

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 3, 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, Jen Diaz, Greg Campbell, 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.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

The following report was received and placed on file:

1. Spring Flushing Schedule 2023

#14619 Moved by Alderman Diaz 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, 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.

#14620 Moved by Alderman Jauch 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, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley Thompson gave an update on the downtown building and noted we will be proceeding with improvements with Pinter Construction.

Alderman Pellegrini reported new heaters have been installed in the park bathrooms, they have ordered new swing set seats, the score board lights have been replaced and are now working, mulch will be delivered and spread under park equipment on Tuesday, new steel doors have been installed at Savitch Park which will hopefully curb the vandalism there, portable restrooms have been delivered to Coal Miners Park, Teresa Case is taking care of registration for T-Ball which has a lot of interest again this year, the next Park Board meeting is Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. all are welcome to attend and they are looking for recommendations for new members.

Chief Curran reported we have received a Wal-Mart grant in the amount of \$2000. which is less than last year's grant amount of \$5000. but he appreciates additional help we get from Wal-Mart for National Night Out and Christmas gifts for the children. Chief Curran then reported on the Police Officer Testing 12 applied, 5 took the test and 3 qualified. He offered a position to an individual he felt would do a good job but he declined the position. Curran then discussed whether he should offer testing again and asked for council thoughts. There was council discussion regarding the city residency requirements and competition with other departments that have lifted their residency requirements.

Fire Chief Bogatitus gave an update on the structure fire that occurred on Sunday noting we are fortunate that no one was injured and no other buildings were involved. Bogatitus noted he was out of town so he called Asst. Chief Lauf who did a great job while Bogatitus was gone. Chief Bogatitus discussed the procedures followed in detail. He then discussed the severe weather and the procedure to follow. Alderman Bogacz asked about the Carus Chemical fire expenses to the city noting we have a Spiller Ordinance that allows direct billing to the insurance company. Chief Bogatitus discussed the reimbursement from Carus insurance company.

Superintendent Norton reported that he and Rob Baracani will be attending an Awards Ceremony recognizing WWTP operators on April 12, 2023.

Mike Richetta gave an update on the Fourth Street project which was going well until today when the contractor hit a water line and boil order notices had to be handed out for Hennessey Street to Spalding Street, the grant administrator will be sending out a grant award for the \$150,000 downtown project soon, the STU project has been submitted and we still have \$60,700 available in the Strong Communities Grant which could be used to tear down 2-3 houses but it needs to be used fast or we will lose the balance of funds.

There were no petitions received for consideration.

#776 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN EXTENSION TO THE GRANT FROM THE ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S STRONG COMMUNITIES GRANT was presented.

#14621 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Baltikauski that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#1866 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-4-6 OF CHAPTER 4, PARK BOARD, OF TITLE 2, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS, OF THE CITY CODE FOR THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS was presented.

Alderman Pellegrini explained there was an incident at a baseball game between Hall High School and some kids that felt they could use the diamond. The kids were asked to leave as HHS had a baseball game and the kids refused to leave and stated it is a City Park. Pellegrini feels we need an ordinance allowing a sign to be placed stating the public is not allowed to use the field on game days.

#14622 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Pellegrini that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

1. SVPD FOID Grants-----	\$ 126.35
2. Hotel/Motel Tax (March)-----	1,012.20
3. Thank you – IV Youth Football League	
4. Thank you – Voluntary Action Center	

#14623 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Diaz that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:35 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 17, 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 (March)

#14624 Moved by Alderman Jauch 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, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#14625 Moved by Alderman Diaz and seconded by Jauch 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.

#14626 Moved by Alderman Diaz 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, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Pellegrini scheduled a Public Health and Safety Committee meeting for May 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss several municipal owned properties, what we intend to do with them moving forward and any other matters that may come before the committee. Alderman Baltikauski scheduled a Legislative Committee meeting for May 4, 2023 immediately following Public Health and Safety to discuss the Police Officer salaries and any other matters that may come before the committee.

Chief Curran reported the AED grant was denied and he will be putting in a request to purchase new AED's.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin gave an update on the 4th Street watermain project and hopes it will be finished by the end of May or beginning of June, bidding for the sidewalks will be June 16th, and he is still working on the alley program.

Superintendent Norton reported he will be taking the Rt. 89 water tower out of service next week so we can see how it works since it will be down for approx. 2 months in May for painting. Some residents further out may see some low water pressure during that time.

The following petition was received for consideration:

1. SV Walleye Club 2023 Fishing Tournament – sponsorship request

#14627 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Diaz that we approve a donation to the SV Walleye Club 2023 Fishing Tournament in the amount of \$1000. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

777 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR REPAIRS ON THE MUNICIPAL OWNED BUILDING LOCATED AT 111-113 E. ST. PAUL ST., SPRING VALLEY, IL. was presented.

#14628 Moved by Alderman Jauch 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.

1867 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, OF TITLE 5, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS was presented.

#14629 Moved by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Baltikauski 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.

1868 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, OF TITLE 1, ADMINISTRATIVE, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS was presented.

Attorney Barry discussed 3 options regarding the residency requirements - to eliminate the residency requirement, change to a 50-mile radius or require residency requirement for department heads only. It was explained that we are having a hard time getting officers and part of it is due to the residency requirement. There was council discussion regarding the options.

#14630 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Bogacz that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance that removes the residency requirement for employees but requires department heads to reside within 10 miles of the City Limits as presented. Aye votes: Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. Nay votes: Herrmann and Campbell. 6 ayes. 2 nays. Motion carried.

1869 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE was presented.

The council would like the Ordinance amended to add that the state of condition of the property has to be approved by the city.

#14631 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Herrmann that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented as amended to include that the state of condition of the property must be approved by the city. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Baltikauski and Pellegrini. Nay votes: Campbell and Bogacz. 6 ayes. 2 nays. Motion carried.

The following communications (12) were received and placed on file:

1. Sales Tax (January)-----	\$ 38,068.89
2. Sales Tax Increase (January)-----	13,959.64
3. MFT (March)-----	9,019.77
4. MFT TRF (March)-----	8,340.97
5. Income Tax (March)-----	78,300.62
6. Use Tax (January)-----	17,910.18
7. Telecommunication Fee (January)-----	1,943.01
8. Video Gaming (March)-----	9,986.60
9. Cannabis Use Tax (March)-----	797.32
10. Thank you – Hall Food Pantry	
11. Thank you – Perfectly Flawed	
12. BC Board of Review – SV Industrial	

#14632 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Herrmann that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, Diaz, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:38 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk