

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 2, 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, CJ VanSchaick, Chris Affelt, Jeff Chiaventone, Deb Baltikauski, Ken Bogacz and Dave Pellegrini. Absent: Greg Campbell. 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.

Spring Valley resident Angie Schumacher addressed the council in regards to a plumbing issue on W. Devlin St. noting John French and his employees worked very hard and did a great job repairing the issue. Mayor Malooley Thompson thanked her for her feedback.

#14749 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Herrmann that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, 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.

#14750 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, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley Thompson reported she recently attended a Rails to Trails meeting in Peru where they shared information on their plans and how they have been investigating how the project will happen. Though the project may not happen very soon it will happen sometime down the road. Alderman Bogacz was also present and gave his recommendation on how to come through Spring Valley. Mayor Thompson also met with Koolmaster and Greg Pinter to discuss a plan on getting the new windows in the Community Building before winter.

Alderman Bogacz handed out the second half of the sidewalk program list which includes Wards 1 and 2 and asked the Aldermen to give him their feedback so we can get quotes for the next meeting. Alderman Chiaventone asked if we go out for bids for the sidewalks in order to save the taxpayers money. It was explained that we have tried getting more bids the last few years but have not got a response from any others.

Chief Curran reported on the plumbing issue on Devlin Street noting the water and sewer issues have been resolved and are functional. Chief Curran reported the next adjudication hearing is next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. He also noted a commendation letter was presented to Deputy Chief Kinkin and Officer Pellegrini who responded to an unresponsive female who is now home and doing well.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin and Associates reported the St. Paul Street sidewalks being done with the downtown grant should be done Thursday and paving of the parking lot is about a week out. The 4<sup>th</sup> Street project is complete and seeding and touchups from watermain replacement are being done.

Superintendent Norton reported he saw activity at Heather Apartments and stopped to see what was being done. Service Master was doing an evaluation on the property and Norton asked them to please forward the report to him as well. Norton discussed upgrading the mini excavator to a little bigger and more powerful machine which will also allow them to mow the ditches. The trade in value on the original machine is better than what it cost the city.

Alderman Bogacz asked for an update on the Gillan project noting a state permit is needed for a storage tank. Mike Richetta from Chamlin explained he reviewed the site plan which looked ok but he is still looking into where the sewer line will be installed and the amount of flow it will be sending out.

**# 816 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A BUSINESS REDEVELOPMENT GRANT TO GIOVANNI (JOHN) PICCOLO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101 E. ERIE ST. IN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY** was presented.

It was noted that the application was revised to include a new window in the Barber Shop.

#14751 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick and seconded by Herrmann that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski and Bogacz. Abstain: Pellegrini. 6 ayes. 1 abstain. Motion carried.

There were no petitions received for consideration.

**# 817 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALLEY REPAIRS TO APPROACHES AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY** was presented.

#14752 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by VanSchaick that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14753 Moved by Alderman Affelt and seconded by Chiaventone that we set Trick or Treat hours for October 31, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

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| 1. Hotel/Motel Tax (September)-----  | 1,770.42 |
| 2. Thank you – Aden Lamps Foundation |          |
| 3. Thank you – IV Pads               |          |
| 4. Comcast Programming Advisory      |          |

#14754 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick and seconded by Pellegrini that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Affelt, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:28 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 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, CJ VanSchaick, Jeff Chiaventone, 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 reports (2) were received and placed on file:

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

#14755 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, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14756 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Chiaventone that we approve the City Treasurer's report as presented. Aye Votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, 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.

#14757 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick 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, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley Thompson reported that she and Mike Richetta met with Jeff Gillan from Gillan Construction to review site plans for his new business. Discussion included sanitary sewer location. Mr. Gillan was given questions regarding the sewer location and his answers will be reviewed by Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Rob Baracani. Superintendent Norton noted he will be televising the area to make sure there are no issues with Gillan's proposed plan and location. This will be discussed further at a Water and Sewer Committee meeting.

A Water and Sewer Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Gillan's plan and sanitary sewer location as well as any other matters that may come before the committee.

Chief Curran gave an update on several items including the Adjudication hearing last Tuesday went smooth and noting there will be more in November for rental license fees and inspections, the date for accepting applications for Police Officer has been extended to next week, he is re-applying for the Body Camera Grant, the owner of property on Rt 89 was sited for junk and promised to get it cleaned up by this last Saturday but it has not been done yet.

Superintendent Norton reported the leaf machine is ready but we will wait until we have more leaves fall to start, spray patching is done due to material being done for the year and noted Jeremiah West did a good job for the department while Norton was on vacation.

The following petitions (3) were received for consideration:

November 25, 2023

1. Santas on the Run 5K and 1 Mile Walk
2. Santas on the Run – sponsorship request
3. Project Success – Hall Food Pantry Holiday Dinner Baskets

#14758 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Chiaventone that we approve the petition from Santas on the Run 5K and 1 Mile Walk on November 25, 2023 as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14759 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Pellegrini that we approve a sponsorship fee to Santas on the Run in the amount of \$150. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#14760 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve a donation to Project Success for Hall Food Pantry Holiday Dinner Baskets in the amount of \$400. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**# 818 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY** was presented.

#14761 Moved by Alderman Bogacz seconded by Pellegrini that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. Nay: vote: Chiaventone. 6 ayes. 1 nay. Motion carried.

**# 819 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A KUBOTA MINI EXCAVATOR** was presented.

#14762 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini seconded by Bogacz that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**# 820 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 35 SERVICE TRUCK** was presented.

#14763 Moved by Alderman Herrmann seconded by Chiaventone that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Pellegrini discussed improvements at the mini park which includes tree planting in the newly acquired area with an estimated cost of \$16,500 from Peru Greenhouse and replacing the 20-foot Christmas tree that was lost during the Zeglis fire (insurance to cover the cost of replacing the tree). Pellegrini also noted plans for the new mini park area include a possible concession stand, bathrooms, and a retaining wall in the near future.

#14764 Moved by Alderman Chiaventone and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve improvements at the mini-park including tree planting by Peru Greenhouse and replacing the 20-foot Christmas tree. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley Thompson reminded everyone Saturday is the Fall Festival at Kirby Park.

The following communications (7) were received and placed on file:

1. Sales Tax (July)-----	44,052.26
2. Sales Tax Increase (July)-----	15,587.36
3. MFT (September)-----	11,360.86
4. MFT TRF (September)-----	10,612.32
5. Clerk of the Circuit Court (Restitution for grass at soccer field)-----	250.00
6. Thank You – Hall Township Food Pantry	
7. Comcast – programming advisory	

#14765 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by VanSchaick that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:30 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk