

SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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Do you know where this is?

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American Legion Auxiliary

March 6 - 6:00 PM
Springville Legion

Legion Dinner/Mtg

March 13 - 6:30 PM
Springville Legion

Library Board

March 12 - 6:30 PM
Springville Memorial Library

P & Z Meeting

March 11 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

School Board

March 19 - 7:00 PM
Springville High School

Council Meeting

March 3 - 6:00 PM
March 17 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

Historical Society

March 11 - 6:30 PM

Parks

March 13 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

CITY HALL LOBBY HOURS

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday - Thursday

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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Jeff Baych
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Dee's Desk

"May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light. May good luck pursue you each morning and night."

-Irish Blessing



Well March sure snuck up on us. As I am sitting here writing this during the last week of February, I have been watching kids in shorts and t-shirts playing in the snow filled park. I will admit, it is definitely a warm up compared to a week ago. I guess that is what they call "perspective".

I, like those kids am ready for Spring and the warmer weather. I have never been much of a snow lover, but I know that many of you are and I will respect that and give you your winter months, but that is it!!

I have spent the large part of the last couple of months working on next year's budget. It has been tough this year. The State has been revamping our property tax system and it did not do the cities any favors. Our general fund (which is largely funded by property taxes) saw a \$5,000 increase in revenue this coming year. Our general fund provides funding for your public safety, your five parks, your library, your cemetery, your streets, your city hall, parks, and library staff and council. It also is supposed to fund your buildings, which include; fire station, city hall and the city shop. I don't think you need me to explain that a \$5,000 increase isn't going to cover the inflation in all of those departments and services. We are all going to have to get creative and find other ways to continue to provide the things that make you love our community. You will see just a few of the ways that you can start to contribute in this newsletter. Please think about donating to the fire department's fund raiser if you haven't already (see page 10).

Alright, enough with the doom and gloom! So many things happening this Spring to look forward to. First, we have Mardi Gras, Pi Day (who doesn't love a good pie?), St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to join us in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. All entries welcome. We would love to see everyone come and join in the fun. We had 19 entries for the Winter Parade, can we get 20 entries for St. Patrick's Day?? Let's do it!! Get your golf carts, ATVs, trucks, cars, bikes or even your legs. Let's get this town hopping!!

And hey, if anything comes up, come in and see us! We are here to help.

Your city clerk,

Dee Wagaman



Give the Gift of Reading

It is always reading time if you have your child 0-5 years registered with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Every month until your child's fifth birthday they will receive a free book addressed to them. What a great way to spend time with your child, reading and cuddling.

The cost per month went up in January to \$31.00 per year per child. Still a great price for a year's worth of books for your child. If you are in need of a tax deduction, please consider giving to this worthy cause. Make your check payable to Springville Community School District Foundation, a 501c3 and mail to Treva Davis, PO Box 12, Springville, Iowa 52336. A big thank you to Barb Boodrasang and Susan Dowell for their very generous donation in memory of Barbara Halpin, which will give 32 children a book a month for a year. What a wonderful way to honor a loved one.

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 City Council Mtg 6PM City Hall	4 	5	6 Legion Auxiliary 6 PM @ Legion	7	8  International Women's Day
9 Daylight Savings Starts	10	11  Historical Society 6:30 PM SAHS	12 Library Board 6:30 PM @ Library	13 6:30 PM @ Legion Dinner Mtg. Parks Mtg 6 PM City Hall	14	15  Water Bill Due
16  St. Patrick's Day Parade 6PM	17  St. Patrick's Day City Council Mtg 6PM City Hall	18 	19 St. Joseph's Day School Board 7:00PM	20  First Day of Spring	21	22
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Upcoming Events

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Saint patrick's Day Parade

MARCH 15TH @ 6PM
LINE UP 5:30PM @ PRESCHOOL
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

See you there!



EGG MY YARD!

10 EGGS FOR \$10 * 25 EGGS FOR \$20 * 50 EGGS FOR \$40

Wake up Easter morning with a yard full of candy filled eggs and a note from the Easter Bunny!

Get your own personal Easter egg hunt, provided by the Class of 2029!

- Deliveries will be made before sunrise Easter morning
- Orders must be placed and paid by March 29th
- Delivery available to Springville School District and surrounding communities if student attends Springville Schools
- Candy will be peanut free

Order for your kids!
Surprise a neighbor!
Spoil your grandkids!

To order call or text Tiel at 319-329-8204 or email tiellucille@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting Class of 2029!

SPRINGVILLE MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

NIGHT ON BROADWAY

MARCH 13TH & 14TH

7:00PM

SPRINGVILLE HS AUDITORIUM

SPRINGVILLE FARMER'S MARKET & FOOD TRUCK

Dates:
 Tuesday May 13th
 Tuesday June 10th
 Tuesday July 8th
 see below for August
 Tuesday September 9th
 Cox Lake Park
 5Th Ave, Springville
 (behind City Hall)
 5PM-730PM

**SATURDAY AUGUST 9TH @ BUTLER PARK DURING SPRINGVILLE FUNDAYS 10AM - 1PM

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Call our Springville lending team at 319-854-7050 to see if you qualify for a Home\$tart® Grant, of up to \$15,000 from, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines to help with down payment and closing costs on your first home today!



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EASTER EGG HUNT



Save the Date
April 19th
Sponsored by
SANSI



TAKE ME TO THE BALLFIELD GALA



April 5, 2025



Springville Legion



6:00 PM

ADMIT ONE:

Hors D'oeuvres will be served

Silent Auction from 6-7 PM

Live Auction from 7:30 - End

Tickets in Advance: \$35
Tickets at the Door: \$40

Tickets can be purchased at City Hall or online through the Parks Board Facebook Page



The Gazette

DIGITAL EDITION 

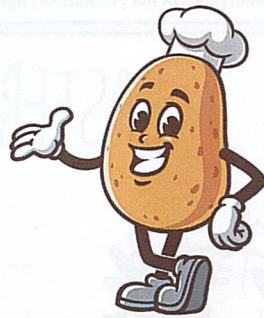
NOW AVAILABLE

The library has several computers set up to view the digital edition of The Gazette. Now that the print edition is only three days a week, you can catch the other days online at the library.

SENIOR MEAL

Help Us Welcome Spring!

March 19 SANSI and the library will hold a senior meal and activity in the Buresh Room. This month's meal will be a baked potato bar, sponsored by Lena Gilbert. The meal will be served at 11:00 a.m. Please reserve your place for the meal by calling SANSI 319-854-6100 or the library 319-854-6444 no later than March 14.



Master Gardener Programs



Tuesdays in April at 6:30 p.m.

- Slope & Spill Gardens
- Gardening 101
- Cottage Gardening in IA
- Let's Grow Natives

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 ONLINE CATALOG: <https://springville.biblionix.com/catalog/>

REGULAR MONTHLY PROGRAMS

KNITTERS Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Mar 4, 11, 18, 25

AFTER SCHOOL Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. Mar 5, 13 (Building a garden with Master gardeners)

STORY TIME Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Mar 6, 13, 20, 27



ADULT FICTION

- The Big Empty by Robert Crais
- Bonded in Death by J.D. Robb
- Close Your Eyes and Count to 10 by Lisa Unger
- Crosshairs by James Patterson
- Last Twilight in Paris by Pam Jenoff
- Life, Loss and Puffins by Catherine Hyde
- The Note by Alafair Burke
- The Queens of Crime by Marie Benedict
- Robert B Parker's Buried Secrets by Christopher Farnsworth
- Rolling Toward Clear Skies by Catherine Hyde
- Three Days in June by Anne Tyler
- We All Live Here by Jojo Moyes
- We Would Never by Tova Mirvis
- Where the Creek Bends by Linda Miller

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

All Better Now by Neal Shusterman

JUVENILE NONFICTION

- Archery by Rachael Barnes
- Archery by Kelly White
- Core Archery by Larry Wise

JUVENILE GRAPHIC

- Dog Man by Dav Pilkey
- I'm a Dumbo Octopus by Anne Lambelet

EASY FICTION

- Dog Breath by Dav Pilkey
- Drawn Onward by Daniel Nayeri

NEW BOOKS!!

Thank You!



We thank Friends of the Library for sponsoring the recent performance of Red Cedar Chamber Music here at the library.



ORIOLE NEWS

BOYS BASKETBALL



Congratulations On A Great Season!

Business Professionals of America students attended the State Leadership Conference in Des Moines.



The Television Newscast group traveled to Ames and delivered their newscast to guest critic Laryssa Leone of Channel 5 WOI. She had great things to say about the students. Good Job!



Athlete

Of The Week

Congratulations

Rowan Jacobi



Early out March 5th &

March 11th & 13th for conferences

Spring Break is March 17th - 21st

CHAMPIONS

Summer Champ Camp



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Hours	7:00am - 5:30pm	

Questions Contact
Courtney choo2937@discoverchampions.com

A STROLL THROUGH THE HIS

This view of the Paralta tower and depot on the Milwaukee Road is thought to date from 1915. The high vantage point for the photographer might have been a telegraph pole. The railroad reached Paralta in 1872. Nine or ten years later, a branch line was built from Paralta to Springville. It curves to left in the photo.



Paralta: A little place with a long history

Paralta is a group of eight houses, seven of them occupied, with about 15 residents. A single east-west gravel road, Bolton Street, serves every house. Paralta lies on the west side of Springville Road (Linn County X20), in the northeast corner of Section 5, Linn Township, Linn County. It's about two miles south of Springville.

Directly across Springville Road, to the east, is the small Paralta Cemetery, with burials that date from pioneer times to the early 2020s. The oldest known grave is that of **Mary Ann Shintaffer**, age 5, who died April 6, 1840. Her parents were James and Rachel Shintaffer.

Revolutionary War veteran **Nathan Brown** was first buried in Paralta Cemetery. Originally from New York state, he settled near the future sites of Paralta and Springville in May 1839. Brown was 80 when he died Nov. 25, 1842. His grave was moved to the Springville Cemetery at an unknown date, probably by his son, Horace Nathan Brown.

Along the south edge of Paralta is the **Grant Wood Trail**, for use by walkers, runners and bicyclists. It's the former right-of-way of the now-defunct Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, also known as the

Milwaukee Road. The trail was established in 1998 by the Linn County Trails Assn., and turned over to the Linn County Conservation Board Nov. 10, 2005. It runs west to Marion and east to Martelle.

The origin of the name Paralta is hazy. An article in the Marion Sentinel years ago claimed it was named for a local girl in the 1800s, but this is untrue. One theory: It might have been named by a U. S. soldier who returned from the Mexican War of 1846-48. **Paralta – different spelling** – is in fact a Mexican/Spanish name. The name of the little place in Iowa might come from Peralta, but no one knows the complete story.

The precise age of Paralta is a mystery. It appears on a county map in the 1878 History of Linn County, Iowa, so it's at least 147 years old (*in 2025*). How many years before 1878 the name came into use is unknown. Nothing about the beginnings of Paralta is mentioned in the 1878 history book. Before Paralta was platted in 1880, the name was applied to the general area, with no exact boundaries. Even today, people who live in the vicinity sometimes say they are "from Paralta."

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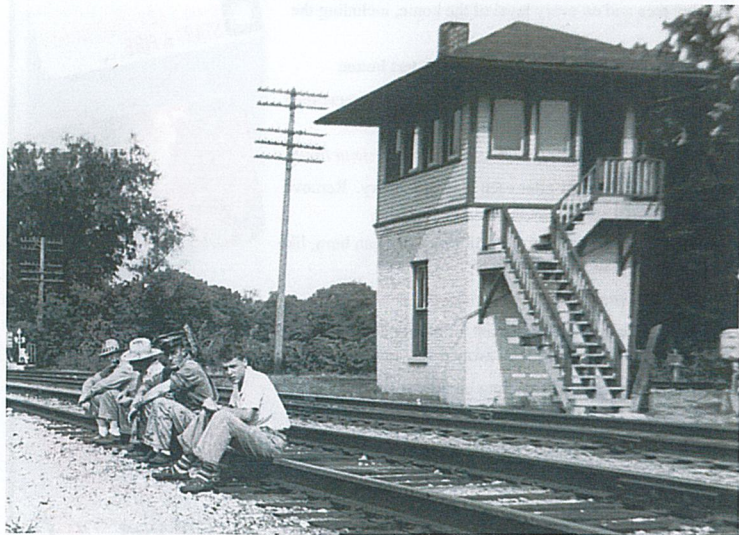
TORY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA

Paralta was platted as a town by Abram and Susan Bolton

PARALTA – *Continued from Page 6*

The platting of Paralta: On Nov. 5, 1878, **Samuel Durham** of Marion surveyed 40 acres of land owned by **Abraham “Abram” Bolton** and his third wife, **Susannah “Susan” Kearns Stewart Bolton**, who lived nearby. An affidavit was signed Dec. 27, 1879, by both Boltons, and notarized by **George Durno** of Springville. It described the land in Boltons’ plat as “the NE Quarter of the NE fractional Quarter of Sec. 5 in township 83 No., Range 5 W” (*Linn Township*).

The plat of Paralta was officially recorded Jan. 19, 1880, at the Linn County Courthouse in Marion. In calling the town Paralta, the Boltons selected the same name that had apparently been associated with the general area for an unknown number of years previously. It was probably an active place even before being platted. The first area school began in 1839, a gristmill in 1841, and the Simmons Creek Baptist Church in 1856.



Taken about 1942, this photo shows the Paralta switching tower and the double tracks that ran past it at the time. Names of the four people in the picture are unknown.



Centenarian

A 100th birthday open house at Sally’s on Broadway Feb. 15 honored Springville resident **Mrs. Irene Minor**. Her actual birthday was Feb. 19. Congratulations, Irene!

In 1872 (month not known), the **Sabula, Ackley & Dakota Rail Road** was routed along the south edge of Paralta. It was soon bought by the larger Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. Paralta’s first post office opened March 17, 1873; **William Waters** was postmaster. A sawmill was operating before 1878. **Micajah Plummer** started a general store in the late 1870s, but whether it was the first one at Paralta is not known.

By Karen Taylor

THE MOST SENIOR person in Paralta today, both in age and years of residence, is **Richard Nelson**, 92. He moved there in 1963 with his wife, Virginia Rion Nelson (now deceased), and their four children, the youngest a baby.

PARALTA OBTAINED a railroad in 1872. Nine or 10 years later, a branch line was built from Springville, forming a junction at Paralta. People could travel from Paralta to either U.S.coast.

ELIZABETH BENNETT was the first school teacher in the Paralta area. A native of New York state, she taught for a few months in 1839. Elizabeth (or Eliza, as she was called) married Edward M. Crow in November 1839. After they had two children, Elizabeth died while still in her 20s. She is buried in Wilcox Cemetery between Viola and Fairview.

As many of you are aware, we have been fundraising for some much-needed updates to critical equipment necessary to protect your firefighters while responding to calls in and around the district; self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), or more commonly referred to as air packs. We are happy to report that your contributions have put us at nearly **25%** of our **\$200,000** goal!

We still have quite a bit of work ahead of us, and we continue to look for additional funding opportunities by applying for federal grants designed to assist departments and communities like ours in acquiring these critical assets. Work for Collins Aerospace? Your organization offers a donation platform, Benevity, that matches your donation to our campaign! And did we mention that your donations are tax deductible?!

We cannot thank our community enough for the support we have received to outfit your first responders with the appropriate gear needed to answer the call. And with your continued support, we can reach our goal and continue to keep these volunteers safe!

Please make checks payable to **Friends of Springville Fire**. PO Box 401. Springville, Iowa 52336.



THE COST OF BEING A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

	\$350	
	HELMET	
	\$50	
	NOMEX HOOD	
\$5800		\$1500
SCBA (AIR)		TURNOUT JACKET
\$50		\$1850
FLASHLIGHT		RADIO
\$500		\$80
PAGER		GLOVES
\$400		\$1450
BOOTS		TURNOUT PANTS
GRAND TOTAL = \$12,580		

SPRING

Along with spring cleaning, lets take the time to make sure our homes and family are safe from the threat of fire.

Here is a check list you should go over with your family:

- ⇒ *Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half*
 - Ensure smoke alarms are installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement
 - Test them at least once a month by pushing the test button
 - Replace the batteries in all smoke alarms. Best way to remember is when you change your clocks, change your batteries.
- ⇒ *The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.*
 - Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
 - Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing.
- ⇒ *Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.*
 - Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
 - Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop.
- ⇒ *Extension cord fires outnumbered fires beginning with permanent or detachable power cords by two-to-one.*
 - Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use.
 - Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.

Working SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES
Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery
"Prevention is Life Safety"

DON'T LET YOUR DRYER START A FIRE...

Did you do your safety? ✓?

SHOW US THE MONEY---THE LIBRARY STORY PART THREE

The Library Board interviewed several architects and felt Dale Solum of Solum Architect of Cedar Rapids was a good fit for the town and the library board. Citizens shared their dream library ideas in community meetings. The plans were drawn up and reviewed, redrawn, until the Library Board and City Council were pleased with the results.

The fund-raising committee members: John Keizer, Dorothy Stewart, and honorary chair, Ernie Buresh, owner of the Exchange State Bank, began researching sources of big money. The proposed plans for a 6,876 square foot library were initially estimated to cost \$956,000. However, the project ultimately incurred expenses amounting to approximately one million dollars.

The fund-raising received two sizable donations to get things started: Hall-Perrine Foundation pledged a \$250,000 challenge grant, if we could raise \$706,000 by the end of 2004. The Library Board took that challenge and went to work. We met the challenge and received the \$250,000.

Ernie Buresh pledged \$100,000 to the project and his connections led us to even more sources of money. Buresh's help and guidance made the new building for the Springville Memorial Library a reality. He made raising that amount of money not such an unreachable vision. The library would never have been built if not for Ernie Buresh.

A system was set up for individuals and groups to pledge donations to the project. We would purchase a bronze "giving tree" and a leaf would be added to the tree with the donor's name for various levels of giving:

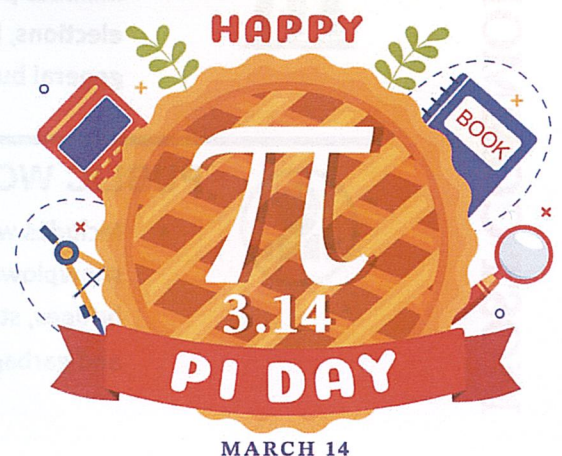
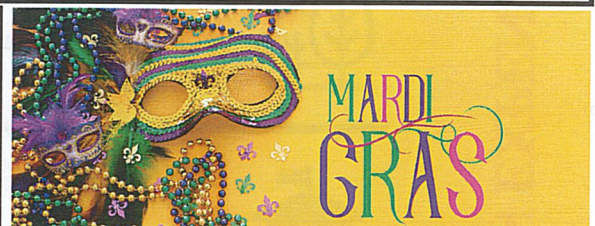


- \$500-\$999-Black
- \$1,000-\$4,999-Red marble
- \$5,000-\$19,999-Bronze
- \$20,000-\$49,999-Silver
- \$50,000-\$99,999-Gold
- \$100,000-up-Platinum

Donors also had the naming rights for certain sections of the library with a specific donation. The hard work was just beginning.

Exciting progress is being made at Emmons Memorial Park! While construction is paused for the winter, planning is underway to have playable baseball/softball fields by this summer. The Parks Board will be hosting a baseball themed gala on April 5th, the proceeds of which will go toward new backstops. After the backstops are installed, plans will move forward to add dugouts, and the board is currently researching options for moveable outfield fencing.

In addition, we're excited to announce that information on contributing to park benches along the walking path will be available soon. Thank you for supporting the growth of our community spaces!



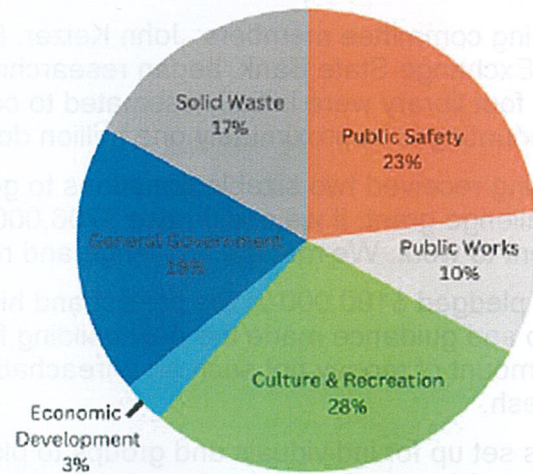
City Expenses Report

City Expenditures in Brief

Cities incur expenses to pay for city services. Some of these services are mandated by state or federal government, or legal precedent (such as staffing the city clerk role, provision of public safety, certain employee benefits). Others are services that contribute to quality of life, attracting residents, and meeting public demands.

Overall, public safety is generally the largest category of expenditure. The largest category for small communities like ours is typically personnel.

General Fund Expenditures by Category, FY26 (Proposed)



MOST COMMON EXPENSE CATEGORIES



PUBLIC SAFETY

- Includes: police, fire, EMS, animal control, building inspections, and more
- Springville has a volunteer fire department and we contract for our police. Our expenses would be much higher if we had our own police department and a paid fire department due to wages and pension costs.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

- Includes parks, recreation, cemetery, library, and more



GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL

- Includes personnel - elected and appointed, elections, legal/attorney services, city hall & general buildings, tort liability



PUBLIC WORKS

- Includes water, wastewater, stormwater, snowplows, pothole repairs, streets, sidewalks, bridges, street lighting, parking, street cleaning and garbage (if not enterprise services)

HOW DO CITIES PAY FOR IT ALL?

Revenue options include:

- Property Taxes
- Local Option Sales and Services Taxes
- Fees & Licenses
- Intergovernmental (such as road use tax, grants)

Debt:

When revenues are not sufficient, or the project has a useful life which make sense for long term financing.

Approximately half of cities in Iowa have outstanding debt obligations (we are one of them).

The main categories in which cities hold debt are:

- Sewer
- Water and transportation infrastructure



RISING COSTS AND CHALLENGES OF VOLATILITY

Volatility in city expenses creates budget challenges.

Some more volatile expenditure areas include recent federal or state legislative change outside the control of the city, uncapped or frequently changing expenses (such as some pension system costs), infrastructure improvements, compliance with environmental regulations, emergency management and disaster response and recovery, inflation and rising market costs (such as construction/goods/materials cost, labor costs (both related to construction and attracting/retaining qualified employees), fuel costs, insurance premiums, vehicle costs, etc. Some revenue sources are volatile or elastic as well, and must be considered as expenditures increase.

Material costs for common construction materials have risen an estimated 20-40% since the beginning of 2020. Many cities have reported substantial construction contract increases and overages.

- *The Iowa DOT's Iowa Highway Construction Price Index Trend notes a 29% composite increase from last year in such areas as roadway excavation, surfacing/pavement, and structural steel and concrete.*

Fuel costs rose this year as a result of several factors, including crude oil supply down globally, international relations, and inflation.

Insurance

Vehicle costs have risen dramatically, and wait times for vehicles have increased. Cities have reported that state-negotiated rates for patrol cars or other city vehicles and equipment have been suspended at times due to the hot market and levels of demand.

Computer/tech equipment increases and low availability, coupled with increasing needs for more advanced technology in public safety and cybersecurity



RESOURCES

Iowa's Property Tax System Special Report

City Property Tax Levies Special Report

Property Tax Assessment Process in Iowa

City Budget Special Report

City Outstanding Debt Obligation Reports

City General Fund Revenue/Expenditures Reports

Iowa Government Finance Initiative - Annual Fiscal Condition Reports



Scan for Resources



City Council Regular Meeting

February 3, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Bart Barner, Jeff Baych, Karla Blakely, Cindy Kilburg, and Bart Barner. Makenna Hollandsworth was absent. City staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Jim Koppenhaver and Rich Blakely were also in attendance.

Baych made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Baych made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: January 20, 2025, minutes, and approval of claims, seconded by Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Deputy Pease presented Sheriff's Report, Library Director's Report, and Clerk's Report.

Mayor Andersen invited citizens with input to speak. There being no public comments, Mayor Andersen moved to business.

The council discussed the plans for farm access/driveway for the at the South Springville Development site. Linn County will be overseeing the project. Blakely made a motion to approve the plans for the culvert design presented for the farm access/driveway at the South Springville Development site, seconded by Baych. All ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed requiring 2" x 6" exterior walls on residential new builds. D. Pearson (Planning & Zoning Chair) sent a letter discussing the reasons behind this move. This would ensure that our community has long-lasting benefits by having homes that will last longer. The council agreed with the thoughts of Planning & Zoning. We will bring this Ordinance to the next meeting for the first reading.

Mayor Andersen presented the need to have a Phase I Archeology Study done for the 5th Ave bridge project. MSA had an initial study done at no cost, but due to the age of the bridge and location it is recommended to do an additional study. This could cost anywhere between \$5-\$15,000. The mayor is concerned about spending this money right now with the current administration pausing all Federal Funding. This project is a federal grant. The pause has been rescinded but it is expected that there will be another cut somewhere. Some of the council felt that the funding is probably pretty safe. Blakely made a motion to approve the 5th Ave Bridge Phase I Archeology Study pending confirmation of Federal funding, seconded by Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Andersen updated the council on the rebuilding of the T-Mobile tower. They crew is finished, and Linn County completed their inspection as of Monday. The mayor would like to see an independent company do the inspection of T-Mobile's work. It is a little behind as the inspector would have inspected during the process, but at the very least we can get eyes on the project before too much time goes by. Dixon Engineering was one of the firms listed by MSA. Per our new contract with T-Mobile, they will pay for an inspection. Baych made a motion to approve Resolution 3-2025 to hire Dixon Engineering to inspect the work of T-Mobile, seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Barner, Blakely, Kilburg, Baych. ABSENT: Hollandsworth. **RESOLUTION 3-2025 adopted.** The council also discussed the possibility of using Dixon Engineering to do annual inspections of the water tower. They will discuss it further at another time.

Wagaman went over the fund balances of all funds. Our general fund will only be bringing in an additional \$5,000 of property tax revenue this year so our expenses will need to be looked at differently. This was a

lengthy discussion. The council will have a budget workshop on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, February 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Blakely moved to adjourn at 7:22 p.m., seconded by Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Council Regular Meeting

February 17, 2025

The Springville City Council met in regular session on February 17, 2025.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Cindy Kilburg, Bart Barner, Jeff Baych, Karla Blakely, and Makenna Hollandsworth. City staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Tim Wilson (Dixon Engineering), Jim Holz (MSA) and Amber Converse (MSA) were also in attendance.

Blakely made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Baych. All ayes. Motion carried.

Baych made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: February 3, 2025, minutes, approval of claims, appointment of Bart Barner as Mayor pro-tem, and appointment of Dee Wagaman as City Clerk/Treasurer, seconded by Hollandsworth. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Deputy Pease presented Sheriff's Report, Engineer's Report, Public Works Report, November, December & January Treasurer's Reports, and Clerk's Report. Councilmember Blakely would like a reminder to the snowmobilers that they are not allowed in city limits.

Mayor Andersen invited citizens with input to speak. There being no public comments, Mayor Andersen moved to business.

The council discussed water tower inspections with Tim Wilson from Dixon Engineering. They are an independent inspection engineering firm. Wilson provided a comprehensive sample report that the council would expect to see. They recommend following the American Water Works Standards by doing a comprehensive inspection every 3-5 years and a safety inspection every year. The DNR also likes to see these inspections getting done. They do not do any of the painting. Wyman says that Viking Industries has been doing our inspections annually.

Amber Converse presented a power point to the council explaining the process for implementing a storm water utility fee. Storm water is harder to capture the amount that each property sends to the streets, for this reason, the council will need to figure out a fair way to assess a fee. Currently when we have a repair to storm drains or we are installing storm sewer it comes out of streets or sewer. This is not really where it should be coming from, so it is in the city's best interest to create an enterprise fund and find a way to generate funding for such projects. Converse will put the scope of work together and will get it in front of the council.

Blakely made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2-2025 pertaining to bulk requirements in Chapter 165, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Blakely, Hollandsworth, Barner, Baych. NAYS: None. **FIRST READING APPROVED.** Blakely made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 2-2025, seconded by Hollandsworth. RCV: AYES: Barner, Blakely, Hollandsworth, Baych, Kilburg. NAYS: None. **SECOND & THIRD READINGS WAIVED.** Hollandsworth made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2025 pertaining to bulk require-

ments in Chapter 165, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Kilburg, Baych, Hollandsworth, Barner. **ORDINANCE 2-2025 ADOPTED.**

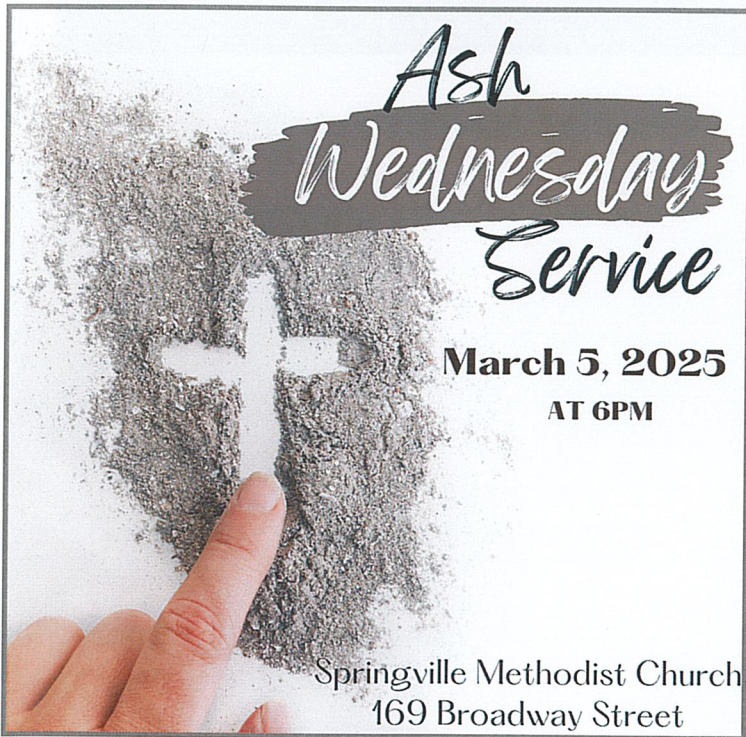
The topic of needing a Phase I Archeology Study done for the 5th Ave bridge project was brought back up. This project is getting done with the help of Federal funding. If the council chooses to wait, the cost of the project could significantly go up and the cost of construction may not be entirely covered by the grant. Baych made a motion to approve the 5th Ave Bridge Phase I Archeology Study, seconded by Hollandsworth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Baych made a motion to approve Resolution 4-2025 to set a public hearing date for the Property Tax Levy on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Barner, Blakely, Hollandsworth, Kilburg, Baych. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 4-2025 adopted.**

Wagaman presented the budget as it stands. All departments are included. The council was good with the tax levies and will work on the Capital Improvement Plan to get some projects included.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Blakely moved to adjourn at 7:51 p.m., seconded by Hollandsworth. All ayes. Motion carried.



Ash
Wednesday
Service

March 5, 2025
AT 6PM

Springville Methodist Church
169 Broadway Street

The poster features a close-up photograph of a hand applying grey ash to a forehead in the shape of a cross. The text is overlaid on the image, with 'Ash Wednesday Service' in a large, stylized font and the date and time below it.



FIRST DAY OF
Spring
MARCH 20

The poster is colorful and festive, featuring the words 'FIRST DAY OF Spring' in large, bubbly letters. 'Spring' is in green with a white outline, while 'FIRST DAY OF' is in orange and red. Below it, 'MARCH 20' is written in red. The background is light blue with several colorful flowers (pink, orange, purple, white) and green leaves scattered around the text.

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Service Times

Sunday 9:30

Pastor Joseph Bielema

Phone 563-235-7519

Email: pastorjoe.fcf@gmail.com

Secretary: Judy Cummings

Email: judynross@yahoo.com

ST. ISIDORE *the* FARMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Daily Masses: Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 5:30 pm or by appointment

Religious Education Wednesday: K-8 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm,

HS 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

Reverend Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

Deacon Mark Sandersfeld

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Cindy Kellerman

P 319-854-6141 FAX 319-854-7161

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Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

SPRINGVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Service Times

Sunday 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00-11:00 am.

Pastor Guillermo Bongolan Phone 319-521-1710

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Office Hours: Mon., Tues. & Wed. 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Service Times

Sunday 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. (3 years old—adult)

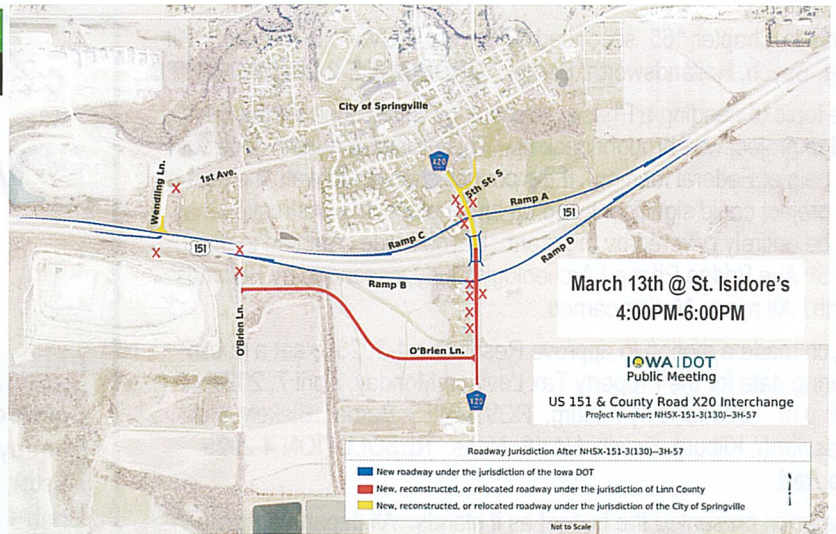
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