

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Spring Valley City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 215 N. Greenwood Street, Spring Valley, Il. 61362 and called to order by Mayor Marini at 7:00 p.m. with the following Aldermen answering present to the roll call: Mike Herrmann, Ed Jauch, Chris Affelt, Jeff Janusick, Deb Baltikauski, Ken Bogacz and Dave Pellegrini. Absent: Fred West. 7 present. 1 absent.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The following reports (3) were received and placed on file:

1. Police Chief's letters of commendation to Sgt. Larsen and Officer Brown
2. Economic Director's report
3. Public Health & Safety committee report (April 27, 2021)

#14132 Moved by Alderman Janusick and seconded by Herrmann that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and approve them as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Norton gave a follow-up on Wal-Mart lift station issues noting employees Rob Baracani and Scott May went and spoke with all businesses in that area regarding the issue. We will now just have to wait and see if the situation changes.

Police Chief Curran reported the new officer will be going to PTI for the next 14 weeks, a part-time officer is to begin next week and he gave out 2 commendations (Sgt. Larsen and Officer Brown). Curran thanked Mayor Marini for his time and for believing in him with his appointment of Chief.

Alderman Pellegrini scheduled a Public Health and Safety Committee meeting for Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the grant for demolition of houses, updates from the Building Inspector on inspections and property violations and any other matters that may come before the committee.

#667 A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NCICG FOR ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION SERVICES FOR THE STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY was presented.

#14133 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Jauch that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14134 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Alderman Affelt that we authorize NCICG to move forward with the 2021 Housing rehab Application. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#668 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CHAMLIN AND ASSOCIATES, INC FOR 2021 SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (CDBG) was presented.

#14135 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Janusick that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#669 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS FROM MICRO-COMM, INC. was presented.

Alderman Bogacz asked why we are asking for the water distribution system upgrades and improvements now. Superintendent Norton noted the system is from 2000 and the Wal-Mart and City Hall Tower equipment is obsolete and if it goes down we lose both towers. The upgrades were suggested over a year ago and instead of taking chances we should upgrade. Alderman Bogacz asked if we asked for a quote from any other vendors. Norton noted we have been with Micro-Comm since 2000 and they have a good warranty plan, are good to work with and there is no need to change companies as we would need a whole new system.

#14136 Moved by Alderman Janusick and seconded by Herrmann that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The following list of bills was presented, a copy of which was given to each Alderman 48 hours prior to the meeting:

#14137 Moved by Alderman Janusick and seconded by Pellegrini that we dispense with the reading of the bills, approve them as presented and warrants be drawn for same. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski and Pellegrini. Nay vote: Bogacz. 6 ayes. 1 nay. Motion carried.

The following petition was received for consideration:

1. St. Margaret’s Hospital Habit for Health monetary donation request

#14138 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Janusick that we authorize a donation to St. Margaret’s Habit for Health in the amount of \$500. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The following communications (3) were received and placed on file:

1. Qtrly Street Maintenance Agreement (Jan 1, 2021 – March 3, 2021)-----	\$ 2,532.73
2. Hotel/Motel Tax (March)-----	553.60
3. Utility Tax (March)-----	27,303.32

Mayor Marini presented a plaque and thanked outgoing Alderman Janusick for his 6 years of service as an Alderman for the City of Spring Valley.

Mayor Marini gave a farewell speech noting he served the community he lived in for 49 years serving as an Alderman for 12 years and Mayor for 8 years. He has enjoyed being a cheerleader for the City of Spring Valley and noted some of his accomplishments which include construction of the Water Treatment Plant in 2003 and an upgrade in 2017, construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant and lagoon, an increase on sales tax for road repairs and a sidewalk program all of which will be good for the City for years to come. His joy for role as Mayor is beyond description and he enjoyed working with all and looks forward to seeing everyone around town. Alderman Herrmann presented a plaque to Mayor Marini thanking him for his service.

Mayor Marini introduced the new Mayor Melanie Malooley-Thompson. City Clerk Hansen swore in newly elected Mayor Malooley-Thompson. The Mayor then swore in all newly elected officers City Clerk Rebecca Hansen, City Treasurer John “Jack” Boroski, 1st Ward Alderman Michael Herrmann, 2nd Ward Alderman Chris Affelt, 3rd Ward Alderman Gregory Campbell and 4th Ward Alderman Dave Pellegrini.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson appointed Sheryl Churney (Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins) as City Attorney.

#14139 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Jauch that we approve the Mayor’s appointment of City Attorney Sheryl Churney. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson appointed Chamlin and Associates as the City Engineering Firm.

#14140 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Jauch that we approve the Mayor's appointment of Chamlin and Associates as City Engineering Firm. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson appointed Adam Curran Chief of Police, Jeff Norton Superintendent of Public Works and Mike Argubright as Building Inspector.

#14141 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve the Mayor's appointment of Adam Curran Chief of Police, Jeff Norton Superintendent of Public Works and Mike Argubright Building Inspector. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson made the following appointments to various boards:

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS - DAVE ARGUBRIGHT (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/24)

POLICE PENSION BOARD - JULIE EILERS (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/23)

PARK BOARD - DAVE BARACANI (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/26)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - MARK WILTSE (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/26)

LIBRARY BOARD - JANE WEBERSKI (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/24)

- JIM ARKINS (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/24)

- NANCY MCNALLY (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/24)

- NORA COSGROVE (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/22)

PLANNING COMMISSION - LUKE CARLS (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/25)

- LYNDA HANSON (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/25)

- NATE CULLINAN (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/25)

- MIKE DERGANCE (TERM EXPIRES 5/1/23)

#14142 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Pellegrini that we approve the Mayor's appointments to various Boards as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14143 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Herrmann that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:22 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk