

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 8, 2021

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, 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 (2) were received and placed on file:

1. Police Chief's monthly report (February)
2. Economic Director's report

#14095 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.

Mike Mudge from Rock River Energy was present by phone to answer any questions regarding the community aggregation renewal quotes we received today. He noted the current Ameren price is .04553 which is less than the bids we received today though he expects the Ameren rate may go up in June. He suggested we could accept the MC Squared bid and possibly be ahead if the Ameren rates go up each year or we could wait until April and look at the bids again at that time. Mudge did note that we could go to May but it has to be done for the August billing.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin gave an update on the Rebuild Fund, the Greenwood St grant, Willow Trail improvements and a watermain grant with possible principal forgiveness which he will update to keep the city on the list when funds become available.

Superintendent Norton reported that weather pending we will begin to dig and remove silt at the Willow Trail retention pond.

Economic Director Ladgenski asked the council to let her know if they have any changes or recommendations for the 228 E. St. Paul St. RFP. Ladgenski also reminded the council we need to verify properties for the Strong Communities grant. Alderman Pellegrini will discuss the Strong Community grant properties with the Building Inspector.

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

#14096 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski 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 petitions (2) were received for consideration:

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| 1. Lori's Annual Walleye Run | March 20, 2021 |
| 2. St. Margaret's Habit for Health Fun Run | June 12, 2021 |

#14097 Moved by Alderman Janusick and seconded by Affelt that we approve the petition for Lori's Annual Walleye Run as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14098 Moved by Alderman Janusick and seconded by Herrmann that we approve the petition for the St. Margaret's Habit for Health Fun Run as presented. 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. Hotel/Motel Tax (January)----- \$ 266.20
2. Thank You – Hall Township Food Pantry
3. Lori's Annual Walleye Run – donation request

#14099 Moved by Alderman Affelt and seconded by Pellegrini that we approve a donation in the amount of \$100. to Lori's Annual Walleye Run. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14100 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Janusick that we authorize the Pinter Construction cost to clean out the old hotel in the amount of \$12,696. Aye votes: Herrmann, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski and Pellegrini. Nay votes: Jauch and Bogacz. 5 ayes. 2 nays. Motion carried.

#1807 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1624-2015 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, ILLINOIS, SAID ENTERPRISE ZONE BEING A PORTION OF A LARGER ENTERPRISE ZONE ENCOMPASSING CONTIGUOUS PORTIONS OF THE CITIES OF PRINCETON AND SPRING VALLEY, THE VILLAGE OF GRANVILLE, HENNEPIN, LADD AND MARK, AND THE COUNTIES OF BUREAU AND PUTNAM, ILLINOIS (MARQUIS PROPERTY) was presented.

#14101 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Herrmann that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH HOMEFIELD ENERGY was presented.

#14102 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by Affelt that we table the Ordinance at this time. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

A PROCLAMATION – JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT DAY was presented.

#14103 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Bogacz that we dispense with the reading of the Proclamation and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

John French asked if a debate for Mayor candidates could be held at the City Hall. Mayor Marini felt a debate is a good idea but said there is not enough room in the city hall. It was suggested he check with Hall or JFK.

Alderman Bogacz asked if the company doing the Fiber Optic through town would be coming back to repair the lawns. Superintendent Norton noted he was told by the contractor that Metro would be back in the spring to take care of the yards. Bogacz also asked if the water meter installation has been scheduled. Norton noted they are working on a plan to get them installed but are not getting a good response from homeowners and feels we may have to have a few employees work on Saturday since a lot of people work during the week.

#14104 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Pellegrini that we go into a closed meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint against an employee to determine its validity pursuant to section 5 ILCS (C) (1) was presented.

CLOSED MEETING 7:30 P.M. TO 7:38 P.M.

#14105 Moved by Alderman Affelt and seconded by Herrmann that we go back into regular session. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14106 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Pellegrini that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:39 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 22, 2021

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, Deb Baltikauski, Ken Bogacz and Dave Pellegrini. Absent: Jeff Janusick. 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. City Treasurer’s monthly report (February)
- 2. Economic Director’s report
- 3. City Engineer’s report

#14107 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Pellegrini 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, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Marini took a moment to remember Mr. Marion Brasher who passed away on March 10, 2021. Mr. Brasher was involved in numerous activities, was a long-time teacher at Hall High School and owned the Round House (train store). Marini noted he will be missed and asked for a moment of silence.

Superintendent Norton reported the first phase of Willow Trail retention pond is done. They will be working on changing drainage tiles and cleaning it up then it should be good.

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

#14108 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Herrmann 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, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The following petitions (2) were received for consideration:

- 1. SV Lion’s Club – drive thru Easter egg hunt March 27, 2021
- 2. Depue Men’s Club – solicit advertising for Boat Race Booklet

#14109 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Jauch that we approve the petition for SV Lions Club Easter egg hunt as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14110 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by West that we approve the petition from the Depue Men’s Club to solicit advertising for the Boat Race Booklet as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The following communications (15) were received and placed on file:

1. MFT (February)-----	\$ 8,378.63
2. MFT TRF (February)-----	6,809.17
3. Sales Tax (December)-----	34,601.57
4. Sales Tax Increase (December)-----	11,577.99
5. Income Tax (February)-----	42,938.94
6. Use Tax (December)-----	33,064.18
7. Telecommunication Tax (December)-----	2,151.79

8. Video Gaming Tax (February)-----	4,897.82
9. Cannabis Use Tax (February)-----	487.79
10. Aerator Solutions Payment Agreement-----	20,833.37
11. Verucchi’s CDBG Grant-----	25,000.00
12. Thank You – Jessie Padilla Family	
13. Project Success Easter Baskets – donation request	
14. IV Building Trades Rally for Lily Foundation Golf Outing – donation request	
15. Horizon House “Road to Independence” – donation request	

#14111 Moved by Alderman West and seconded by Bogacz that we approve a donation in the amount of \$350. to Project Success for Easter Baskets. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14112 Moved by Alderman West and seconded by Pellegrini that we approve a donation in the amount of \$125. to IV Building Trades Rally for Lily Golf Outing. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14113 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Jauch that we approve a donation in the amount of \$250. to the Horizon House “Road to Independence”. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#1808 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RETIREMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY AND DOUG E. BURCHAM was presented.

#14114 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by West that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

John French was present to discuss his concern about his political signs that have gone missing. He made several accusations that other Mayoral candidates were stealing his signs, etc.

Teresa Venegas commented that people will decide at the poles and accusations should not be made without proof.

Mayoral Candidate Mark Venegas replied that he has not taken any of French’s signs.

Mayoral Candidate Melanie Malooley Thompson replied that his accusations are false.

Sarah French reported that the city had given them 90 days to correct parking issues and they have found a place to park their vehicles.

Alderman West scheduled a Streets and Alleys Committee meeting for April 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to begin discussion of the Street Maintenance Program and any other matters that may come before the committee.

#14115 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by West that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:20 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 22, 2021

A Public Hearing to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the completed DSBSBSP grants funded by CDBG funds through DCEO was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Marini at 6:45 p.m. with the following Aldermen present: Mike Herrmann, Ed Jauch, Chris Affelt, Fred West, Deb Baltikauski, Ken Bogacz and Dave Pellegrini.

The notice for the public meeting was published in the Bureau County Republican on March 6, 2021.

It was noted that \$100,000 in Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program Funds were made available to the City of Spring Valley through NOSA #20398-20257; #2398-24117; and #2398-24786 to reimburse Working Capital Costs for four Spring Valley Businesses. This program was funded by Title 1 of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. CDBG funds were used to provide the working capital amounts for the benefit of the business to address the urgent needs of the businesses due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Four (4) grant projects were funded through this program. The program component made funds available for 60 days of verifiable working capital up to a grant ceiling of \$25,000. Each project utilized grant funds for Working Capital Expenses such as Personnel (salary & wages); Inventory; Supplies; Utilities; Telecommunications; Contractual Supplies and Occupancy (Rent & Mortgage).

1. Grant #13-244052. \$25,000 for Amia Boutique, LLC
2. Grant #13-244053. \$25,000 for Valley Flowers and Gifts, LLC
3. Grant #13-244229. \$25,000 for Gar, Inc., aka Locker Room
4. Grant #13-244336. \$25,000 for Verucchi Family Properties, LLC, aka Verucchi's Ristorante

City Attorney Zukowski read a statement received by email from Chuck Taliani (Valley Flowers and Gifts). Taliani extended his gratitude for everything Debb, the council and Mayor did in order for them to qualify for the grant money. The money kept their business afloat during the 3-month store-front closure including being able to keep all employees employed and to keep up with the daily bills.

Sue Garland (Locker Room) was present and noted prior to March last year the business was on track to break a record then COVID hit and the Governor caused them to close for 10 weeks. With the help of Debb, the council and getting the grant they were able to keep all fulltime employees on the payroll. Even after reopening they didn't have much business due to no sports and that their business revolves mainly around sports. They are hoping to get back some of their loss and are grateful for all that was done for them.

Barb DeAngelo (Verucchi's) was present and thanked those who brought this grant to their attention and Debb for all her help with the grant. They were able to keep all employees and were fortunate that their curb side service turned out great.

Christine Pellegrini (Amia Boutique) noted she is very appreciative and thanked Debb for her persistence in helping her get the grant application submitted. The grant money helped her business.

There being no further comment and no questions from the City Council or Public, the hearing was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk