



# SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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Well, our warm days will begin to be numbered, and daylight will begin to get shorter. As our cooler days begin, please stop by the City Clerk's office and see if we still have your size in the QC sweatshirts. Also, we still have quite a few wonderful blankets left, all at great savings.

## Talk Around the Hydrant

### *The Bravest*

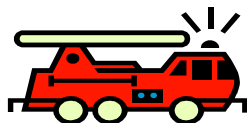
This month starts out on a very positive note for Springville Fire and Rescue. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August Mayor Rick Herren and Brown Township Trustee Kevin Hulett signed the papers to begin the building process of the new Engine 246. It will take an estimated 330 days to complete the new engine and we look forward to a delivery date sometime in July of 2012. The new engine is going to be an International 7400 chassis and an Alexis Body. I want to thank all the members of the truck committee for all of their hard work during the planning process, and also thank you to both the Springville City Council and the Brown Township Trustee for all of their hard work to make this happen. Their dedication to the residents of Springville and the surrounding area is shown through their commitment to provide some of the best emergency equipment to our membership to do our job to protect you.

Last year during our open house many of you took the time to talk with us about the Fire Marshalls Offices Smoke Detector program. Most people had the proper smoke detector coverage in their home. But what if you had the proper coverage but still couldn't hear it? The Kilburg's faced that very problem and approached me about it. Their son is hearing impaired, and the simple smoke detector was not enough to give them the peace of mind they needed. I contacted the Fire Marshalls office and talked with them about this problem. Last month they got that piece of mind when they received a three piece system that was donated from a company out of Grimes, Iowa. The system was then installed into their home by donated time from Gates Electric. Now they can sleep easy knowing that their son is just as protected as they are. I want to give a very special thanks to Gates Electric for their willingness to help this family, it is the kindness that they showed that help us to do our jobs better.

Another important occurrence was the return of two of our Hometown Heroes. Curt Wyman and Chad Veith have made it home safely after a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. They were greatly missed by all and it is good to have them home. We also say see you soon to two of our members. Dakota Richards and Katie Wyman will start a new period in their lives as they both head off to college. Dakota will be attending Iowa State University and Katie will be heading to Wartburg. They will both be missed and will always have a place to come home to when they are back.

### Calls we have responded to:

7/11/2011 10-52	Medical
7/11/2011	Storm Watch
7/11/2011 10-70	Fire
7/19/2011	Anhydrous Leak
7/22/2011 10-52	Medical
7/24/2011 10-52	Medical
8/10/2011 10-52	Medical
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## LIBRARY NEWS

### September calendar of events for 2011

September 3<sup>rd</sup> youth book talk @1:00  
September 6<sup>th</sup> Library Board Meeting @6:30  
September 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Night Ladies Book Talk 6:30  
September 17<sup>th</sup> youth book talk @1:00  
September 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Night Ladies Book Talk 6:30  
September 29<sup>th</sup> "Good old country music" performed by Harold Gray, Jenny & Jane@6:30-8:00 free concert, refreshments provided.  
Story Time is EVERY Friday @ 10:30

### Flagpole project sees completion.

Several months ago the library received a flagpole and flag. The Legion provided the labor. This project is in memory of Keith "Sugar" Johnson. This past month the stone recognizing Keith Johnson was positioned on the library property. A light will also be installed to illuminate the flag.

Summer reading 'One World, Many Stories' is complete. It was great fun in the library the whole summer.

There were 2 story times for 10 weeks and an activity day every Tuesday for 10 weeks. We had outside programming such as Linn County REC, Blue Stem Recycling, Security Bank, and Susan Minger talking about her travels. We also had evening programs, Red Cedar Chamber, The Cellistas, and Susan Minger also did an evening program. Our Book talks continued through the summer. The patrons learned about the Baobab tree in Africa and built one in the library.

As always this program would not run smoothly without our dedicated volunteers. A BIG thank you goes out to them. On August 25<sup>th</sup> the Friends of the library sponsored an appreciation potluck for the volunteers and staff. Thank you Friends. We do not know what we would do without you!

### September 29<sup>th</sup> Music Group coming to Library

Harold Gray, Jenny & Jane will play "Good old country" in our library September 29, 2011 @6:30-8:00. This is a free concert and refreshments will follow.

