

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 6, 2025

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 at 7:00 p.m. with the following Aldermen answering present to the roll call: Mike Herrmann, C.J. VanSchaick, Chris Affelt, Jeff Chiaventone, 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.

#15057 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Affelt that we appoint Alderman Pellegrini Mayor Pro Tem. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

#15058 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick and seconded by Affelt that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and approve them as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, 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.

#15059 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by VanSchaick 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, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin reminded the council there is a joint committee meeting scheduled for Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The following petitions (3) were received for consideration:

1. 815 Elite Softball Team – Sponsorship request
2. North Central IL Artworks – Monetary donation request
3. Voluntary Action Center – Monetary donation request

#15060 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Chiaventone that we approve a sponsorship request from the 815 Elite Softball Team in the amount of \$200. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#15061 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by VanSchaick that we make a donation to North Central IL Artworks in the amount of \$200. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#15062 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Herrmann that we make a donation to the Voluntary Action Center in the amount of \$100. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

# 894 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ENGIE SERVICES AND THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY** was presented.

There was council discussion regarding the agreement. Alderman Bogacz asked if there was any financial obligation to the city and Representative Katy Glynn from Engie Services responded that there is no financial obligation or any obligation to work with Engie Services to the City. Glynn also noted they would use local vendors if possible.

#15063 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Baltikauski that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

**# 895 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR A SEWER CAMERA AND MONITOR** was presented.

#15064 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by Chiaventone that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

**# 896 A RESOLUTION AWARDING A BUSINESS REDEVELOPMENT GRANT TO THE SV HISTORICAL MUSEUM** was presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Pellegrini noted the SV Historical Museum Trustee Tony Mautino asked that the city waive the \$100 application fee for the museum.

#15065 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by VanSchaick that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution, adopt it as presented and waive the application fee. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski and Bogacz. Abstain: Pellegrini. 7 ayes. 1 abstain. Motion carried.

The following communications (5) were received and placed on file:

1. Hotel/Motel Tax (November)----- \$ 779.96
2. Thank you – Perfectly Flawed Foundation
3. Thank you – IVCIL
4. Comcast Programming Advisory
5. Notice of application for Property Tax Exemption - OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center 415 E Second St.

Alderman Herrmann asked if there was an update on the Ambulance Service request. Attorney Madison Bara noted we are discussing the increase and a possible referendum to increase the Ambulance Levy.

#15066 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick and seconded by Chiaventone that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:15 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 20, 2025

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, C.J. VanSchaick, Chris Affelt, Jeff Chiaventone, 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 Malooley Thompson opened the Public Hearing for the CDBG Housing closeout. Mr. Duane Calbow from NCICG was present to conduct the hearing. (minutes for the hearing on file at City Clerk's office) The Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

The following reports (3) were received and placed on file:

1. City Treasurer's monthly report (December)
2. Police Chief's monthly report (December)
3. Police Chief's annual report for 2024

#15067 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by Baltikauski that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and Joint Committee meeting (January 13, 2025) and approve them as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, 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.

#15068 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by VanSchaick that we dispense with the reading of the bills, approve them as presented and warrants be drawn for same. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Affelt, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#15069 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by Chiaventone that we approve the City Treasurer's report as presented. Aye Votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz, and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson reported that Geneseo Communications would like to meet to discuss moving forward with the Spring Valley Fiber Project. They are looking at a start date of 3/1/25 as long as the weather permits. Superintendent Norton will meet with Geneseo Communications to discuss Phase I.

Mayor Malooley- Thompson read the following important update:

Dear Citizens of Spring Valley, I am happy to announce the City of Spring Valley and 10/33 have come to an agreement on terms for ambulance service to the citizens of Spring Valley. I want to thank the city council, the leadership at 10/33, and other professionals the city contracts with in helping the City come to a resolution in this process. I want to assure everyone that the continuation of ambulance services was never a cause for concern, and under no circumstances were the citizens of Spring Valley in danger of going without ambulance service. Over the last several months the city council and 10/33 have been in ongoing negotiations regarding a significant price increase for ambulance services. The increase reflects the realities of the costs of providing ambulance service in the area following the closure of St. Margaret's hospital. During this time the city was attempting to negotiate the best contract for its citizens while engaging in due diligence by examining financial records and consulting with surrounding communities. As always, the city council and I are actively working to

minimize the impact of this increased expense on our citizens. This increase represents a significant expense for the city that was not previously planned for. In Order, to prevent a property tax increase to provide the required funds for the increase, the city is evaluating a sales tax increase. The legacy of 10/33 ambulance service in our community spans over 50 years. Their longstanding reputations speak volumes, and we are privileged to have such a reputable partner in our city. It is important to note that the city does not control who the local hospital uses for emergency transport. Please remember that in emergency situations, individuals do have the choice to request services from 10/33 should the need arise. As Mayor, I am committed to ensuring that our city receives essential services efficiently and effectively. It is crucial that we follow the proper procedures, insuring transparency and fairness on all decisions. Sincerely, Mayor Melanie Malooley-Thompson.

Mayor Malooley- Thompson then read a letter from 10/33 ambulance dated January 20, 2025:

Dear Community members, We wanted to pause for a moment to thank the city, village and township board members, and all who were involved in the process of discussing the recent per-capita fee changes for 10/33. We understand that these discussions were challenging, so we truly appreciate the trust and faith that the cities, villages and townships have shown us with their willingness to work together. This continued support will help ensure that we can provide the best possible emergency medical services to our residents in their time of need. We look forward to future growth together with our community partners. Wishing the best of health, 10/33 Ambulance Service, Ltd.

Alderman Pellegrini spoke in regards to his name being mentioned in a post regarding payment to 10/33. Though he was involved in negotiations he does not have the authority to make payments. Alderman Pellegrini has a place in his heart for 10/33 as he was a member for several years and it is unfortunate that it was such a significant increase due to lost revenue of transfers due to the closing of St. Margaret's hospital. He is glad things have worked out and though social media can be a useful tool sometimes things can get crossed and posted without complete information. He noted if anyone has questions they should contact their Alderman.

Chief Curran reported he is working with Connecting Point on email accounts.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin and Assoc. noted a pre-construction meeting was held in regards to the west interceptor project and they are waiting for better weather to start.

The following petition was received for consideration:

1. SV Park Board – hold a carnival on St. Paul St. from June 19 – June 22, 2025

Alderman Pellegrini reported the Mayor and Park Board President, Dave Baracani, met with Wilson Family Show Attraction in regards to the carnival. They feel it is a top-notch carnival and clean. Alderman Pellegrini noted the park board has been trying for several years to get a carnival back for Summerfest and have booked the carnival and bands for Friday and Saturday Nights along with food vendors and Grow's Friday Night Market. He is looking forward to the Summerfest events and noted they are still working out the logistics . The park board continues to meet every month and is also working to finalize memorial guidelines.

#15070 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Herrmann that we approve the petition from the SV Park Board to hold a carnival on St. Paul Street from June 19 – June 22, 2025. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

**#1907 AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A MUNICIPAL GROCERY RETAILERS OCCUPATION TAX AND A MUNICIPAL GROCERY SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX** was presented.

#15071 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Herrmann that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

**#1908 AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL RETAILERS OCCUPATION TAX AND A NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX FOR THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS** was presented.

#15072 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Pellegrini that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

**# 897 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION SERVICES FOR AN OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT (OSLAD) GRANT** was presented.

#15073 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Affelt that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

The following proposals were received for installing flooring in the Community Center:

Wyanet Carpet	\$38,058.60
Carpet Weavers	41,987.01

**# 898 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL TO INSTALL FLOORING IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER (WYANET CARPET \$38,058.60)** was presented.

#15074 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, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. Nay votes: Chiaventone and Campbell. 6 ayes. 2 nays. Motion carried.

The following proposals were received to install plumbing in the Community Center:

John's Sales and Service	\$20,100.00
Chapman's	44,228.00

**# 899 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL TO INSTALL PLUMBING IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER (JOHN'S SALES AND SERVICE \$20,100.00)** was presented.

Alderman Bogacz asked if we were sure everything was included in both bids. Both Mayor Malooley-Thompson and Superintendent Norton spoke with the companies and agreed everything was included in both.

#15075 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, VanSchaick, Affelt, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. Nay votes: Chiaventone and Campbell. 6 ayes. 2 nays. Motion carried.

**# 900 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST OF ILLINOIS/INDIANA/OHIO, LLC** was presented.

#15076 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Herrmann that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

**# 901 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A BUSINESS REDEVELOPMENT GRANT TO JACOB FROST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 102 E. ST. PAUL ST. IN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY** was presented.

#15077 Moved by Alderman Chiaventone and seconded by Bogacz that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented with a stipulation that the recommendation from the contractor to find a company that can better secure the stair system to the brick wall and repair areas of missing metal etc., due to age related issues be completed prior to the proposed project work. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

1. Sales Tax (October)-----	\$ 38,840.26
2. Sales Tax Increase (October)-----	15,450.60
3. MFT (December)-----	10,426.49
4. MFT TRF (December)-----	10,534.43
5. Income Tax (December)-----	102,005.44
6. Use Tax (October)-----	10,341.54
7. Video Gaming Tax (December)-----	12,953.35
8. Cannabis Use Tax (December)-----	785.71
9. Telecomm Fee (October)-----	1,560.21
10. Ins. Reimbursement for City Hall Roof-----	40,005.26
11. St. Bede Academy Blood Drive	

#15078 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick and seconded by Herrmann that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, VanSchaick, Affelt, Chiaventone, Campbell, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:30 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk