## SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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View From McShane's Hill by Fred Easker Oil on canvas, 24 x 30 inches, 1992, Private collection www.easkerart.com

#### Do you recognize this scene?

This beautiful landscape graces the cover of Springville News with the kind permission of the artist, Fred Easker of Cedar Rapids. He was a college classmate of the Rev. Anna Mae Peck, formerly of Springville.

Traveling on Springville Road south of Springville, and looking west-northwest near the intersection with Martelle Road, is the vantage point. This painting appears in Easker's 2018 book, "Connected to Place: Landscape Paintings by Fred Easker," Penfield Books of Iowa City.

Easker grew up in Cedar Rapids, and earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in art education at the University of Iowa. His paintings are included in museum, corporate, and private collections, and have appeared in numerous periodicals and books. His wife is also an artist. They have a studio in Lansing, Iowa, as well as Cedar Rapids.



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#### **Mayor's Minutes**

"Success doesn't just come and find you, you have to go out and get it."

~Unknown

School is back in session and it feels less like summer and more like football season. Your City staff has been extremely busy getting all the summer projects completed and getting some of the other necessary clean up done around town. We made a lot of headway with several projects last spring and summer. It is nice to finally have them wrapped up. We fully understand that many times you were inconvenienced with these improvements, but now that they are near completion, hopefully you can see the rewards.



I would also like to remind everyone about the new pedestrian lights. Please be aware of pedestrians when these are flashing. This will make crossing a few of the busier streets safer for everyone.

Mayor Shebetka

# Vou Can Be a Candidate

## City of Springville City Council

## FILE FOR CANDIDACY BETWEEN AUGUST 26, 2019 AND SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

#### Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2019

The City Council term is for four years. The terms for Council Members Mareta Ralston, Brad Merritt, and Dennis Thies are up December 31, 2019. To hold office in a city, a candidate must meet the same qualifications required to vote and be a resident of the city they plan to serve. Anyone wishing to have their name on the ballot to serve on the City Council must complete two forms and submit them to the County Auditor during this filing period. The two forms are an Affidavit of Candidacy, which must be completed by the candidate and signed in the presence of a notary, and a Nomination Petition, which must contain the signatures of at least ten eligible voters. These forms are available from the city clerk, from any courthouse in lowa or from the Secretary of State website https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/cityelections.html.

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			Library Activity Day @ 2 PM	Library  American Legion Auxilia-	*	
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		Crafternight @ 5PM RSVP Required	Senior Dining @ SANSI 11:30-12:30	Story Time 10:30 AM @ Library		
		SAHS Mtg@ 6:30PM @ SAHS	Library Activity Day @ 2 PM	Knitters 1 PM @ Library		
	City Council Mtg @ 6 PM @ City Hall		Library Board Mtg @ 6:30 PM	Legion Dinner/ Mtg 6:30PM @ Legion		
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	City Council Mtg @ 6 PM @ City Hall					
29	30					

#### Save The Date - 10/5 Can Drive



Springville Class of 2022 Post Prom is having a can drive to raise money to cover the cost of post prom expenses.

When: Saturday, October 5th 8:30 am - 11:30 am Where: Old Springville Elementary School

Cans can be dropped off NOW at:

2977 Springville Road Springville, IA OR

Call us and we can pick them up.

Robin Menster - 319-389-0610 Katie Bragg - 319-213-0009

#### **Pictures Wanted**

We are looking for pictures of Springville or the surrounding area to feature on the cover of the monthly newsletter. Pictures can be submitted by dropping them off at the City Clerk's Office or they can be emailed to cityofsp@netins.net.



#### **Monday Nighters**

The Monday Nighters are looking for members. The Monday Nighters are a community outreach non-profit group that meets (you guessed it) the first Monday of the month for part of the year. They often donate to our library and also fund other groups and needs of the community. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mary Rozinek at 319-854-7142.

#### SALLY'S SENIOR MEALS

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at Sally's Serving from 11:30AM to 12:30 PM \$3.50 Charge for Meal & Beverage



#### SANSI

#### **SENIOR MEALS & BINGO**



2nd & 4th Wednesdays at Sansi Serving from 11:30AM to 12:00PM Activities from 12:00PM to 2:00PM \$3.50 charge for Meal & Beverage Meals provided by Meals on Wheels

(Please RSVP to Janet Lentz 24 hours in advance at 854 -6100 to ensure a meal will be available.)



It is time to help City Hall update your information. With so many of you disconnecting your landlines, we have no way of contacting you. We would love an updated phone number and email address.

Please call City Hall at 319-854-6428 or email us at cityofsp@netins.net. Thanks for your help.

#### SPRINGVILLE PARKS BOARD **EMMONS PARK RAFFLE**

DRAWING DATE: October 25th, 2019

#### **PRIZES**

- \*Monterey 4 person hot tub (retail \$5,439)
- \*Grill—Green Mountain Daniel Boone Prime w/Wi-Fi (retail \$699)

#### 1 TICKET FOR \$25 OR 5 FOR \$100

\*\*\*FIRST TICKET DRAWN WINS CHOICE SECOND TICKET DRAWN WINS REMAINDER

\*Raffle tickets can be purchased from any Parks Board member, City Hall, The Exchange State Bank.

#### SHARING PAIN AND HEALING

We all have pain, sadness, and grief in our lives. But where can we go to share those tears of loss and anger? There are times you just don't want to share with your family. Maybe you want to know how others have dealt with the pain of death, illness, loss of independence, empty nest, job release, retirement. The list continues, grief not only affects those whose spouse or loved one has died. Death and loss effects so many people in a variety of ways.

People have formed new friendships in this small group and find they need this time to listen and share because grief does not end, but it does take on different forms throughout one's life. This is an on-going ministry of our church meant for people who are grieving, not just members of our church. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. We meet in Scott Fellowship Hall the FOURTH WEDNESDAY of each month at 1:00PM at Springville United Methodist Church (fondly known as

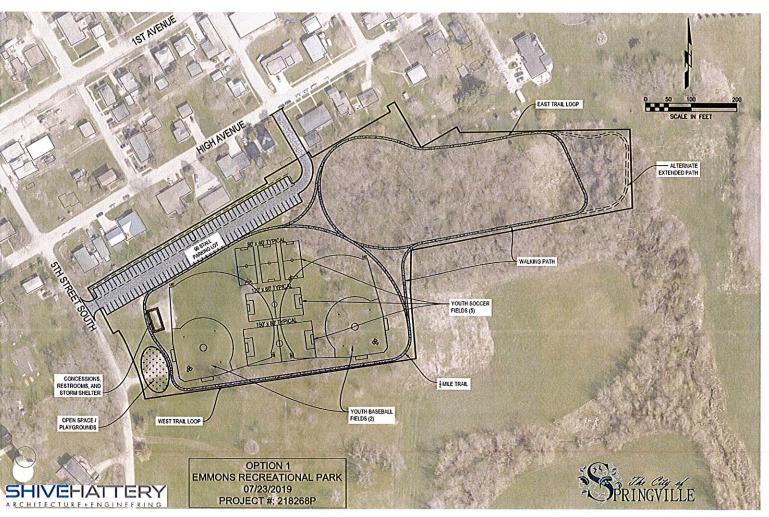
SUM CHURCH!). Consider joining us on September 28th at 1:00PM!



# EMMONS PARK PROJECT

Exciting things are coming to a park near you! The Springville Parks Board is moving forward with the trail project in our community. The trail in Cox Pond Park is used all the time, and the board would like to eventually connect trails throughout the community. The next phase will be to develop Emmons Park. For those of you who might not know where Emmons Park is, it is behind the water tower just off 5th Street S. This project will include two eight foot ADA compliant walking trails. One phase of this project will create a walking trail through a wooded area that will give many an opportunity to get closer to nature. School kids will have the opportunity to do an organized fitness program along with an area for science and environmental education in a safe and accessible space. This project will also include restrooms, a pavilion, and concession stand. There will be an area for a playground and future ball diamonds, soccer fields, and flag football fields. It also includes a parking lot to help make attending events in the park safer and more convenient. This will be a great place to have family events, youth events or to just walk among nature on a paved trail.

This project will be funded by monies set aside in the Park Trust from fundraising over several years, grants, and community donations. If you would like to donate you can visit City Hall. If you have any questions, you can direct them to City Hall at 319-854-6428.



## A STROLL THROUGH THE HIS

#### Romans family lived 44 years in home that began as school

The brick building at 402 High Avenue, thought to be the oldest in Springville, was built in 1865 as a school. Contrary to myth, it was never a stagecoach stop. It was a school about 17 years, then a home for 132 years, until January 2014.

On Feb. 20, 1901, the Springville New Era reported, "Joe Romans and family have moved into the Nash property on the South Side." The couple had six girls and a boy, ages 7 months through 15 years. In January 1904, another daughter arrived, the eighth and last Romans child.

Joseph Kirk Romans was born in 1862 in Guernsey County, Ohio. Moving to Springville as a young man, he married Rachel Adelaide Calvert Dec. 13, 1885. Rachel, born in Morgan County Ohio, had come to Iowa in a covered wagon in 1865, at age 3. In the 1910 census, Joe's occupation was given as furniture salesman.

The Romans children were Mae Elizabeth, Ethel Grace, Muriel Jane, Blanche, Claire Joseph, Edith Gertrude, Velma Adelaide, and Irvine Leah. An illness in early child-hood left Blanche deaf. In February 1905, she died of a ruptured appendix at age 12.

Four of the surviving seven graduated from Springville High School: Mae in 1904, Ethel, 1908; Claire, 1913; and Edith, 1915. Six married, with five weddings held in the parental home on High Street (its original name).

Mae was the first Romans bride. She married Clarence E. Beeman June 2, 1907, but the marriage was brief. By the time of the 1910 census, Mae had gone home to her parents with her daughter Mildred. (In 1924, Mildred graduated from Springville High.)

On June 17, 1914, Mae married a second husband, F. Victor Lamoreux, in Marion. Victor's nephew, Floyd L. Longbottom, married Velma March 13, 1922, in Springville. Both couples moved to Stevensville, Mont., near the Idaho border.

Other Romans weddings were Ethel and John Herbert Peet, August 1916; Edith and Alvah H. Carter, June 1920; Claire and Clara Holman, October 1924 in North Dakota; and Irvine and Charles Vlasak, November 1926.

Muriel worked as a maid for Cedar Rapids families. Injured in a 1932 car accident, she never fully recov-

ered. After undergoing surgery in March 1945, she was cared for in Cedar Falls by her sister, Ethel Romans Peet. At 54, Muriel died June 12, 1945.

Also in 1945, the Romans parents left the brick house in Springville after 44 years, to live in Cedar Falls with the Peets. A family dinner celebrated Joe and Rachel's 60th wedding anniversary in December that year.

On June 26, 1948, Joe Romans died at 85. Rachel, 88, died Jan. 24, 1950. They are buried at Springville, as are Blanche and Muriel. Irvine Vlasak, 94, last of the eight siblings, died July 1, 1998, at Toledo, Iowa.

**Postscript:** The Bob and Pat Crane family lived in the brick house over 48 years – longer than the Romanses. Five Crane children and three grandchildren grew up there.

By Karen Taylor, with thanks to the Rev. Anna Mae Peck



ABOVE – This brick building on High Avenue was built in 1865, the year the Civil War ended. It was originally a school, but after the new high school was completed in 1882, the 1865 school became a residence.

AT RIGHT – Mae Romans Lamoreux, a 1904 graduate of Springville High School, was the eldest of eight children.

Copy photo by Wes Bender



## TORY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA

#### Zarah V. Elsberry taught in Springville's 1865 brick school

In 1865, a two-story brick school was built for \$1,200 on Springville's High Street (now Avenue). It was a school only about 17 years. Zarah Virgil "Z.V." Elsberry, a Civil War veteran, taught there.

Born July 27, 1833, in Pendleton, Madison County, Ind., Z. V. also lived in Illinois and Wisconsin while growing up. He studied two years at Wesleyan Methodist College in Leoni, Mich. In November 1854, after a 1 ½-mile foot race in 12 minutes, 30 seconds, Z. V. was in bed for six weeks with serious bronchitis.

His father Isaac was living in Jones County, Iowa, and in January 1855, young Elsberry traveled there for further treatment. He recovered, and later that year moved with Isaac to a farm near Springville. The next year, he rented his own farm.

Z. V. became a teacher in 1857. Teaching only winters, he worked on his farm in the summer. On Nov. 10, 1858, he married Sarah Jane Gibson. The Civil War began, and Z. V. enlisted in Co. H, 24th Iowa Infantry, in August 1862.

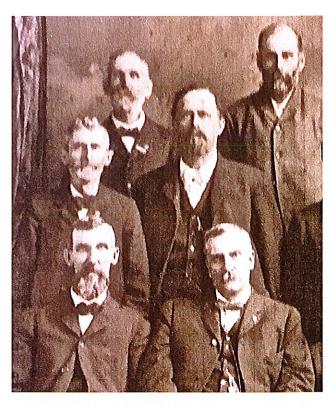
After discharge in July 1865, he returned to Springville and taught a total of 16 terms at the brick school and rural schools. The school year then comprised fall, winter, and spring terms. Teachers did not always stay at one school all three terms.

In 1866, Z. V. was elected Linn County superintendent of public schools, serving two years. At various times, he also was Brown Township justice of the peace, district township secretary, and township clerk. In 1874 and '75, Z. V. was an agent for Chamberlain patent medicines.

He moved to Marion in 1877. The next year, Althouse, Wheeler & Co., maker of pumps and windmills, hired him. For 10 of his 13 years with that firm, Z. V. was a traveling salesman in the Midwest, Texas, and Oklahoma. He retired in 1892, and served nine years as justice of the peace in Marion.

Z. V. was a charter member of the Iowa Legion of Honor and Post 206, G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic, a Union veterans' group). For three years he was secretary of the Linn County Old Settlers Association.

HISTORY, ANYONE? – The Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) will meet Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the SAHS building, next door to City Hall. Anyone interested in the past of Springville is welcome to attend.



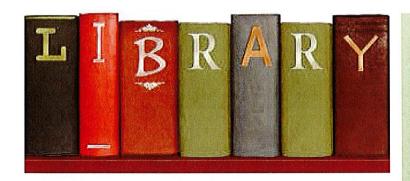
Z.V. Elsberry (2nd row, left) at reunion of Co. H, 24th lowa Infantry, in 1905 or earlier. Part of a photo of 18 Civil War veterans owned by James Crow and copied by Wes Bender. Elsberry, 74, died in 1908. Beside Z.V. is George Bolton. Front row: James P. Oxley (left) and Charles Penn. Back row: Benjamin Gibson and Levi Strite.

On Jan. 24, 1908, Z. V. died at his daughter's home in Davenport. He was 74. Ten fellow veterans of Company H attended his funeral in Marion's Memorial Hall; six served as pallbearers. Burial was in Oak Shade Cemetery.

Z.V. was survived by his wife Sarah; son Brayton of Independence; daughter Ursula "Sula" (Lounsberry) Hasselman, Davenport; six grandsons; and two brothers, C.R. and Lorenzo. Son Lucius died at 14 in 1881. Just 36 days after Z.V. died, Brayton died at 45, leaving five sons, 6 through 22.

By Karen Taylor, with thanks to the Rev. Anna Mae Peck

BESIDES ZARAH V. ELSBERRY, some other early Springville teachers were Jesse Reneau, Rhoda A. Thompson, Adelia Noyes Giffen, and Corwin D. Stickney. Stickney, who later owned a local hardware store, recalled that his pupils included Fred Butler and Len Christman, future community leaders.



#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 PM, in the Buresh Room of the Springville Memorial Library. All members are encouraged to attend. If you are not a member but interested in discovering what the Friends are all about, this is the place to be.



#### COMPUTERS FOR SALE

The Springville Memorial Library has four Dell computers for sale. These are working computers that were replaced. For \$75 you get the computer, keyboard and mouse, no monitor included. Three of the computers have Windows 10 and one has Window 7 operating system. For more information contact the library at 854-6444.

#### STEAM to Go Kits

STEAM to Go kits are fun, interactive kits that encourage STEM learning to elementary aged students. Complete with facts about technology and games to make learning fun, these are a great addition to our library. We have four kits available:

Robotics and Coding Kit - Full of fun facts about robots, computers, x-rays and other cool technology and inventions. For ages Pre-K through 3rd grade.

Circuits and Technology Kit - Explores the most amazing and awe-inspiring facts about technology and inventions throughout history. For ages 4th grade and up.

Science Lab Experiments – Helps kids explore the science in everyday life with simple, step-by-step experiments to do around the home. For ages Pre-K to 3rd

All About Magnets - a dynamic, hands-on introduction to the fascinating powers of magnets. For ages Pre-K to third grade.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon, Sept 2- Library Closed Wed, Sept 4- Early Out Wednesday @ 2:00PM Thurs, Sept 5- Story Time @ 10:30AM, Knitters @ 1:00PM

Mon, Sept 9- Book Group @ 10:30AM

Tues, Sept 10- Crafternight @ 5:00PM (RSVP Required) Wed, Sept 11- Early Out Wednesday @ 2:00PM, Library Board Meeting @ 6:30PM

Thurs, Sept 12- Story Time @ 10:30AM, Knitters @ 1:00PM, Friends of the Library Annual Meeting @ 6:30PM Wed, Sept 18-Early Out Wednesday @ 2:00PM

Thurs, Sept 19- Story Time @ 10:30AM, Knitters @ 1:00PM

Sat, Sept 21- Movie Matinee "Dumbo" at 2:00PM Wed, Sept 25- Early Out Wednesday @ 2:00PM Thurs, Sept 26-Story Time @ 10:30AM, Knitters @ 1:00PM, Free Concert, Samantha Lekin- Music Through the Ages @ 6:00PM

Sat, Sept 28- Red Cedar Free Concert @ 1:00PM

#### **NEW OUTSIDE FURNITURE**

Take a walk on the patio at the library and enjoy the new tables that are now a part of the patio. What a perfect place to read, have lunch after a morning in the park, or just to rest after a walk around the park. It was always part of the plan to have outside furniture and now it's a reality. A bench is part of the plan also (at this writing it has not been received, but on order). This was made possible in part by Library Board members Daryl McCall and Tina Allsup who gave a donation and was matched by Collins Aerospace and Alliant Energy. Thanks to all.



#### Movie Matinee is Back

We are so excited to revamp our movie program. So join us for our new and improved movie matinee on Saturday, September 21 at 2:00 for a showing of Dumbo (2019 Live Action version). This event is a free showing and open to the public of all ages, so come on in and enjoy.



#### Red Cedar Chamber



We are very excited to welcome back the Red Cedar Chamber music group on September 28th at 1 PM, please join us for a "Jazzy Jamboree". Featuring Miera Kim on violin, Carey Bostian on cello, and guest artist Christine Bellomy on clarinet, this trio will perform classical works with a jazz connection, including Gershwin, Reinhardt, Brubeck and more. This is a free

concert open to all, so don't miss this.

#### Music Through the Ages

It is a musical September around here! Samantha Lekin will perform on Thursday, September 26 at 6 PM for "Music Through the Ages." Featuring vocal selections from the 50's, 60's, 70's and more, Samantha surely has a tune for you, whether it be a country hit or a gospel song. This is another free show for the public, so be sure to come early to get a seat.



#### **Summer Reading Winners**

We had a fantastic summer. We explored the universe with crafts, games, snacks, guests, and of course, BOOKS!



A big thanks to all of our speakers, all of the volunteers and parents who helped activities run smoothly, and of course to all of our participants. Summer wouldn't be nearly as much fun without you. Thanks for spending the summer with us! See you next year.

Congratulations to all of our prize winners: Shamballa, Janice, Annelise, Nora, Arya, Karen, Anne, Korey, Hudson, Kadence, Ayden, CeCe, Carter, Ethan, Lauren, Jonah, and Aiden.



#### **ORIOLE NEWS**

#### Football Schedule

Friday, Sept 6: 7:00 p.m. @ Home vs. HLV Friday, Sept 13: 7:00 p.m. @ Kee High

Friday, Sept 20: 7:00 p.m.@ Home vs. Turkey Valley

Friday, Sept 27: 7:00 p.m. @ Easton Valley

Friday, Oct. 4: 7:00 p.m. @ Home vs Central-Elkader

\*\*\*Homecoming\*\*\*

Friday, Oct 11: 7:00 p.m. @ Midland

7:00 p.m. @ Home vs West Central Friday, Oct 18: 7:00 p.m. @ Home vs Central City Friday, Oct 25:

\*\*Don't forget to come to the home Football games to watch the Oriole Marching Band during half time.

#### Volleyball Schedule

Saturday, Sep 7: 8:30 a.m. @ Midland (Tournament)

Thursday, Sep 12: 6:00 p.m. @ North Cedar

Thursday, Sep 19: 5:15 p.m. @ Cal-Wheat (F/JV/V)

Saturday, Sep 21: 9:00 a.m. @ Home (Tournament)

Tuesday, Sep 24: 5:15 p.m. @ Home vs. Central City (F/JV/V)

Thursday, Sep 26: 5:15 p.m. @ East Buch (F/JV/V)

Saturday, Sep 28: 9:00 a.m. @ North Cedar (Varsity Tournament)

8:30 a.m. @ CR Jefferson (JV Tournament)

#### **Cross Country Schedule**

Tuesday, Sep 3: 4:30 p.m. @ Williamsburg HS

Tuesday, Sep 10: 4:45 pm @ Boy Scout Camp in Waubeek

Saturday, Sep 14: 9:00 am @ Monticello HS Tuesday, Sep 17: 4:00 pm @ Starmont HS

Tuesday, Sep 24: 5:00 pm @ Center-Point Urbana HS

Saturday, Sep 28: 8:30 am @ Anamosa MS

Thursday, Oct 3: 4:15 pm @ Western Dubuque HS Tuesday, Oct 8: 4:15 pm @ West Delaware HS

Thursday, Oct 17: 4:00 pm @ Boy Scout Camp in Waubeek

#### Welcome to the ORIOLECAST

(www.theoriolecast.com)

#### With Play-by-Play from Tyson Jacobi - Ethan Moore -Karla Blakely

#### Football/Volleyball Broadcasting Schedule

FB vs HLV
VB @ North Cedar
FB @ KEE
FB vs Turkey Valley
VB vs Central City
FB @ Easton Valley
VB vs Ed-Co
FB vs Central-Elkader
VB vs North Linn
FB @ Midland
VB @ Alburnett
FB vs West Central
FB vs Central City

\*All Postseason games will be broadcasted\* Football times are at 7pm, volleyball at 7:15pm The pledge of allegiance was recited to begin the meeting.

The Springville City Council met in regular session in the Springville Council Chambers on August 5, 2019. Mayor Shebetka called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Brad Merritt, Lyle Andersen, Jeff Grimley, Dennis Thies and Mareta Ralston. City Staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman, and City Clerk/Treasurer Dee Wagaman.

Thies made a motion to approve the agenda as written, second from Grimley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Andersen made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of July 15, 2019 minutes and Approval of bills, second from Merritt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Shebetka invited citizens with input to speak. Treva Davis addressed the council to thank Todd and Steve were so much help with the library's delivery of two concrete tables. Not only did they help unload, they helped assemble and get them placed. Steve has also been a big help with the landscaping around the library this summer. It has been greatly appreciated. There being no further comments from citizens, Mayor Shebetka moved to business.

Justin with Shive-Hattery presented four concepts. Mayor Shebet-ka let the audience ask questions and make comments. Council discussed the parking in each of the concepts. Andersen made a motion to move forward with Concept #1, second Merritt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Tindal presented the Linn County Sheriff's report. There were 34 calls for service between 7/15/19-8/5/19.

Mayor Shebetka opened the public hearing requested by Michael Dobos of 602 1<sup>st</sup> Ave regarding code violation of Chapter 51 and Chapter 52 6:35 p.m. Mr. Dobos addressed the council to explain that all of the vehicles on his property are in working order. He still has some more repairs, but they are all licensed and are drivable. He also addressed the weed violation. He likes his privacy and does not want to cut everything down. Andersen made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:47 p.m., second from Thies. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion held and council told Mr. Dobos to continue to make forward progress on his property.

Todd presented a concern that was presented to the clerk's office about the drainage on the north side of Circle Drive. A couple of options were given. Council directed him to research solutions and costs associated with each. We will present at budget time.

Discussion held on fees for variance requests. Our Ordinance allows a fee to be charged, but we currently do not have one. The council feels that a fee should be charged since it is the resident requesting the variance and there are costs associated with the variance hearing. Ralston presented Resolution 121-2019, a resolution to charge \$100 fee for all variance requests, second from Merritt. AYES: Thies, Merritt, Grimley, Andersen, and Ralston. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 121-2019 adopted**.

Discussion held on the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> St. Thies made a motion to add a light to the existing pole on the north side of the intersection, second from Ralston. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the Parks purchasing shirts for the Fun Days events. Some council were concerned about setting precedence and using taxpayer dollar for personal shirts. Susan Cooper graciously will donate the cost of the shirts to the parks.

Todd addressed the council regarding the yard waste site. The City no longer has a place currently to take our grass clippings and weeds. The current location has said they are full. Wagaman got prices for the Solid Waste Agency, which is located on the SW side of Cedar Rapids. Our local residents can take it to County Home Rd., but the City is not able to use that location. He is asking that we get the word out to see if we might find someone local that needs a ravine filled. The City waste site will reopen after Fun

Days.

Agenda topics for the Sanitary Sewer Project tabled for further research.

Mayor Shebetka read the Wind Week Proclamation.

Mayor Shebetka read the Five Seasons Stand Down Proclamation.

Public Works presented report. Pedestrian lights will be installed this week.

No questions on the treasurer's report. Clerk had a wonderful experience at Clerk School. It was filled with valuable information.

Mayor invited all to help this weekend where they can for Fun Days. Merritt commented that he attended the Board of Adjustment meeting and is concerned about the variance that was approved.

The next regular council meeting will be August 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Thies moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., second from Ralston. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### City Council Regular Meeting

August 19, 201

The pledge of allegiance was recited to begin the meeting.

The Springville City Council met in regular session in the Springville Council Chambers on August 19, 2019. Mayor Shebetka called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Council members present: Brad Merritt, Lyle Andersen, Dennis Thies and Mareta Ralston. City Staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman, and City Clerk/ Treasurer Dee Wagaman.

Sheriff Tindal presented the Linn County Sheriff's report. There were 18 calls for service between 8/5/19-8/19/19.

Andersen made a motion to approve the agenda with topics 7-11 removed, second from Ralston. All ayes. Motion carried.

Thies made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of August 5, 2019 minutes, Approval of bills, and Approval of renewal of Casey's liquor license, second from Merritt. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Council discussed the possibility of rezoning the property at 920 Old Dubuque Road from Ag to Commercial for storage units. Kevin and Marie Lynch would like to be able to put a business on that property. The council was all for the proposed business and assured the Lynches that if this came before them, they would not stop it.

Wyman presented a quote for trimming back a City owned walnut tree that is making a mess of resident's home. Andersen made a motion to accept the bid from D & D Tree Service for \$550 to clean up the tree at 510 Broadway St., second from Thies. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council discussed the cleanup efforts at 602 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. The resident has hired a contractor to clear out some of the overgrown vegetation. They are asking permission to take this to the yard waste site. Andersen made a motion to allow this contractor to use the City yard waste site, second from Merritt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion held on closing the office for about four hours a week to customers. Wagaman presented that this would help let the office be caught up on reports and other projects that take time without interruptions. Discussed possibly extending lunch hour, a couple of afternoons or a morning. Wagaman will bring back to the council.

Andersen presented to council the desire for the American Legion to move the flagpole bases in the cemetery. Currently the bases are in the bushes on the property line, they would like to get all uniform sized poles, and it would be a great time to get them moved

forward. The American Legion will handle this project. Council approved.

Discussion held on the Parks purchasing shirts for the Fun Days events. Some council were concerned about setting precedence and using taxpayer dollar for personal shirts. Susan Cooper graciously will donate the cost of the shirts to the parks.

Mr. Menuis presented his case for high water usage. Menuis was watering his lawn and left the hose on a couple of times. His usage for watering was approximately 11,000 gallons. He understands he needs to pay for the water, but would like council to waive the sewer charge. Council feels this was a choice for him to water his lawn. Council is not going to waive the sewer charge for the reason that they do not give people with pools a break on their water bill either. Nothing was broke. Request denied.

Agenda topics for the Sanitary Sewer Project tabled for further research.

Public Works presented report. Pedestrian lights installed and now we need to educate our drivers. They have been working on several annual and quarterly tests on water that need to be done. The yard waste site is a huge concern for the public works. Wyman is asking for help for anyone that knows someone who might have a hole or ravine that needs filled. Wyman reported that Fun Days was good and things went with no problems.

Clerk reported that she will be starting the SFR (Street Finance Report). The office has also been working on updating Ordinances. While at SFR training, Wagaman was able to meet several local clerks that will be getting together and learning together.

Mayor was pleased and appreciated all the volunteer work that went into the Fun Days this year. Shebetka felt like the weekend was a success.

The next regular council meeting will be September 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Thies moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m., second from Ralston. All ayes. Motion carried.

## REMINDER

As the colder weather sets in and we see more recreational fires around town, we want to remind you that open burning is to be solely used for cooking or recreational activities provided it is no

larger than three feet in diameter and burns charcoal or clean wood material. You are NOT to burn any refuse or waste disposal. Please be considerate of your neighbors.



# PLEASE BEAWARE

The City has added two sets of pedestrian crossing lights as part of the 5th Street Project. These lights are located at the intersections of Academy & 5th

St. and 1st Ave & 5th St.
There will no longer be stop signs there during school start and stop times. Please be aware and watch for the yellow flashing lights. This is to warn you that there are pedestrians near the cross walk. You must yield to pedestrians whether the light is flashing or not. This is for all times of the day or night.



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#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**American Legion Auxiliary** 

September 5 – 6:00 PM Anderson Residence

Legion Dinner/Mtg

September 12 – 6:30 PM Springville Legion

Library Board

September 11 – 6:30 PM Springville library

P & Z Meeting

September 16 - 6:15 PM City Hall **School Board** 

September 16 – 7:00 PM Springville high school

Council Meeting

September 9– 6:00 PM September 23 – 6:00 PM City Hall

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September 10 —6:30 PM SAHS Building

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#### **CITY NEWS BRIEFS**

- City offices closed September 2, 2019.
- Solid Waste will run normal schedule September 3, 2019
- 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.
- Call Iowa One Call at 811 before you dig.
- Reminder of City Hall Hours; 7:30AM-12PM, 12:30PM-4PM, Monday-Friday.