nd by Koppenhaver to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

SEDC

SEDC held its annual meeting on Thursday, September 22. The executive committee for 2011/2012 will be the same as the prior year: John Keizer, president; Lena Gilbert, vice president; Joel Rochleau, secretary; and Tami Gillmore, treasurer. Membership is always open so if you are not already a member, there is no better time than now to join this important community based organization, although you need not be a resident of Springville to join the Springville Economic Development Corporation. The primary benefit of membership is being a stakeholder in helping to shape the economic development of Springville. Membership dollars are used for facility rental and to advertise and promote the year round Springville farmers' market, to produce promotional materials and for professional fees such as website development. We have many exciting initiatives and with your help, together we can help to promote Springville beyond our footprint. Please contact your SEDC executive committee for additional information about initiatives for 2011/2012. Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7A at Security State Bank; all are welcome.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - September 26, 2011

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Grimley, Miller, Ralston, Shebetka and Ballantyne. Also present: Doug Beard, Todd Wyman, Lyle Anderson, Brandon French, Linda Nelson, Dave Haugen, Patrick Hoyt, Marion Boy Scout Troop #555 and Deputy Lemense.

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

Citizens with Concerns Not on the Agenda: Linda Nelson of Friends of the Library was present requesting the keys for 256 Broadway. Extra keys have not been made yet and Nelson offered to get that done.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Lemense gave the patrol report for hours of service from September 12, 2011 through September 26, 2011. There were 29 calls for service. August hours of service: 99.4.

Maintenance Report: Todd gave an update on the sewer project. Third Avenue cement has been poured and 5th Avenue is finished but did not pass the density test probably because of dampness due to the rain and should pass the next testing later in the week. Todd says Connelly Const. is moving swiftly and all streets should be open by the end of the week. Kluesner Asphalt Paving Construction will also be on location soon for the sealchip and asphalt work. Also, the seeding issues in Butler Park have been resolved. The Exmark mower is back. Power supply to the clutch and grounding issues were the main problems that were repaired. The guys are hoping the mower will finish the season without further problems. MSI will be in next week for the sealcoating program. There was only one bid for the residential sidewalk repair project. M/by Shebetka, 2nd by Miller to accept the bid from Urban Besler in the amount of \$588 for 84 square feet of concrete a \$7 per square foot. All ayes, motion carried

Roger spoke on the tree in the City right of way that was severely damaged during digging for the sewer project. Pastor John looked at the tree and believes the tree cannot survive the damage done to it. The tree is to be removed yet this week. Roger feels the City should replace the tree for the property owners. Roger committed the City to the purchase of 2 new trees to be planted on private property. Jeff Grimley asked if the trees could be supplied by the Trees Forever Program. Pastor John has been in charge of that program and will be contacted for his help in looking into a Trees Forever Program for the City next spring.

Other Reports: The minutes of the September 14th joint P&Z and ZBA meeting were provided to the Council. Bixler reported the furnace does not work. Todd has looked at it and Comfort Solutions will be called for repair.

Old Business

Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway

Disposition of Property: Posters were put out re-advertising the property with no restrictions attached. Bids are due October 10th by noon to be considered at the council meeting that night.

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 24th meeting.

New Business

Sealcoating of City Parking Lot: Lyle Anderson was present representing the American Legion in their request to have the City parking lot sealchipped. The Legion has offered to share the \$3,536 expense equally with the City. M/by Ballantyne, 2nd by Miller approving a 50/50 cost share of the \$3,536 expense to sealchip the City parking lot. All ayes, motion carried.

Appointment: M/by Shebetka, 2nd by Grimley appointing Kurt Gillette to a 5 year term on the ZBA. All ayes, motion carried.

Project Update: Dave Haugen of MSA updated the council on the sewer project to date. The 18" storm sewer pipe on 5th street was replaced with a 36" pipe. It was noted that this 36" pipe will not cause further erosion to the south side of the creek. In the second phase of the project Visa-Sewer will begin their portion of the project around October 3rd. Approximately 5,646 LF of 8-inch sanitary sewer will be lined to in an effort to prevent infiltration of ground water into the mains.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):

Fire Chief PJ Hoyt was present to provide the council with information on a new program administered through Linn County called CERT. Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for those services. Factors such as number of victims, communication failures and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency service they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs. The need for training civilians to meet the immediate need for assistance has been identified nationwide as well as locally. CERT would present citizens with the facts about what to expect following a major disaster in terms of immediate services. Second, give the message about their responsibility for mitigation and preparedness. Third, train citizens in needed lifesaving skills with emphasis on decision making skills, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. Fourth, organize teams so that they are an extension of first responder services offering immediate help to victims until professional services arrive. Linn County is asking for 25-30 volunteers to take the training and get the program going. Council consensus was to have PJ proceed with the program. PJ will return with further information at another council meeting.

Exmark Mower: Discussion was held on the status of the Exmark mower. Todd just picked it up from the dealer after being in for repairs for about 3 weeks. Lyle Andersen of Green Valley Ag & Turf supplied the council with a quote for a new commercial mower. Purchase of a new mower was not in the budget for the parks or public works department this year. Todd has concerns about the purchase of a mower that would now sit all winter as well as housing the Exmark being financially feasible. The Exmark would need to be sold next spring. New pricing on mowers begins about October 31st, the end of John Deere's fiscal year. Consensus was to see how the mower runs until the next council meeting and if problems continue to revisit the purchase of the JD mower.

Housing Rehab Grant: Dave Haugen of MSA was present to inform the Council about CDBG housing rehab grant. Springville applied last year, but did not get funded for the grant. Haugen encouraged the council to apply again this year. The program offers 5 year forgivable loans at \$24,999 per house for rehabilitation, and \$7,500 for lead-based paint remediation. M/by Shebetka, 2nd by Ballantyne to

apply for the housing rehab grant through MSA. All ayes, motion carried.

Code Update: Discussion was held on the need to update the Springville Code. Council reviewed new laws enacted since codification of the code in 2009 and determined the ones they felt should be included in the code update. Iowa Codification will be contacted for an updated price quote for the project. M/by Shebetka, 2nd by Ralston approving **Resolution #34-2011; A Resolution Accepting the IDOT Street Finance Report for FY 2010-11.** Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Mayor Heeren welcomed Scout Troop 555 from Marion who are working on 2 badges; citizenship in the community and communications. Council reviewed the new tax statement for the City that includes 173 Broadway. Next regular council meeting **Oct. 10, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.** Motion by Miller, second by Grimley to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

HALLOWEEN TRIVIA

- Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.
- Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.
- Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!
- Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.
- The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.
- Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.
- Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1.
- Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.
- Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.
- Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.



Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!