TumbleBooks – still an option.

Great for those after school times to unwind, maybe the weather is not good for play outside. Log on to TumbleBooks.com- username: Springville. password: libra. Enjoy the books online and let us know what you think at 8546444 or [sprlibry@netins.net](mailto:sprlibry@netins.net)

Access our library catalog through a link on our Library Facebook. Please give us some feedback on this also. Our <http://www.atozmaponline.com>

<http://www.Atoztheusa.com> <http://www.Atozworldtravel.com> <http://www.Atozworldculture.com>

Username : Springville password :libra

These sites are still available check them out!!!

**Offer to all daycare providers:** We will gather a bag of books, check them out to you and deliver them to your daycare every 2 weeks. If you are interested in the service please call 8546444 or e-mail us @ [sprlibry@netins.net](mailto:sprlibry@netins.net)

### 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!**

### Utility Rates Beginning with the July 1, 2011 Utility Bill

**Water:** \$14.84/2,000 gal minimum  
 \$3.50/1,000 gallons thereafter  
 \$6.00/1,000 gallons for bulk rate  
**Sewer:** \$16.50/2,000 gal minimum  
 \$4.00/1,000 gals thereafter  
**Yard Waste/Recycle:** \$8.25 per month

## 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 **Sept. 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.

≥ **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 1/2 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!**

## NOTICE

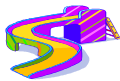
The City of Springville is doing an extensive sewer rehabilitation project to fix the over abundant infiltration problem that the city is facing through leaking sewer pipes and illegal connections such as footing tile and sump pumps. This work will be taking place all around town for most of the remaining summer and into the fall. The city will try our best to inform all citizens of the areas of work to happen in any given time period. Hopefully this will make the inconvenience to all a little more tolerable. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated by the maintenance department, the City, and the contractors. Thank you in advance for your help and understanding.

### ADVENTURELAND & LOST ISLAND TICKETS ARE HERE!!

The City Clerk's office has discount tickets for your summer fun! **Adventure Land** is open thru August 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$27.00 for anyone 4 years or older. (3 & under are free).

Now open weekends thru Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Lost Island** tickets are \$23.00 for a one day pass. Golf & GoKarts open weekends and closes Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.



### Back-to-School Safety Information



It's back-to-school time in Iowa, which means a surge of children commuting to and from school in the coming weeks. In fact, thousands of students from Pre-K through the twelfth grade are expected to be on the roadways as soon as this week by school

busses, private vehicles, and bicycles or on foot.

According to the National Highway Safety Administration, in 2010 children age 15 and



younger accounted for seven percent of all pedestrian fatalities. Those children also accounted for twenty five percent of all pedestrian injuries. Teenage drivers between the age of 15 and 20 accounted for thirteen percent of all accidents. Teen drivers accounted for ten percent of all traffic fatalities and seventeen percent of all injuries on roadways.

### To promote the safety of our children:

❖ Always be alert. Expect stopped school busses picking up and dropping off children.

❖ Remember bus stop locations may change and may be in new unexpected areas.



❖ Also expect pedestrians in neighborhoods and roadways near school campuses. Drivers should scan between parked cars and other objects for children who could dart into traffic.

❖ Leave early for schools and other destinations. Drivers should consider modifying their routes to avoid school zones and traffic.

❖ Parents should only drop their kids off on the school campuses in the school's designated areas. Kids should never be dropped off by the roadway or in neighborhoods adjoining the schools.

❖ Drivers should comply with law enforcement officers directing traffic near the schools and obey the posted speed limits.

Research shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles a driver's chance of crashing. Adult drivers should limit cell phone usage in school zones. All drivers are prohibited from texting while driving. Teen drivers are prohibited from using a cell phone device while driving. The first couple of days, especially before school, will be real hectic and congested around the schools so be extra careful!

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET SEPTEMBER 13TH

The Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) canceled its August meeting. The next meeting will be Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the SAHS building (former library). Anyone interested in the history of Springville and Brown Township is welcome to attend.

### Generosity, volunteers make gazebo a reality

The temperature was about 90, and the humidity made it worse. But some 65 people braved the weather July 31 to attend the dedication of Springville's new gazebo in Upper Butler Park. Pastor John Keizer, Parks Board chair, and Mayor Rick Heeren spoke at the brief 4:30 p.m. ceremony, and a bright blue ribbon was cut. The gazebo was dedicated to the City of Springville, which will maintain it. Construction of the gazebo began in late April 2010. Organizational and individual donations, a federal grant, volunteer labor, and in-kind donations turned a vision into a bricks-and-mortar reality. At least 30 men volunteered time, skill and labor. Some also donated materials. Included were Dane Clark of DC Concrete; Jason Drymon, Drymon Trucking; John Johnston, John's Electric; Brad Salazar, Salazaar Construction; Josh Schmidt; Schmidt Masonry; and Larry Wittenberg, Springville Ready Mix. Among other volunteers: Mark Allison, John Bohlken, Don

Chapman, Mark Dirks, Doug Gehl, Alan Horak, Nick Holub, Zach Morrissey, James Offerman, Dillon Pfab, Steve Shaffer, Roger Shebetka, and Russ Wagaman. Five father-son teams worked on the gazebo: Terry and Rick Evans, Kurt and Drew Feltes; Kenny and Andy Hoge; Frits and Carl Lantermans; and Karl and Kolten Markley. Andy was project coordinator, assisted by Brad Salazar. Randy Kelley, owner of Cedar Rapids Lumber, provided a good deal on materials. A \$5,000 grant was obtained by then-Mayor Bill Cooper through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), administered by HACAP. The Springville Presbyterian Church contributed about \$16,000, proceeds of a June 2007 auction that celebrated its 150th anniversary by raising funds for the community. Other funds came from American Legion Post 331, Lions Club, Monday Club, Presbyterian Women, and SANSI. The Springville Garden Club bought landscaping plants; Susan Cooper and Phyllis Hoge planted them. Charlene Thurston paid for repairing a skid loader tire. Refreshments for the work crews were provided by Christina and Phyllis Hoge, Eleanor Kelley, Janet Lentz, Jo Ann Reese, Jean Schmidt, Russ Schmidt and Al Woods of Woody's One-Stop. Before construction began, Bill Cooper, Alan Horak and Dave Machula drove around photographing other gazebos for ideas. Architectural plans by Martin Design of Marion were followed, with some alterations. The gazebo idea originated with a community visioning committee which met for several months in 2004, explained Cooper. This was funded by a \$15,000 grant from the Iowa DOT, Trees Forever, and ISU Extension Service. Seven years later, a dream has become an impressive community asset.

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#### **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - July 25, 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, Ballantyne, Ralston and Shebetka. Also present: , Doug Beard, Brian Gehl, Todd Wyman, Joel Rochleau, Susan Cooper, Chris Jacobs, Dave Haugen, Chris Janson, Dean Spina, Marc Whitman, John Tuthill, Gordon Bowser, David Bowser, Karen Taylor, Shawn Stone, Steve Lemense, Mitch Meythaler, PJ Hoyt, K O'Brien, Kim Donaldson, Cecil Capper and Deputy Lemense.

Mayor Heeren opened the Public Hearing on Consideration of an Annexation Application. Mayor Heeren read a letter from B&C Materials, LLC notifying the City of its' withdrawal of request for voluntary annexation. Mayor Heeren closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

**Consent Agenda:** M/b 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:** Shawn Stone reported on a drainage problem on 5<sup>th</sup> Street of rain water not draining into the gutter but into his driveway. During the recent hard rainstorm the flowing water has caused the gravel from the school to pile up in his driveway and against the garage. The constant drainage has lowered his concrete 4" and tilted the concrete pad to the corner of his house. They are also getting water in the basement and water pooling and freezing in the winter. Discussion was also held that the flowing water is damaging the street. Todd will check this out and have a discussion with the school to see how this can be resolved.

Roger would like the clerk to look into an ordinance establishing a truck route and weight embargos on other city streets.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Lemense gave the patrol report for hours of service from July 11, 2011 through July 20, 2011. There were 32 calls for service. June hours of service: 89.80.

**Mayor:** Attended Linn County EMA meeting on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Reported on correspondence via e-mail with the group Iowans for Post Office Services and the effects closing of post offices across Iowa has on the citizens of each city.

**Maintenance report consisted of:** limbs in 3 trees in the city right of way fell during the last storm and also some tree damage at the cemetery. All of the trees in the city ROW have had previous trimming

and Todd feels they should all come down. He will get bids for removal of those 3 trees and trimming of the ones in the cemetery. The new JD lawn tractor is being used already and Todd invited all council members to come and see the new mower. Todd spoke with the council on a problem with a single water service line supplying 2 residential homes. One of the homes is for sale and the realty company inadvertently shut the water off at that residence causing both residences to be without water. This problem has occurred in several other places in the City and public works is fixing the problem as each situation presents itself. The guard balusters at the yard waste site have been installed and just need cement put in them. Todd was questioned as to the feasibility of water service to the Gazebo anytime soon. The water line to the gazebo cannot be located and short of digging there is no other answer at this time. Todd related that if a dig is needed he would prefer it be done next year due to the sewer project being in full swing at this time. Robin requested that Graham Park be scarified again this year. Robin and Todd will look at putting smaller rock in some of the worst holes as it seems to be holding better.

**Other Reports:** July 21, 2011 P&Z minutes were provided to the council.

**Old Business: Nuisance Abatement - 173 Broadway Disposition of Property:** Bixler requested guidance from the council on how to proceed with sale of the 173 Broadway property. There is approximately \$6,000 worth of attorney fees to date on the abatement of the property. Consensus was there would be a minimum bid requirement of \$10,000 with removal and cleanup of the property within 60 days of the sale. Atty. Taylor will be contacted for further guidance on procedures to continue with the sale of the property.

**Elite Developers Tax Abatement Program:** no new information.

**New Business: Refinance Bids:** Bids for refinance of current city debt were received from Exchange State Bank at 2.975%, Security State Bank at 3.10% and Ruan Securities at 2.328215%. Discussion was held on varying aspects of the refinance including the amount needed for the joint purchase of a fire truck with Brown Township. M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>ND</sup> by Miller to enter into an agreement for refinancing the current city debt and to include \$97,033 in new debt for the joint purchase of a fire truck with Brown Township. All ayes, motion carried. Final decision on designation of a financial institution to proceed with the refinance will be decided at the next meeting.

**Gazebo Rental:** M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>ND</sup> by Ballantyne approving rental of the Gazebo to the public with the same rental regulations as those used for the Cox Lake Pavilion. All ayes, motion carried

**MSA Professional Service:** Dave Haugen and Chris Janson were present to give updates on the sewer improvement project. Dave reported on the status of the project and Chris reviewed CDBG and SRF requirements. Todd noted that part of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue would be torn up as part of the project and repair of the street was bid as seal chip. Todd had Connolly rebid the street repair using asphalt instead. Street repair/upgrades are to be funded by LOST revenue. Staff will meet with Haugen to go over those estimates and come up with a cost projection.

**Fun Days - Close Yard Waste Site:** M/b Ballantyne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to close the yard waste site from Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

**Close Broadway:** M/b Ballantyne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shebetka to close Broadway for the street dance and Legion supper on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. and reopen the Broadway at 2:00 a.m. on August 14<sup>th</sup>. All ayes, motion carried.

**Kurt Gillette, Alley Behind Telephone Office and Curb at 203 Broadway:** no one present.

**Daryl Pearson, Request to Waive Sewer Tap Fee:** Pearson has requested hookup to the city sewer system for his garage. Project construction is taking place in that area and Connolly Construction has quoted Pearson a price for connecting to the city system. Todd noted there would be no city digging, materials or inspection for the hookup since all that work would be performed by Connolly Construction

and recommended the fee be waived. M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralston to waive the \$200 sewer tap fee for Daryl Pearson. All ayes, motion carried.

**Appointment:** M/b Ralston, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ballantyne appointing Daryl McCall to fill the vacant Library Board seat for the remaining term. All ayes, motion carried.

M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>ND</sup> by Miller approving **Resolution #24-2011; Butler Park Gazebo Dedication Proclamation.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

M/b Grimley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shebetka approving **Resolution #25-2011; A Resolution to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on A Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

M/b Grimley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shebetka approving **Resolution #26-2011; A Resolution to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on a GO Loan Agreement in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$1,125,000.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** none.

Next regular council meeting **August 8, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.**

M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

### **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - August 8, 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, Ballantyne, Ralston and Shebetka. Also present: Doug Beard, Todd Wyman, Brandon French, Chad Sands, Linda Nelson, Chip Schultz, Susan Cooper, Treva Davis, and Deputy Brink.

Mayor Heeren opened the **PH** for Consideration of the Sale of Real Estate Located at 173 Broadway. There being no oral or written comment Mayor Heeren closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

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

**Citizens with Concerns Not on the Agenda:** Mark Luzinski of 108 5<sup>th</sup> Street N. was present for discussion with the council on the tree in City right of way that fell on his garage. Luzinski was informed the City would remove the tree and grind out the stump. The claim has been turned over to the City's insurance carrier.

Friends of the Library member Linda Nelson spoke to thank the council for use of the old library for storage of the used and donated library books. Nelson reported on the services the organization provides to the library and to the community. Friends of the Library request to use the white built in shelves outside the Friends room and utilize the wall on the opposing side of the door for more shelving. They would also like to continue to use the Historical Society room for day long book sales. It was noted that the Historical Society was planning on putting up shelving for historical displays and information with the grant money they have just received. Bev Franks will be notified of the request.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Brink gave the patrol report for hours of service from July 25, 2011 through August 8, 2011. There were 27 calls for service. June hours of service: 89.80.

**Maintenance Report:** The guys remain busy with the sewer project and are getting ready for Fun Days. They picked up barricades from the county, cleaned the yard waste site, mowing and trimming and doing street repairs. The water line that a county worker hit has been repaired and billed back to Linn County. They are also working on a storm sewer repair project caused by runoff from the school project. Discussion was held on repair of the sidewalk in front of Shelley's. Neal Caraway will be called for an opinion on responsibility for repairs. Todd provided the council with quotes for the new city maintenance truck and reviewed the specs with the council. Purchase of the truck will be put on the next agenda.

**Other Reports:** Year end Library report, July 5<sup>th</sup> Library Board minutes, July OT report, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter finance reports for the Fire Dept., parks and gazebo.

**Old Business: Nuisance Abatement - 173 Broadway Disposition of Property.** Received a copy of the court order granting default judgment

and the order transferring the 173 Broadway property to the City. The council was reminded that the purchase agreement must contain notification of asbestos in the residence. The purchaser will need to sign statements for acknowledgement of the asbestos and indemnifying the City against loss. M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Grimley to advertise that sealed bids will be accepted for opening at the September 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Minimum bid accepted will be \$10,000 with the condemned structure to be removed and seeded to grass within 60 days of sale. All ayes, motion carried. Sale of the property will be advertised on the cable channel, the website, on posters, the newsletter and the Marion Times.

**Elite Developers Tax Abatement Program:** no new information.

**New Business - Chad Sands of ECICOG:** Chad Sands, Community Development Director for ECICOG was present to update the Council on the services they provide to area communities. Most recently ECICOG has provided assistance to Springville for a summer reading program, zoning ordinance update, board of adjustment and a P&Z workshop. Discussion was held on the need to update the City's Comprehensive Plan of 2004.

**256 Broadway Inquiry:** interested party rescinded request to appear before the Council.

**Project Update:** Todd provided further comment on the field report submitted by MSA for the weeks of July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. Although the project is a few days behind Todd is very satisfied with the progress to date.

**Tree Removal Estimates:** Bids were received from D&D Tree Service and Lam Tree Service for tree trimming and removal on city right of way and at the cemetery. M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralston to award the tree trimming and removal to D&D Tree Service in the total amount of \$2,350. All ayes, motion carried.

**SRF Construction Loan Application:** M/b Grimley, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Miller approving the SRF Construction Loan Application and directing the Mayor to sign same. All ayes, motion carried.

**Truck Route/Embargo Ordinance:** Council reviewed examples of other cities truck route/embargo ordinances. Discussion was held on which streets should be designated as truck routes, condition of those streets and use of weight embargos. Council also discussed the snow ordinance that was previously worked on by city staff. This information will be brought back to the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Miller approving **Resolution #27-2011; Resolution Taking Additional Action to Enter into a Loan Agreement and Approving Bond Purchase Agreement.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

M/b Grimley, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Shebetka approving **Resolution #28-2011; A Resolution to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on A Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement..** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** IDOT notification the shoulder paving will be done on Hwy. 151 at the city limits.

Next council meeting **August 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

M/b Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ballantyne to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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### **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - August 22, 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, Ballantyne, Ralston and Shebetka. Miller was absent. Also present: Doug Beard, Todd Wyman, Brandon French, Sheryl Wells, Linda Nelson, Shauna Dennison, Dave Haugen, Dave Kelly, Dee Wagaman, Colleen Vogel and Deputy Lemense.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Ballantyne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralston to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the finance report and holding the Cedar Valley Humane Society warrant for further information. All ayes motion carried.

**Citizens with Concerns Not on the Agenda:** Friends of the Library members were present for further discussion with the council on finding larger accommodations for book sales. Use of the new

library, the old Casey's building and the 256 Broadway building were discussed.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Lemense gave the patrol report for hours of service from August 8, 2011 through August 22, 2011. There were 47 calls for service. July hours of service: 93.10. Council reminded the Deputy that they are to receive a separate report on any malicious damage done to city property.

**Maintenance Report:** consisted of continued work on the sewer project, Fun Days preparation and cleanup, ordered concrete tools, chipped in upper Butler Park and water tower, mowed at the lagoon, put truck box back on, fixed Exmark mower and back hoe door and installed balusters at yard waste site. Projects for the rest of the month: pour curb on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, street sealcoat list for MSI and install new riser rings on manholes that need them before seal chipping is done. Dave Kelly questioned Todd on the hole in the street in front of the Post Office. Todd explained what it will take to fix the problem and said it is on the list for them to tackle yet this fall. Robin asked about the cracks beginning to appear in the new cement on Broadway. Todd related hair line cracks are okay, but when the cracks widen out they must be air blasted to get the dirt out and then a sealant is applied in the crack. This needs to be done by a company specializing in these procedures.

**Other Reports:** Clerk reported on levy rates for cities in Linn County, status of the computer upgrades and the property tax bill for 173 Broadway. Problems with timely and accurate meter reads for utility account #01-11104-00-4 was also discussed. Motion by Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grimley to install an outside reader for this residence at property owner's expense. All ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business - Nuisance Abatement: 173 Broadway Disposition of Property:** Dave Kelly asked for bid forms and if the property pins for 173 Broadway could be located. Todd thought he could located at least one property pin for the property and bid spec forms will be available at the clerk's office.

**Elite Developers Tax Abatement Program:** no new information.

**New Business - Street Closing:** Motion by Grimley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ballantyne to approve the parade route for the homecoming parade as submitted by Principal Dennison. All ayes, motion carried. Some of the route may be gravel due to the sewer project but that all the streets should be open for the parade.

**Truck Bids:** Todd provided the Council with bids for a 2011 Ford F450 4X4 with a 9' dump box. This vehicle is in stock at Junge Center Point and is the only 2011 available at any of the dealerships that provided bids for the truck. Council reviewed the specs for the truck and Todd compared the Ford F450 to the other bids. Motion by Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ballantyne to purchase the Ford F450 4X4 from Junge Center Point in the amount of \$37,558. Total purchase price of the truck with snow equipment package from Future Line Truck Equipment and under coating will be \$46,663. All ayes, motion carried. Discussion continued on the value of the current plow truck and what should be done with it. Todd will try to get a value on the truck as is.

**Project Update:** Dave Haugen of MSA presented the field report for the weeks of August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>. Haugen explained Change Order #1 that was necessary due to a water main on 5<sup>th</sup> Street being hit during excavation. The project continues to progress extremely well and predicted to be completed on schedule.

**Storage for Fun Days Games & Equipment:** Dee Wagaman and Colleen Vogel were present with a report on the success of this year's Fun Days. There were 200 game wrist bands sold, 648 hamburgers and 200 hot dogs of which they sold out of! They also built a couple of new games this year including miniature golf. They now have the problem of having too many games and too large of games to be able to store. Discussion continued on using the south side 256 Broadway for storage of and letting Friends of the Library use the north side for their books. Motion by Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ballantyne approving aforementioned plan. All ayes, motion carried.

**GO Loan Refunding Agreement:** Councilman Grimley questioned the \$500 Bankers Trust annual paying agent fee that over the 9 year life of the loan would amount to \$4,500. Chip Schultz will be contacted for explanation of this fee. Motion was made by Shebetka, second by Grimley approving the Go Loan Refunding Agreement and directing the Mayor to sign same. All ayes, motion carried.

**Review Comprehensive Plan and CIP Proposals:** Capital Improvements Planning (CIP) information and Comprehensive Plan proposal were reviewed by the council. Discussion was held on the importance of having both documents in place as "blue prints" for future planning, scheduling and financing of construction projects, purchasing of major pieces of equipment and other infrastructure needs over a period of time. Council directed Bixler to get more information on seeking bids for these services.

Motion wby Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grimley approving **Resolution #29-2011; A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,070,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Refunding Bonds, Series 2011, and Providing the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** estimated amortization schedule for the SRF sewer loan.

Next regular council meeting **September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

Motion by Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralston to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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#### Wild family reunion held in Springville

A reunion of the Wild family July 8 in the Buresh Room of the Springville Memorial Library drew 22 persons. A noon potluck preceded trips to the former Wild farm, the home on N. Broadway, and family cemetery plots. Those present included Bernita Wild Andersen of Springville and James and Lois Wild of rural Viola. Mrs. Andersen and Mr. Wild are grandchildren of David and Mary Ann Kay Wild, who moved to a farm northwest of Whittier in 1868.

Others from Springville were Don and Vera Calvert Underwood, Jane Kibler, Zeldia Pearson Kinkead, and Merle & Harriett McGrew. The McGrews' son Allen of Cedar Rapids attended, as did three of Mrs. Andersen's children: Lyle Andersen of Springville; Kathleen Andersen, Iowa City; and Lavonne Yanda, Anamosa. Those who traveled farthest were Bob and Tammy Wild of Keizer, Ore. Others present were from Anamosa, Maquoketa, Marion & Randall, Iowa. Among family history displayed were letters that David Wild wrote for the Springville New Era while visiting England. He was born there in 1836 in Whitehaven, Cumberland County, near the Lake District. Coming to the U.S. at age 21, he lived first in Dubuque. He then moved to Grant County, WI., where he met and married Mary Ann Kay, daughter of English parents. David and Mary Ann Wild's 13 children, with daughters' married names, were Sarah "Sade" Pearson, Grace Calvert, William K., Jennie Smith, John Albert, Charles S., Alice Cooper, George H., Rosa Hakes, Edwin, Leona, Bertha, and Fred E.

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#### MAYORAL COLUMN

The summer has gone fast, but it was interesting. The gazebo is finished and has already been used as a setting for a wedding. It was then dedicated to the city of Springville. The city has taken ownership of a nuisance residence and is looking to sell the property as is, or we will remove the dwelling and have a bare lot to sell. Cox Lake has been restocked and for the next year is a catch and release pond. The majority of trees that volunteers planted in Graham Park made it through the winter and spring. The big high straight-line wind in the early summer storm did wreak havoc on a number of trees in our community. We lost trees at 4<sup>th</sup> St. & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., 168 5<sup>th</sup> St. North, 5<sup>th</sup> & Mill and Upper Butler Park. Also, the tops of a few trees in our cemetery were toppled. And the Public Works turned in a relatively short sidewalk repair list this year.

Most of our efforts so far this year have been to improve our sewer system. With the amount of infiltration of ground water, this was no small project. Using the video footage from several years ago when the city videotaped the sewer system, to find where the majority of our infiltration was coming from,

became our guide as to where to start the project. Even the relatively short distance we have gone, there has been a significant amount of infiltration eliminated. Being proactive in this endeavor should go a long ways in keeping the DNR from mandating that we replace the entire sewer system. After doing everything required to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the city was informed that there was not enough money to fund all grants and that we did not receive the grant. The City was already committed to proceed with the project and moved forward with the bid process. The work on Water Street got off to a slow start. There were undocumented waterlines and communication cables, in addition to a large chunk of water main that was not where our Public Works thought it was. Then came a big surprise! The city clerk received an E-Mail from the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) stating that funds had become available and that we would be receiving \$500,000 in grant funds to help offset some of the cost of this project. Our sewer project was back on track. Even with streets torn up and temporarily closed for the sewer project and the mysterious breaking up of a large portion of 5<sup>th</sup> Street N. just west of the high school, our parks and public works departments, with the help of many volunteers – managed to keep our parks looking spiffy. Our Public Works Department even managed to remove one of the Mayor's pet peeves, a barbed wire fence on city property. The city has worked hard this year to make Springville a safer, better place to live and work. Just when we thought that things could not get better, along came July and we were blessed with the return of ALL of Springville's servicemen – returning home, alive and well, back from Afghanistan. Thanks to all these brave men for their service. Hope you all enjoy a safe, fun rest of the summer. Rick Heeren, Mayor

## WHITTIER FALL SUPPER

**WHERE: Whittier Community Building**  
**WHEN: Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Time: 5:00 p.m. Price: \$8**  
**Serving: Ham & Dried Beef Gravy over Biscuits, Vegetables, & homemade pies.**

### WOW! Fun Day in the Park!

What a day we had in the park. The weather was beautiful, the volunteers were ready to work and the families came out. We started the morning out with an awesome parade!! It appeared to be larger than last year. The kids reported there was plenty of candy to be had! The families then came up to the park to enjoy a day of fun. We had several new games that the kids could try to master. We had our train ride, which was run by Tim Martin, and our goody walk that Judy Martin was in charge of. As usual, the inflatable's were a big hit. We had bingo for the adults to enjoy while their kids and grandkids were running around playing. We also had a 9-hole miniature golf course, built by volunteers. A big thank you to Russ Wagaman, Daryl Pearson and Rich Blakely. And thanks to Marion Maid-Rite for lunch! We had a very successful day. We sold 200 wrist bands, 648 burgers & 200 hot dogs! We couldn't have done it without all of the people who donated goodies for our walk and all of the volunteers. We had the middle school and high school kids come to work the games. It was great to see them up there and the young kids really love to see them. We can't forget to thank the STPA, who put so much towards the advertising to get people to come to our little town. We also need to thank our sponsors who helped us to keep our costs low so our families can come and enjoy an affordable day of fun. We received donations from Springville Youth Sports, Security State Bank and Bixler Bros Trucking. Thank you to everyone who came to help and who came to just enjoy the day! A great time was had by all. We will see you again next year!

**Springville Parks Board:** John Keizer, Colleen Vogel, David Gloeckner & Dee Wagaman.



Fun Days fun in Butler Park!

## ELECTION NOTICE

Four council seats are up for re-election at the Nov. 8, 2011 election. Three seats are for 4 year terms. One seat is a 2 year term to fill a mid-term vacancy. Nomination Petition & Affidavit of Candidacy papers may be obtained at City Hall beginning Aug. 10, 2011. Completed paperwork is due back to City Hall no later than 5:00 pm on Sept. 22, 2011. Please feel free to call City Hall @ 319-854-6428 with any questions.

## SEDC

The Springville Economic Development Corp. annual meeting will be held in September at Shelly's Restaurant on Thursday, Sept. 22. No host cocktails at 6PM, dinner at 6:30PM with meeting to follow. Members (and a guest) may attend the dinner at no cost. Non-members may pay in advance or at the door. Please RSVP by September 19 by contacting Lena Gilbert at 854-7097 or Joel Rochleau at 854-7050. If you are interested in serving as a board member or an executive committee position, please contact Joel Rochleau prior to the Annual Meeting.

## FARMERS' MARKET

The summer season came to a close with the last Tuesday in August. Thank you to everyone who patronized the summer Farmers' Market at the Cox Lake Pavilion. Please mark your calendars for the Springville Indoor Winter Market. All dates are Saturdays from 9AM to 11AM and will be held in the Community Center at 265 Broadway. The dates for our indoor winter market will be: November 12, December 10 and then in the new year on: January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18, March 3 & 17, and April 7 & 21. There are still plenty of vendor stalls available for winter market. For more information please contact market manager, Lena Gilbert at 854-7097 or [justlena@netins.net](mailto:justlena@netins.net). May the food be with you!

## "Enjoy the City" Coupon Books are Here!



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