

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 5, 2022

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 Malooley Thompson at 7:00 p.m. with the following Aldermen answering present to the roll call: Mike Herrmann, Ed Jauch, Chris Affelt, Greg Campbell, Deb Baltikauski, Ken Bogacz and Dave Pellegrini. Absent: Jen Diaz. 7 present. 1 absent.

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. Building Inspector's quarterly report (April – June)

#14439 Moved by Alderman Bogacz 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, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

#14440 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski 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, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley Thompson reported Bandit's Doggie Spa recently opened and has had positive reviews so far, Fresh n Fruity Produce and the Local Realty Group have also opened recently and they will be holding a grand opening soon.

Alderman Baltikauski scheduled a Legislative committee meeting for July 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to review various ordinances, update personnel manual and any other matters that may come before the committee. Alderman Bogacz scheduled a Streets and Alleys committee meeting to discuss the 2022 St. Maintenance Program and any other matters that may come before the committee. Alderman Herrmann scheduled a Finance committee meeting to discuss the Appropriation Ordinance and any other matters that may come before the committee.

Alderman Pellegrini referenced an internal communication to St. Margaret's employees that was on social media noting the intent to close St. Margaret's Hospital emergency and inpatient services in Spring Valley and consolidate those services with its Peru location. Pellegrini has been approached by hospital employees and residents who are concerned about this move and noted it is important to have a hospital in our community. He also noted many surrounding communities that will be affected by this decision and encouraged everyone to reach out to St. Margaret's or lawmakers and ask them to reconsider this. Mayor Malooley Thompson said the city intends to write a letter to St. Margaret's expressing its disappointment in the decision and requesting an impact study on the residents of Spring Valley and its neighboring communities.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin and Associates discussed doing two year's worth of streets with this year's MFT Program, borrowing funds for the program and paying it back next year. He noted no bonds are required as we could just do a simple loan if needed. There would not be a program next year but we will get more done this year.

Superintendent Norton reported the crew has been working on cleanup today and will begin restoration next due to the recent 5-7 inches of rain we received in a short period of time.

The following petitions (7) were received for consideration:

1. HBO – Concession Rebuild Sponsorship request
2. George Beaumont 101 W St. Paul St. – request for a dumpster exemption
3. Boy Scouts of America – monetary donation request
4. Aden Lamps Foundation – monetary donation request
5. SV Walleye Club Annual Golf Outing sponsorship request
6. Jay’s Bullet Hole Saloon – close street in front of 214 E St. Paul St to Cornelia St for a car show July 23, 2022 from noon to 8:00 p.m.
7. Arthur Verucchi II – request for right-of-way agreement on platted alley to allow for fence at 802 N Greenwood St.

#14441 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve a donation to the HBO for a Concessions Rebuild in the amount of \$200. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14442 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by Pellegrini that we approve the request for a dumpster exemption at 101 W St. Paul St. Aye votes: Herrmann, Affelt, Campbell, Bogacz and Pellegrini. Nay votes: Jauch and Baltikauski. 5 ayes. 2 nays. Motion carried.

#14443 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Bogacz that we approve a donation to the Boy Scouts of America in the amount of \$100. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14444 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Bogacz that we approve a donation to the Aden Lamps Foundation in the amount of \$100. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14445 Moved by Alderman Affelt and seconded by Herrmann that we approve a donation to the SV Walleye Club Annual Golf Outing in the amount of \$100. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14446 Moved by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Jauch that we approve the request from Jay’s Bullet Hole to close a portion of St. Paul St on July 23, 2022 as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the request from Mr. Verucchi for a right-of-way agreement on the alley at 802 N Greenwood St. Attorney Ebener explained the agreement would allow a structure on the city right-of-way but if the city requested it be removed he would be responsible and required to remove it. Superintendent Norton did not see any issues with the right-of-way. Mr. Verucchi is also applying for a variance on his property for the fence and it was noted we will not approve the right-of-way unless a variance is approved.

#14447 Moved by Alderman Affelt and seconded by Pellegrini that we authorize the City Attorney to negotiate the right-of-way agreement with Mr. Verucchi. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley Thompson discussed the 2022 Street Maintenance Program and reported we would be able to do 2 years of road work this fall and secure a loan if needed. Mike Richetta discussed the savings due to mobilization and possible oil price increases next year. The roads are in need and we can submit a Resolution to IDOT to approve the road work and go out for bid once it is approved. Alderman Bogacz discussed the program and wants to make sure we can utilize the STU funds later. Alderman Affelt noted there are other STU routes we can use for STU in 2026.

#14448 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Affelt that we authorize a two-year MFT Program in the current year. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#1846 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF AND APPLICATION FOR GROUNDWATER WELLS FOR THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS was presented.

#14449 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Bogacz that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#1847 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-11-19 OF THE CITY CODE CONCERNING BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS was presented.

#14450 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, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#1848 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF A 1999 FORD F-150 OWNED BY THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY was presented.

#14451 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Jauch that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

738 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2017 HAMM HD12VV DOUBLE DRUM ROLLER FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY was presented.

Mayor Malooley Thompson explained our original roller motor blew up and the one we have is not heavy enough. We will get the old roller fixed so we can sell it to offset the cost of purchasing the 2017 Roller.

#14452 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Bogacz that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#1849 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF A WACKER RD 12 ROLLER OWNED BY THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY was presented.

#14453 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Jauch that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

739 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRE OF TWO EMPLOYEES FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY was presented.

Mayor Malooley Thompson and Superintendent Norton interviewed 2 candidates that they feel will bring talent to the City. Superintendent Norton is asking for two employees, one who will replace an employee who will be retiring in September and one to balance out the crew and help with the extra work load. Alderman Bogacz

asked if we are requiring background checks and drug testing for new employees. It is not currently our policy but would probably be a good policy and we will consider making it a policy moving forward.

#14454 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Bogacz that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The following communication was received and placed on file:

1. Hotel/Motel Tax (May)----- \$ 919.92

Spring Valley resident, Mark Venegas, discussed fireworks on Emily Drive on Saturday. He feels it is a disrespect to the agency and the neighborhood. He stated it is a small group and it needs to stop.

Spring Valley resident, John Schultz, was also present and reminded the council he was here last year at this time and voiced his concern about illegal fireworks again this year. Mr. Schultz feels tickets need to be issued because if there is no ramification what stops them. Tony Sickley was also present and suggested that they be videotaped so the person can't deny lighting them off.

Deputy Chief Kinkin reported the police were out and spoke to the residents but it is hard to issue a citation if they don't see them and they deny lighting them off. She has tried to go out and educate the residents in regards to the illegal fireworks.

Mr. Schultz also reported his mother in-law on Devlin Street and several others on her block received sewage backup in the basement during the recent rainfall and noted in the past the city has paid for cleanup and restoration. Mayor Malooley Thompson said we will check with our liability insurance carrier.

Spring Valley resident, Tony Sickley, was present and asked for a speed bump in Webster Park near his home due to a recent issue with someone speeding and hitting his mailbox. He noted it is an ongoing issue and feels a speed bump may slow cars down. The Mayor will discuss this with the Chief Curran.

#14455 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Pellegrini that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 8:15 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 18, 2022

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 Malooley Thompson at 7:00 p.m. with the following Aldermen answering present to the roll call: Mike Herrmann, Ed Jauch, Chris Affelt, Jen Diaz, Greg Campbell, 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.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Mayor Thompson opened the Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Appropriation Ordinance. Attorney Ebener noted the publication notice for the Public Hearing was posted in the City Hall and published in the Bureau County Republican on July 9, 2022. The tentative Appropriation was available in the City Clerk's office and discussed at a previous meeting. There were no comments or questions from the City Council or Public and the hearing was closed.

Mayor Thompson opened the Public Hearing concerning the completed CBDG Housing Rehabilitation project at 7:02 p.m. Shug Grosenbach from NCICG introduced herself and stated the purpose of the meeting was to obtain citizen views and to review the results of the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation. Mrs. Grosenbach discussed the grant program and project. There being no questions or comments the public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

The following reports (2) were received and placed on file:

1. City Treasurer's monthly report (June)
2. Police Chief's monthly report (June)

#14456 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Baltikauski that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and approve them as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#14457 Moved by Alderman Diaz and seconded by Herrmann that we approve the City Treasurer's report as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

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

#14458 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Diaz that we dispense with the reading of the bills, approve them as presented and warrants be drawn for same. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Police Chief Curran reported he will have a new officer starting on August 1, 2022, explained JFK School will have an alternate route due to traffic issues, discussed National Night Out noting the duck hunt is going very well and he expects a good turnout.

Superintendent Norton reported the crew is still working on cleanup from the July 4th storm and have been doing as much spray patch work as they can.

The following petition was received for consideration:

1. Scott May – application to close the 400 block of W. Third St. from Taylor to Richards St. for a block party on September 17, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

There was discussion regarding the application and noted if any issues the party will be shut down. It was noted there haven't been any issues in the past.

#14459 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve the application from Scott May to close street for a block party as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#1850 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023 FOR THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS was presented.

#14460 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Jauch that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

The following bids/proposals for purchase and/or development of city-owned surplus real estate was received by Monday, July 18th, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., opened and read out loud:

- 505 E Cleveland Street – Raymond Bertalot \$1,500.00
- 325 E First Street – Trisha Francisco \$1,101.00
- 406 E Minnesota Street – No bids received

#14461 Moved by Alderman Diaz and seconded by Pellegrini that we accept the bid from Raymond Bertalot in the amount of \$1500. for 505 E. Cleveland Street and the bid from Trisha Francisco in the amount of \$1,101. for 325 E First Street. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding possible tear down of 406 E Minnesota Street. We will advertise one more time to see if there is any interest.

The following communications (9) were received and placed on file:

1. Sales Tax (April)-----	\$ 41,087.50
2. Sales Tax Increase (April)-----	14,742.91
3. MFT (June)-----	11,292.82
4. MFT TRF (June)-----	8,075.27
5. Income Tax (June)-----	87,867.81
6. Use Tax (April)-----	15,268.78
7. Video Gaming Tax (June)-----	10,489.77
8. Cannabis Use Tax (June)-----	643.59
9. Telecommunication Tax (April)-----	1,944.42

#14462 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Jauch that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:25 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk