



MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

December 2015

UPCOMING CITY PROJECTS

South 1st Street Sewer Main Replacement

The city budgeted \$204,000 for a sewer main replacement on South 1st Street from Vine to Spruce. The project will include the removal of an existing sewer main that is not properly sloped and the placement of a new main. Bids will be received and considered in December with construction planned for spring 2016.

Turtle Creek Sanitary Sewer Crossing Repairs

The city budgeted \$161,000 to install new concrete abutments and a steel structure to support the 18 inch sewer main that crosses Turtle Creek, just north of the wastewater treatment plant. Bids will be received and considered in December with construction planned for spring 2016.

Spruce Street Paving Improvements

As part of the South 1st Street Sewer Main Replacement project, Spruce Street from Railroad Street to South 1st Street will be paved. The city budgeted \$100,000 for this portion of the project. Construction will commence in spring 2016.

Water System Improvements

Three test wells were drilled over the past two years in an attempt to locate a desired location for a new city well. The third test well location at the SSAP Soccer Field Complex has been selected as the new well site. The city is in the process of obtaining funding for the project from the Nebraska Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The city currently operates on two wells and a third well is needed in order to keep up with current usage and future growth.

New Maintenance Facility

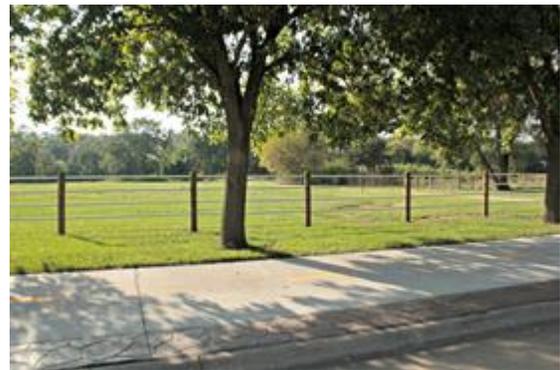
The Council budgeted \$280,000 from city sales tax in fiscal year 2015-2016 for the continued construction of a new maintenance facility on the northeast corner of South 1st Street and Pflug Road. The new facility will consist of an 11,200 square foot building with six bays, offices and outdoor storage for sand, gravel, rock, etc.

2015-2016 Miscellaneous Budgeted Projects

\$20,000 - Sidewalk Repairs
\$15,000 - Nuisance Abatement
\$11,000 - Flag Pole at Springfield Creek Trails & Rec Area
\$22,000 - Warning Siren
\$35,000 - Community Betterment Projects from Keno Funds (projects may include repairs to the Buffalo Park walking trail, installation of Frisbee golf, or additional splash pad features)

SPRINGFIELD TRAIL PHASE 3

Construction is now complete on the Springfield Trail Phase 3 project! The 10 foot wide trail connects the trailhead on Platteview Road to the trail at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds. It is approximately 3,000 feet long and consists of two beautiful bridges crossing the Springfield Creek. The city received grant funds from the Nebraska Department of Roads Transportation Enhancement Program and the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District to complete the project.



SPRINGFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Youth Services - Preschool Story Time, After School Workshops (Science, Arts, Cartooning), Holiday Crafts, Summer Reading Program, Lego Club

Adult Services - Craft Tuesday, Stitching Group, Quilt Group, Book Club, Local History & Genealogy Resources

The library provides laptops for adults 18 years of age and over for use in the library. All users must present a driver's license or photo ID.

Make sure you check out the library's website at springfieldnelibrary.org for the calendar of events.

WATER / SEWER RATES

On September 15, the Springfield City Council approved a 3% increase to water and sewer rates. New rates were applied to the November 15 water/sewer bills.

Rate Table

Water - Current Rate: \$26.27 per month for 2,000 gallons, \$2.62 per 1,000 gallons of usage thereafter

Water - New Rate: \$27.06 per month for 2,000 gallons, \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons of usage thereafter

Sewer - Current Rate: \$26.27 per month, \$1.06 per 1,000 gallons of usage

Sewer - New Rate: \$27.06 per month, \$1.09 per 1,000 gallons of usage

**Please let City Hall know about any changes to your telephone number, so your account information can be updated. Thank you.*

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING

Please keep the Springfield Community Building in mind when looking for your next place to rent for baby and bridal showers, family reunions, business meetings, graduation parties, wedding receptions, and much more.

The building is located on the northeast corner of 1st and Main Streets (104 Main Street).

Please contact Wendy Post, Community Building Rental Coordinator, at 402-253-2846 for rental information.



HELP KEEP SPRINGFIELD BEAUTIFUL & SAFE

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all citizens to help keep Springfield beautiful! Please keep the following in mind throughout the winter and spring months:

- Abandoned vehicles, non-working appliances, old tires and trash need to be removed from your property.
- Keep all tree branches and limbs trimmed to the height of at least 8 feet over walkways and 14 feet over streets.
- Remove all snow from sidewalks within 24 hours after the storm. Do not throw snow out into the street.
- Building permits need to be obtained at City Hall for the construction of fences, decks, basement/interior remodels, sheds, garages, etc. Please contact City Hall for additional information regarding building permits.
- Keep domestic animals confined within your yard and on a leash when walking. Do not allow them to run at large. Pick up all animal waste, especially in city parks and recreational areas.

- Visible address numbers are recommended on all buildings and homes in order for police and fire/rescue services to respond to emergencies.
- Please check the condition of your sidewalks, as many of them are in need of repair. The fifth phase of the city-wide sidewalk replacement project will commence shortly. Notice will be served this winter upon property owners with sidewalks that will need to be repaired/replaced/constructed next summer. If property owners fail to repair/replace/construct their sidewalks within the time allotted, the city can have the sidewalks completed and the expenses assessed against the property.
- Please remember that overnight parking is not allowed on city streets between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Signs are posted at city entrances and in various locations around town. Violators will be ticketed. Overnight parking passes are available at City Hall for special circumstances such as driveway repairs or out of town guests for the weekend.

Please be sure to enjoy the many upcoming events in Springfield such as the art and wine festivals, school activities and programs, and special Springfield Memorial Library events. Also, please remember to enjoy Springfield's many parks and recreational facilities and to support all of Springfield's local businesses.

Happy Holidays! Robert Roseland, Mayor