

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Spring Valley City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers 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, Fred West, Jeff Janusick, Deb Baltikauski, Ken Bogacz and Dave Pellegrini. 8 present.

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

The following report was received and placed on file:

1. Economic Director's report

#13983 Moved by Alderman Janusick and seconded by West that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and approve them as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin reported the STU project on Ladd Road has started and they should get to the road work in about 2 weeks, the MFT Street Program is waiting on IDOT approval and he will be looking into a possible drainage issue on 7th Street.

Superintendent Norton reported they are still working on the aeration system at the WWTP.

Chief Sangston reported we received Clorox 360 sprayers to be used for sanitizing the city hall building. He noted the cost for the sprayers can be reimbursed under the Cares Act.

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

#13984 Moved by Alderman Janusick and seconded by Jauch that we dispense with the reading of the bills, approve them as presented and warrants be drawn for same. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

There were no petitions received for consideration.

The following communications (6) were received and placed on file:

1. Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement-----	\$ 3,816.61
2. CDBG Grant #1 – Amia Boutique-----	6,250.00
3. CDBG Grant #1 – Valley Flowers & Gifts-----	6,250.00
4. Hotel/Motel Tax (July)-----	2,499.68
5. Utility Tax (July)-----	35,870.15
6. Thank you – Frances Belcher Family-----	

Mayor Marini appointed Adam Curran to the position of Police Chief effective October 1, 2020.

#13985 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve the mayor's appointment of Adam Curran to the position of Police Chief effective October 1, 2020. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

The following sidewalk proposals from Cruz Concrete were received for approval:

300 East First St., South Side	\$18,440.00
Iowa St, North Side	18,292.00
1000 N Greenwood St., East Side	6,450.00

Superintendent Norton noted the contractor needs to hire someone to do the restoration or make sure they do a better job as the city has received complaints in the past. It was asked if we asked for other quotes and Alderman West noted he asked two other contractors in town and did not receive quotes from either one.

#13986 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Janusick that we approve the sidewalk proposals from Cruz Concrete as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Bogacz asked for the status on several grants. It was noted the grant for the bump outs haven't been funded yet, the Housing grant is moving forward, the Greenwood sewer grant is ready and waiting on bids, the Cure grant will require paid invoices so we are not sure what we will do with that and the Strong Communities grant is due on September 28, 2020 and we are unsure if NCICG can write the grant.

#13987 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Janusick that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:12 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Spring Valley City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers 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, Fred West, Jeff Janusick, Deb Baltikauski, Ken Bogacz and Dave Pellegrini. Absent: Chris Affelt. 7 present. 1 absent.

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

The following reports were received and placed on file:

1. City Treasurer's monthly report (August)
2. Police Chief's monthly report (August)
3. Economic Director's report

Mayor Marini asked if there were any public comments on any agenda items. Several residents were present in regards to parking issues on Greenwood St. Wayne Sanders who is currently working for Elite Seamless Gutters noted the Ordinance on tonight's agenda takes away a lot of parking and feels we need to be a problem solver and not a problem maker. Eric Carls comments were about parking and zoning issues at Elite Seamless Gutters. He feels there are clear code violations and would like the city to enforce the parking violations and address the zoning issue. Carls noted he has no objection to growth but feels there is a public health and safety concern. John French owner of Elite Seamless Gutters noted he is trying to keep his business in town and has been looking for another location in town since his business has grown. French noted an alderman brought these agenda items to his attention and he wanted a chance to make his case noting he wants better parking, is looking into options and since there have been no accidents in his area, he didn't feel it was an issue. He asked the council to consider before we vote if we want a big business to leave. Eric Carls followed up and noted he is not against the growth of a business but it is a residential neighborhood and residents do not want construction materials on their side yards. Carls asked the City to provide an opportunity for French to apply for proper zoning and also that the city enforce the city codes. Another resident Kelli Whightsil was present and voiced concerns about near accidents due to both lanes being blocked most of the time. These near accidents include her own daughter while driving, kids on bikes and kids and adults walking across the street. Whightsil doesn't believe there is any reason for commercial trailers and equipment to be parked on the street in a residential neighborhood and that Mr. French is not considering residents around him. She also feels there should be an obligation to keep the neighborhood and children safe. Corrie Heiden also spoke of nearly being hit 3 times while driving and has almost been hit several times while walking. Nora Cosgrove noted she almost gets hit every morning on her way to work and everyday she has to look at Elite Seamless Gutters parked along her house. She has mentioned this to French and asked him to move the vehicles. People have told her they can't believe she has to deal with this every day. Sarah French addressed the issue and didn't know the zoning was improper. She also feels everyone has their opinions and there are other intersections with visibility issues that are just as dangerous. She asked that the city work with them as they realize the business has grown and they are looking for a larger place.

#13988 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, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Marini read a letter of appreciation and presented a plaque to Chief Kevin Sangston who is retiring from the City of Spring Valley after 31 years of service. Marini congratulated Sangston on his retirement, wished him well and noted it has been an honor working with him. Sangston accepted the plaque from Mayor Marini and noted it has been an honor working for the City and its citizens.

Deputy Chief Curran presented a proposal for a new squad car noting high mileage on a few squad cars and maintenance fees. He noted he tried to keep the business in town but was unable due to the State bid being better.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin reported he has been in contact with the contractor installing I-Fiber on Route 6 from Peru to Princeton noting IDOT has issued a permit but the City also requires a permit by ordinance. We are not looking to prevent the work we just want to protect our water lines. Richetta reported the cost for asbestos testing is between \$600-700, he will be requesting bid proposals to tear down 2 properties and the STU project work continues.

Fire Marshal Scheri reported he has reviewed the stand by generator applications and all have passed as of today.

Alderman Herrmann scheduled a Finance committee meeting for October 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss appraisals for parking areas downtown and any other matters that may come before the committee.

Alderman Baltikauski scheduled a Legislative committee meeting for October 1, 2020 immediately following Finance to get more input and facts on the zoning issue at 125 E Dakota St. and any other matters that may come before the committee.

Alderman Pellegrini asked for an update on cleaning the retention pond at Willow Court. Assistant Superintendent Insko noted we have not had time to get there yet and Superintendent Norton is on vacation this week. Pellegrini would like to see a schedule by the end of the week.

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

#13989 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Janusick that we dispense with the reading of the bills, approve them as presented and warrants be drawn for same. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The following petitions (2) were received for consideration:

1. Drew Faletti – 4th annual Toy Run
2. Bob Zeglis – Santa on the Run

October 4, 2020
November 28, 2020

#13990 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by West that we dispense with the reading of the petition from Drew Faletti for the Toy Run and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#13991 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Janusick that we dispense with the reading of the petition from Bob Zeglis for the Santas on the Run and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The following communications (11) were received and placed on file:

1. Sales Tax (June)-----	\$ 35,316.06
2. Sales Tax Increase (June)-----	11,396.98
3. MFT (August)-----	11,363.72
4. MFT TRF (August)-----	7,811.94
5. Income Tax (August)-----	42,698.11
6. Video Gaming Tax (August)-----	7,355.42
7. Telecommunication Tax (June)-----	2,381.23
8. Cannabis Use Tax (August)-----	419.12
9. Use Tax (June)-----	20,889.64
10. Aerator Solutions 3 rd Installment-----	20,833.37
11. Thank you – Horizon House “Road to Independence”-----	

PROCLAMATION – CONSTITUTION WEEK was presented.

#13992 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Bogacz that we approve the Proclamation as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#1788 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, OF TITLE 9, TRAFFIC AND PARKING, OF THE SPRING VALLEY CITY CODE was presented.

Attorney Bolin noted Mr. French is passionate about his business which is thriving and suggested the council reject the ordinance as drafted, defer any action on the ordinance or adopt it with a delay of enforcement to give Mr. French a reasonable opportunity to find accommodations. Mayor Marini noted he would be happy to work with French but he needs to make an effort to make accommodations and recommends a severe penalty after a 30-day grace period. Alderman Bogacz said he felt blindsided, didn't feel all parties were informed and doesn't think it is the way to pass an ordinance as it should have been discussed by the council and Mr. French wasn't aware of the issue on the agenda. Bogacz feels it is a good business with a lot of employees, we should work together and the ordinance should not be passed at all. Resident Eric Carls said the trucks are prohibited in residential and the codes are very specific. Mr. French claimed this is the first he has heard of the issue. Chief Sangston noted they have had several conversations with French about the issue so he is aware. City Attorney Andreoni reviewed the ordinance and noted the city would be reasonable on how quick they issue tickets. Mr. French asked for 30 days to address the situation and move his business.

Alderman Bogacz made a motion that we table the ordinance. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

#13993 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Herrmann that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented with a 30-day grace period. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, West, Janusick, Baltikauski and Pellegrini. Nay vote: Bogacz. 6 ayes. 1 nay. Motion carried.

#1789 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VACATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE SPRING VALLEY CITY ILLINOIS PERSONNEL MANUAL AND AMENDING SECTION 1-15-10 OF THE SPRING VALLEY CITY CODE was presented.

#13994 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Pellegrini that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, West, Janusick, Bogacz and Pellegrini. Nay vote: Baltikauski. 6 ayes. 1 nay. Motion carried.

#1790 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY was presented.

#13995 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Baltikauski that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, West, Janusick, Baltikauski and Pellegrini. Nay vote: Bogacz. 6 ayes. 1 nay. Motion carried.

Deputy Chief Curran presented options for a new police vehicle and recommended a new Dodge Ram Truck in the amount of \$29,480.

#13996 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Janusick that we authorize the Deputy Chief to purchase a new 2020 Dodge Ram Truck in the amount of \$29,480. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#13997 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Herrmann that we approve a 48" CMP Culvert CIPP Liner Project for Ladd Road from Hoerr Construction in the amount of \$57,305. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#13998 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Pellegrini that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 8:25 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk