

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 6, 2023

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: Ed Jauch, Chris Affelt, Jen Diaz, Greg Campbell, Deb Baltikauski, Ken Bogacz and Dave Pellegrini. Absent: Mike Herrmann. 7 present. 1 absent.

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

There were no public comments on agenda items.

The following report was received and placed on file:

1. Police Chief's monthly report (February)

#14599 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Bogacz that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and approve them as presented. Aye votes: Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, 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.

#14600 Moved by Alderman Diaz and seconded by Bogacz that we dispense with the reading of the bills, approve them as presented and warrants be drawn for same. Aye votes: Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley Thompson reported we are now in possession of the old Video Vision building, she has notified Pinter Construction to move forward with the inspection to repair, distributed a picture of the proposed community center along with a letter soliciting donations for the project and then discussed her intent to solicit volunteer labor and material donations for the project as well. She asked that the aldermen review the letter and give her any feedback they may have. Mayor Malooley Thompson also reported she has met with a few people who are interested in Spring Valley and noted Valley Bar and Grill has been purchased and they are hoping to put in a restaurant, a family excavation business will be moving to Spring Valley and Mr. Ruiz has purchased the old Valley Photo building and intends to move his store into it.

Alderman Pellegrini spoke in regards to the Park Board noting our summer employee started today and they met with Hall High School in regards to Foley Field noting Scheri Electric will be looking at some bad lights and he also has someone who will be looking at the scoreboard which needs repair. Discussion also included the girls softball field at Hall High School which needs to be maintained so our Spring Valley teams have a field. Pellegrini noted the next Park Board meeting will be on Tuesday March 14th at 7:00 p.m. We have a few seats available on the Park Board so if anyone knows someone who may be interested please let the Mayor know.

Mayor Malooley Thompson asked Alderman Bogacz to look into a plan for alley work that needs to be done. Mike Richetta will give Bogacz a copy of the Paser map to help him with a plan for the alleys.

Chief Curran reported 12 applications for Police Officer were taken out and 6 were returned, testing will be this Saturday and interviews will follow next week. Once he has the results he will be asking the council for approval to hire.

Mike Richetta reported that NCICG asked for a Capital Improvement project list and he gave them last year's list plus added upgrades to Coal Miners Park, Gallagher Street and parking. Richetta also distributed a memo for the 4th Street Watermain project and a lead information notice. He also reported the house demos are 90% done and we will have an invoice at the next meeting for payment.

Superintendent Norton reported a water issue going down the sidewalk at 319 N Richards Street which began after we replaced the sidewalk. He spoke with Joe Cruz who suggested we extend the sidewalk to the north which will be looked into further. Norton then discussed a sink hole on Spring Creek Drive noting the city replaced the city portion of the culvert which was then extended by the homeowner and landscaped. There is no easement and Norton is unsure what the next step should be. The council suggested we check into the cost of the pipe only. Norton discussed ordering a new mixer for the WWTP before the price increases and noting we won't have to pay for it until the next fiscal year when it is received. There was no council objection. Alderman Pellegrini noted concrete has gone way up and the sidewalk program will be affected. Mayor Malooley Thompson asked if the spray patch machine is ready and Norton noted it is ready but emulsion won't be out until April or May.

The following petition was received for consideration:

1. Upscale Resale and Grow Spring Valley Easter Egg Hunt – Easter Basket sponsorship

#14601 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve a donation to Upscale Resale and Grow Spring Valley for easter baskets in the amount of \$240. Aye votes: Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#1865 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, SALARIES OF TITLE 1, ADMINISTRATIVE, OF THE CITY CODE FOR THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS was presented.

#14602 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Diaz that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski and Pellegrini. Nay vote: Bogacz. 6 ayes. 1 nay. Motion carried.

The following communications (4) were received and placed on file:

1. Utility Tax (January)----- \$ 46,514.77
2. Hotel/Motel Tax (February)----- 848.76
3. Comcast – Program Advisories
4. Comcast - 2022 Customer Annual Report

#14603 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Baltikauski that we adjourn. Aye votes: Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:25 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 20, 2023

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.

The following report was received and placed on file:

1. City Treasurer's monthly report (February)

#14604 Moved by Alderman Jauch 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.

#14605 Moved by Alderman Diaz and seconded by Herrmann that we approve the City Treasurer's report as presented. Aye Votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 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.

#14606 Moved by Alderman Jauch 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, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley Thompson welcomed IVCIL who will be relocating to Spring Valley at the end of the month and a new ice cream shop (Paeteria Las Tres Michoacanas) has opened on St. Paul St. and a grand opening will be held in the near future.

Alderman Bogacz reported he did an alley evaluation on 103 different alleys (8 ½ miles) and Chamlin will do an analysis on the alleys.

Alderman Pellegrini reported the Park Board met last week and they are on track for the Summerfest on June 10th, the park worker has started, there is now heat in the restrooms and the water is on at Kirby Park, there will be new lifeguards at the pool and updated CPR training will be held. Alderman Pellegrini noted everyone is welcome to join the Park Board meetings which will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. The board has a wish list but will have to prioritize depending on the budget. Superintendent Norton reported PC Painting has looked over the pool and reviewed the plans. Alderman Pellegrini has also been in contact with PC Painting and believes they will do a good job. Alderman Herrmann discussed a request for a spiquot at the Little League Dimond as they have put down new sod which will require watering. Alderman Pellegrini raised some after concerns in regards to the request and will contact the High School as they should go through the Park Board first.

Chief Curran reported the testing process has begun and is going well, Oral interviews have begun and he has a very good possibility whom he feels would be with the department for a long time, Police Academy now in Dixon and they could be sent to academy starting April 24th, he is also applying for a body camera grant and AED grant in April, Scholarships are available for one person from St. Bede and one from Hall who is going into law enforcement studies, he is also considering a COPS grant to hire an officer but hasn't applied yet as it is very detailed and he would like council input noting it is a 75/25 match up to \$125,000 which could be used for a

resource officer in the school if the city is interested in pursuing. The council feels it is worth exploring and feels police presence is needed in the schools and asked Chief Curran to apply.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin gave an update on the 4th Street watermain project and feels things are going well with traffic flow and school pickup/drop off and we will be moving forward. He also reported the home demos are done and everything looks good.

Superintendent Norton reported city workers are cleaning up brush in the parks, repairing watermain valves and cleaning buildings. Alderman Bogacz spoke about the good job the workers are doing filling potholes in the streets and alleys. Norton noted it is just a temporary fix until the weather breaks and we can do something more permanent.

The following petitions (6) were received for consideration:

1. IV Youth Football League - donation request
2. Voluntary Action Center Fundraiser - donation request
3. Project Success Easter Basket – donation request
4. Perfectly Flawed 7th annual Earth Day Cleanup – sponsorship request
5. SV Little League – sponsorship request
6. American Legion Post 182 Tag Day

#14607 Moved by Alderman Diaz and seconded by Herrmann that we approve a donation to the IV Youth Football in the amount of \$250. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#14608 Moved by Alderman Diaz and seconded by Herrmann that we approve a donation to the Voluntary Action Fund Raiser in the amount of \$100. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#14609 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve a donation to Project Success for Easter Baskets in the amount of \$400. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#14610 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve a donation to Perfectly Flawed in the amount of \$100. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#14611 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Diaz that we approve a donation to the SV Little League in the amount of \$250. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#14612 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Diaz that we approve the American Legion Tag Day on May 6, 2023. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

774 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SLUDGE REDUCING BACTERIA MAXIMUM FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT** was presented.

#14613 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Diaz that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

775 A RESOLUTION AWARDING A BUSINESS REDEVELOPMENT GRANT TO G.W. LEYNAUD FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 502 W DAKOTA ST. IN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY was presented.

#14614 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by Jauch that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski and Bogacz. Abstain: Pellegrini. 7 ayes. 1 abstain. Motion carried.

#14615 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Herrmann that we authorize Chief Curran to hire a new Police Officer. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#14616 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Jauch that we approve the recommendation from Superintendent Norton to increase the pay level to full scale for the last two employees hired at the Street Department. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY was presented.

#14617 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Pellegrini that we dispense with the reading of the Proclamation and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

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

1. Sales Tax (December)-----	\$ 44,545.49
2. Sales Tax Increase (December)-----	16,755.70
3. MFT (February)-----	8,837.66
4. MFT TRF (February)-----	9,046.85
5. Income Tax (February)-----	48,650.32
6. Use Tax (December)-----	25,582.58
7. Telecommunication Fee (December)-----	1,993.67
8. Video Gaming (February)-----	10,371.87
9. Cannabis Use Tax (February)-----	690.90
10. Thank you – Gateway Services BPART	
11. Comcast – HBO/HBO Max price increase	

#14618 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Diaz that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:30 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk