

# SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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**For the first time in 45 years**, the Springville Orioles boys basketball team qualified for the State Basketball Tournament. The boys played Bishop Garrigan on March 9, after a hard fought game the Orioles lost by 3 points. It was an exciting game, and the young talent will no doubt take the Orioles back to state in years to come. Congratulations boys on respecting our community.

*Past players and coaches join the 2020 Springville Orioles Boys Basketball team.*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### American Legion Auxiliary

Cancelled  
Springville Legion

### Legion Dinner/Mtg

Cancelled  
Springville Legion

### Library Board

April 8—6:30 PM  
Springville library

### P & Z Meeting

As needed  
City Hall

### School Board

April 15— 7:00 PM  
Springville high school

### Council Meeting

April 6— 6:00 PM  
April 20 — 6:00 PM  
City Hall

### SAHS

Cancelled  
SAHS Building

### Parks Board

TBA  
City Hall

## CITY HALL HOURS

Monday—Friday  
7:30AM -12:00 PM  
12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

City Hall Phone: 854-6428

City Hall Fax: 854-6443

Email:

[cityofsp@netins.net](mailto:cityofsp@netins.net)

Website: [www.ci.springville.ia.us](http://www.ci.springville.ia.us)



#### **Mayor**

Roger Shebetka - 854-7771

#### **City Council**

Jeff Grimley - 854-7596

Brad Merritt - 854-6996

Lyle Andersen - 854-7435

Karla Blakely - 854-7860

Bart Barner - 854-7769

#### **City Hall - 854-6428**

Dee Wagaman-City Clerk

Michele Weinschenk-

Deputy Clerk

#### **Maintenance Department**

Todd Wyman-PW Director

Brandon French-PW

#### **Fire Department**

PJ Hoyt-Fire Chief

Kevin Hulett-Asst. Fire Chief

Jeremy Ketelsen—Asst. Fire Chief

#### **Library Board of Trustees**

Deb Vaughn-President

Tina Allsup-Secretary

Treva Davis, James Porter,

Daryl McCall, Marla Carnahan

& Susan Cooper

#### **SANSI - 854-6100**

(Springville Area Neighborhood Services & Information)

Janet Lentz-Coordinator

#### **Parks Board**

Teresa Pilipovic, Mike Hanshaw,

John Lemon, & Laura Barner

#### **Board of Adjustment**

Mike Hanshaw, Iris Trampe, Nick

Besler & Andy Hoge

#### **Planning & Zoning**

Michelle Stone, Edward Ware, Dan

Weber, & Jason Hosek

#### **Historical Society**

Rick Heeren-President

Wes Bender-V. President

Bev Franks-Secretary

James Crow-Treasurer

Karen Taylor-Historian

#### **Township Trustees**

Kevin Hulett-Chairman

Tom Donaldson & Steve Lam

#### **SAHC**

(Springville Area Housing Corporation)

Gordan Trampe-President

Vacant-V. President

Vacant-Secretary

Janet Lentz, Jean Schmidt

& Jake Hiner

## **Dee's Desk**

*"Remaining calm in the midst of chaos is a superpower."*

~Clyde Lee Dennis



The City of Springville wants you to know that we are staying on top of the Corona Virus situation every day. City Hall staff and our local Fire Department are working together along with all higher levels of government to stay informed of the current situation. Many do not understand the severity of Covid-19. Although many of us obtaining the virus will recover fine at home, many will need assistance from medical emergency services to recover. This is the influx both the government officials and medical

services are trying to prevent. Both of our local hospitals are doing an amazing job of getting prepared; however, they are needing us to do our part.

When the term *social distancing* is used, officials are referring to their need for us to stay home and keep essential grocery shopping to a minimum. If you can shop for a few of your neighbors, do so to help minimize the number of people in stores. Anything that is not deemed as essential can wait. Anything you can do to help minimize the spread is appreciated. The City of Springville understands there are many unknowns, but we are a community of helpers. The best help we can give to our neighbors and loved ones is to follow government-regulated guidelines and stay home.

Social media can be an amazing source of information and communication, but please assure you are visiting official sites to get information. The Governor's office has set up a website to find all things related to Covid-19. This is an approved link for current status, symptoms, prevention, Iowa guidance and guidelines, and additional resources for frequently asked questions. You can find all this information by following the link provided: <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov>.

Those in search of daycare during this time can call 1-855-244-5301 for assistance or follow the link provided for information: [www.iowaccrr.org/families](http://www.iowaccrr.org/families). They have a list of available centers and openings.

We are calling on our residents to do your part to flatten the curve. We will get through this as a community, but we must follow the most recent approved guidelines to ensure the safety of ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call our office at 319-854-6428. We will help in any way we can.

*City of Springville*

## **REMINDER:**

COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS FORM ON LINE, BY PHONE OR BY MAIL.

Your responses to the 2020 Census are **CONFIDENTIAL**.

Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impact our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in our community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools, and businesses. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data. If you have any questions or need help, please call City Hall at 854-6428.



# April 2020

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			1 April Fool's Day	2 Children's Book Day	3	4 Rent-A-Scout Walk Around Things Day
5 National Dandelion Day	6 City Council Mtg @6:00 @City Hall Teflon Day	7 National Beer Day 	8 Library Board @6:30@Buresh Rm	9	10 Golder's Day	11
12	13 National Peach Cobbler Day	14 International Moment of Laughter Day 	15 Water Bill Due World Art Day	16	17 National Cheese-ball Day	18 International Jugglers' Day
19	20 Volunteer Recognition Day	21 	22 National Jelly Bean Day	23 Take a Chance Day	24 Pig in a Blanket Day	25
26 National Pretzel Day	27 Tell a Story Day	28 	29 National Zipper Day	30 National Honesty Day		

## Update from Springville Memorial Library

- We are currently closed to the public until March 31<sup>st</sup>. This date may be extended. Staff will be at the library on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 12-3 to answer patron questions via phone or email, however no patrons are allowed in the building. All programs have been cancelled. We aren't scheduling new ones until we receive the all clear from the state.
- All library items have been renewed until April 20<sup>th</sup>. No need to rush to return. If you do wish to return books, the outdoor drop is available.
- We are encouraging our patrons to use BRIDGES, the e-book and audio book services. If you need help with using BRIDGES phone 854-6444, email, or go to our website.
- Should our closing date extend into April, we will attempt to launch a curbside service for patrons, should the state continue to allow carry-out only businesses to proceed.
- Should closure carry into April, all April Buresh rentals will be cancelled. We will contact any renters to inform them. Patrons can try to reschedule, but be informed that we cannot guarantee new dates, depending on how long shut downs are enforced.
- We have suspended all Inter-Library Loans, this means patrons expecting a book from another library should not expect to receive it. We apologize, however, if you currently have possession of an ILL, feel free to hang on to it.

**Home Delivery** is available for library card holders. If you didn't get stocked up on books before closing, we can bring books to you. Contact Treva Davis at 854-6950 to use this service.

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## OTHER UPDATES

- All churches are closed until further notice
- City Hall is closed to the public, call 854-6428 or email [cityofsp@netins.net](mailto:cityofsp@netins.net) for information or service
- SANSI is closed to the public call 854-6100 for help or service
- SCTA closed to public, lobby is open for payment drop-off
- Sally's carryout and delivery only
- SAHS will not be holding meetings until further notice

## POSTPONEMENTS

- Black, White & Diamond Gala—TBA
- Legion Game Feed rescheduled to June 27, 2020

### What is Self Isolation?

**It is recommended that Iowans self-isolate for 14 days in the following situations:**

- If you have been on an international cruise in the last 14 days.
- If you have traveled internationally in the last 14 days to a country with a Level 3 Travel Warning in place.
- If you live with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19.

### What does self-isolation mean?

- Stay home and do not go to school, public areas or attend gatherings.
- Do not use public transportation, ride sharing or taxis.
- Postpone all travel.
- Wash your hands often and practice good hygiene.
- Postpone all non-essential medical appointments until you have completed your 14 days of self-isolation. If you have an essential medical appointment during this time, please work with your healthcare provider and local public health professionals as needed to help coordinate the visit.

### What should I be watching for during self-isolation?

- Take your temperature twice a day. Watch for a fever.
- Watch for cough or difficulty breathing.

### What about the people I live with?

- Family members or other persons who reside in your home may remain in your home, but you should stay in a specific room away from others in your home and use a separate bathroom (if available).
- As long as you remain healthy, the other persons in your home can go about their daily activities as normal (there is no restriction on their movement).
- You should not have direct contact with any animals (i.e., dogs, cats, pigs, cattle, sheep and goats) out of an abundance of caution.

### What should I do if I develop a fever, cough or have difficulty breathing?

Sick Iowans must stay home and isolate themselves from others in their house. Approximately 80% of Iowans infected with COVID-19 will experience only a mild to moderate illness. Most mildly ill Iowans do not need to go to their healthcare provider or be tested to confirm they have COVID-19.

If you are sick, stay home until:

- You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers), AND
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved), AND
- At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

If you think you may need healthcare, call first. Your provider can assess whether you need to be seen in the office or if you can recover at home. Also, there may be options for you to talk to a medical provider from home using technology.

## Springville Area Neighborhood Service & Information (SANSI)

SANSI is a great resource for anyone in our community that needs assistance. The pantry is fully stocked with food items and toiletries. They are also a great resource to help with water, electric, and heat bills. They can also provide gas to help to get to appointments or to work. The SANSI Agency board members are from the congregation of the Springville Churches and their pastors. This is a local organization to help our local citizens. Janet Lentz is the coordinator. She is working much different hours with this social distancing. Please call her at 854-6100. She is checking



the answering machine daily and will make arrangements to get you any assistance you may need. If you have any questions or problems arise, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 854-6428. We are all working together.

**It's golf cart season** again in Springville! Be sure to keep your eyes open for golf carts around town. Golf carts are energy efficient, cheaper to buy and maintain than regular cars, and a whole bunch of fun to drive. Springville licenses the use of golf carts, UTVs, and ATVs on city streets. These vehicles must have a slow moving vehicle sign and a safety flag at least 5 feet high. To get or renew your license, stop by City Hall or give us a call at 854-6428.



### Spring projects

Are you planning any remodeling projects or just doing some much needed home repairs? Maybe you are planning on adding a deck or fence to your property. Please make sure you stop by City Hall before starting your project and get your building permit. You also need a permit to demolish buildings. Call City Hall with any questions at 854-6428



## THE LINN CO-OP ELEVATOR SCALE BUILDING COMES DOWN

On March 23rd, the approximately 60-year-old scale building of the Linn Co-op came down. Taube Excavation made short work of the building.

Tracy Peyton, elevator location manager, said a new smaller building will be constructed by Rory McGuire Construction. It will be 30 by 50 feet and located farther back from Broadway.

A new scale with 60-ton capacity will replace the old one, which weighs up to 52-ton loads. The old scale was damaged and condemned about fifteen years ago, but Peyton said, "We patched it and limped it along."

Peyton does not expect street closings during construction, but said Broadway might be reduced to one lane while the old scale is removed and the hole backfilled with gravel. Completion date for the work is estimated to be August 20.



Scale building coming down March 23, 2020 at Linn Co-op Elevator.

(Photo by Treva Davis)

### ELEVATOR HISTORY

Springville's first grain elevator was built by Daniel Doan about 1865, in partnership with "Mr. Stone" (possibly Zephnia). Stone left and Doan's second partner was Charles T. Smith. About 1870, the Doan-Smith elevator was sold to John Christman, who build a larger elevator with a 25,000-bushel capacity.

Karen Taylor

## City Council Regular Meeting

March 2, 2020

The pledge of allegiance was recited to begin the meeting.

The Springville City Council met in regular session in the Springville Council Chambers on March 2, 2020. Mayor Shebetka called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Brad Merritt, Bart Barner, Lyle Andersen, and Karla Blakely. Jeff Grimley absent. City staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman and City Clerk/Treasurer Dee Wagaman. Guests present: Karl Markley, Jeremy Ketelsen, Rich Blakely (SEDC), Liz Blakely, Tyson Jacobi (SEDC), and Bret Barner.

Andersen made a motion to approve the agenda, second from Merritt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Andersen made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of February 17, 2020 minutes, February 19, 2020 minutes, and Approval of bills, second from Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Shebetka invited citizens with input to speak. Jacobi updated the council on a possible trail project. Jones County would like to work with us and the COG to come up with a regional trail plan. This trail will be a pedal/paddle trail. There being no further comments from citizens, Mayor Shebetka moved to business.

Bart Barner took the oath of office.

Mayor Shebetka opened the public hearing for FY21 Budget at 6:10 p.m. There being no comments for or against the proposed budget, Merritt made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:11 p.m., second from Andersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council discussed the FY21 budget and liked how it was presented. FY21 tax rate will be 13.24673, FY20 tax rate was 14.47391. Andersen presented Resolution 154-2020, a resolution to approve the FY21 budget, second from Blakely. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Barner, Andersen, and Blakely. **RESOLUTION 154-2020 adopted.**

Merritt presented Resolution 155-2020, a resolution to close the streets for the St. Patrick's Day parade, second from Andersen. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Barner, Andersen, and Blakely. **RESOLUTION 155-2020 adopted.**

Andersen presented Resolution 156-2020, a resolution to transfer \$2,124.72 to LOST from Emergency, second from Barner. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Barner, Andersen, and Blakely. **RESOLUTION 156-2020 adopted.**

Wyman discussed the need to find a dumping site if the City is going to continue to offer a yard waste site. Council will put out feelers to see if a location can be found.

Grimley entered the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Wagaman asked council if they want to do another amnesty (dump) day this spring. She confirmed the City will get another recycling rebate from Solid Waste Agency. Andersen made a motion to approve doing an amnesty day, second from Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

Merritt made a motion to approve Laura Barner to a 2-year

term to the Parks Board, second from Andersen. All ayes, Barner abstained. Motion carried.

Wyman presented the need to repair the main interior shut off in the fire station. The repair would be appx. \$1,000.

The historical society door is still not working. Council has directed Wyman to price new door and bring estimates back at next council meeting.

Andersen made a motion to start Knopse (part time public works) on March 16, second from Grimley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council discussed revising board ordinances to make all terms 2-years. This would exclude the library since they abide by State regulations.

No sheriff report presented.

Wyman presented public works report.

Wagaman presented treasurer report.

Ketelsen presented fire department report.

Bart Barner presented an update on the Gala for parks.

Mayor congratulated all winter sports. He is very proud of how our students present themselves. He has had many positive reports of good sportsmanship.

Nothing from council.

The next regular council meeting will be March 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Andersen moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., second from Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

## City Council Regular Meeting

March 16, 2020

The pledge of allegiance was recited to begin the meeting.

The Springville City Council met in regular session in the Springville Council Chambers on March 16, 2020. Mayor Shebetka called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Brad Merritt, Bart Barner, Jeff Grimley, Lyle Andersen, and Karla Blakely. City staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman and City Clerk/Treasurer Dee Wagaman. Guests present: Karl Markley, Patrick Hoyt Jr., Jeremy Ketelsen, Treva Davis, Sally Deeb, and Jennifer Wyman.

Andersen made a motion to approve the agenda, second from Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

Andersen made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of March 2, 2020 minutes and Approval of bills, second from Grimley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Shebetka invited citizens with input to speak. There being no comments from citizens, Mayor Shebetka moved to business.

MSA was not present, but sent a project update via email. They are working on a couple of grant opportunities and will present when more information is available.

Andersen presented Resolution 157-2020, a resolution to set a public hearing (April 6, 2020 at 6 p.m.) to amend Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Mayor Pro Tem appointment, second from Blakely. RCV: AYES: Mer-

ritt, Barner, Grimley, Andersen, and Blakely. **RESOLUTION 157-2020 adopted.**

Merritt presented Resolution 158-2020, a resolution to set a public hearing (April 6, 2020 at 6 p.m.) to amend Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Planning & Zoning appointments, second from Blakely. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Barner, Grimley, Andersen, and Blakely. **RESOLUTION 158-2020 adopted.**

Chief Hoyt Jr. explained to council why they originally went to three (3) year appointments. Andersen presented Resolution 159-2020, a resolution to set a public hearing (April 6, 2020 at 6 p.m.) to amend Chapter 35 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Fire Department appointment, second from Barner. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Barner, Grimley, Andersen, and Blakely. **RESOLUTION 159-2020 adopted.**

Andersen presented Resolution 160-2020, a resolution to set a public hearing (April 6, 2020 at 6 p.m.) to amend Chapter 165.28 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Board of Adjustment appointments, second from Blakely. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Barner, Grimley, Andersen, and Blakely. **RESOLUTION 160-2020 adopted.**

Council discussed the need to raise water/sewer rates. The biggest increase will come with the debt service fee. The proposed increase will need to be \$4.25 on all residents who use sewer. This will also happen in FY22. Anderson made a motion to raise water rates 2%, sewer rates 4%, and the debt service fee by \$4.25, second from Merritt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Andersen presented Resolution 161-2020, a resolution to set a public hearing (April 6, 2020 at 6 p.m.) to amend Chapter 92 and Chapter 99 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to water and sewer rates, second from Merritt. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Barner, Grimley, Andersen, and Blakely. **RESOLUTION 161-2020 adopted.**

Wagaman presented council the need for a new website. She has requested to go with GovOffice. Barner made a motion to approve getting a new website through GovOffice for \$695 per year, second from Merritt. All ayes. Motion carried.

PC Mechanix has currently been doing our IT and we need to get him paid through June 2020. Barner made a motion to pay PC Mechanix \$6,000 for FY20 IT services, second from Merritt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wagaman presented council the need for upgraded security. She has researched three (3) companies. She likes the budget billing, but quotes came in around \$10,000 annually. She would like to stay with PC Mechanix and use Involta for the security piece. Barner made a motion to approve PC Mechanix and Involta for FY21 in the amount of \$10,954.48 annually with a one-time set up fee of \$797.15, second from Andersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Andersen presented to council information that he received from the Emergency Meeting he attended. They are working hard at getting all of Linn County communities with sirens on

the same maintenance plan. Council would like more info, but is interested in moving forward with this.

Mayor asked council to consider revising the Ordinance to allow for payment for additional meetings he has been attending for the 911 Board, Emergency Management Board, Assessor's Board, and Soil & Water Conservation Board. No motion made.

Council discussed parking in the alley behind the business district. Discussion held with Sally Deeb regarding her employees parking and the trouble it is causing getting large equipment into the Linn Co-op. At this time, they will try to keep the cars from parking on private property and the corner.

Sheriff Tindal presented Linn County Sheriff's report. There were 18 calls for service between 3/2/2020-3/16/2020.

Wyman presented public works report.

Chief Hoyt Jr. presented fire department report.

Wagaman presented treasurer report.

Bart Barner presented an update on the Gala for parks.

There was discussion on Covid-19 and what is being done around other communities and what Springville needs to be doing.

The next regular council meeting will be April 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Blakely moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m., second from Andersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

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## Springville City Wide Sales

Saturday, June 13th  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration will begin in May



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## SAVE THE DATE

Springville Fun Days  
August 7-8, 2020



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## City Wide Dump (Amnesty) Day

The City is looking to offer this service again to its residents this year. The proposed date is May 9, but this is tentative due to the current situation. Please look for information as it becomes available.





As we get through these next few weeks and maybe even months, it is encouraging to know that the “small town” attitude is alive and well. We look out for each other and help where we can. Continue to distance yourself from others, wash your hands often, cover your sneeze and cough and just use common sense to ensure your health and the health of those around you. If you do need help, call city hall, the churches, or SANSI and they will make sure that you get the help you need. Let’s look out for each other, it’s what we do. Be safe!

### CITY NEWS BRIEFS

- Save the date: STPA Fun Days August 7-8, 2020.
- Sign up to have your Springville water utility bill automatically withdrawn from your checking account. Don’t pay another late fee. It is easy to sign up and free.
- Register your golf cart at City Hall.
- Call Iowa One Call at 811 before you dig.
- Reminder of City Hall Hours; 7:30AM-12PM, 12:30PM-4PM, Monday-Friday.