

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 5, 2026

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: C.J. VanSchaick, Ed Jauch, Chris Affelt, Jeff Chiaventone, Deb Baltikauski, Jake Kelley, 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.

A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE BY THE CITY NOT TO EXCEED \$1,900,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE) TO FINANCE VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY.

Mayor Thompson called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers at the City Hall of the City of Spring Valley, Bureau County, Illinois, 215 N. Greenwood Street, Spring Valley, Illinois, regarding a plan to issue not to exceed \$1,900,000 in aggregate principal amount of the City's General Obligation Bonds (alternate Revenue Source). Mayor Malooley Thompson as Hearing Officer read a statement which is included in the minutes of the public hearing. (Minutes of the Public Hearing are attached). There were no written or verbal statements. The public hearing concluded at 7:04 p.m.

#15306 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick 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: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

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

#15307 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini 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: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson reminded the council the next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Mayor Thompson also reported that the 2025 adjudication court was very successful bringing in \$33,000 after costs.

Chief Curran reported that the Police Dept. Christmas giveaway was very nice and thanked the city for the use of the Community Event Center, which was a very nice venue for the event with about 52 kids receiving gifts. He noted everyone in the Police Dept. participated and thanked them all with a special thank you to Dispatcher Mardy Moreno and Sgt. Pellegrini who did a lot of work for the event.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin reported the preliminary report for the Well 12 loan program was sent to the EPA and we were appointed a program manager.

Superintendent Norton reported a small leak in Briarcliff which was noticed on Friday. Friday Street Dept. employees went door to door handing out a notice to residents letting them know water will be shut off and boil order will be in effect on Monday. The work was done today. There was also a leak at Lucero's Market which is the owner's responsibility to repair.

The following petition was received for consideration:

1. Voluntary Action Center – monetary donation request

#15308 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Chiaventone that we approve a donation to the Voluntary Action Center in the amount of \$100. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Mike Richetta explained to the council that the Guenther Subdivision- Sitterly property final plat originally approved in November 2021 was lost at IDOT and forgotten about until now. We need to have a motion to update the approved plat to January 5, 2026, so Mr. Sitterly can record the plat and complete the sale of the farmhouse from the farm property.

#1930 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 218 N. SPALDING ST., SPRING VALLEY, ILLINOIS was presented.

#15309 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Chiaventone that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

The following communications (6) were received and placed on file:

1. Use Tax (September)-----	4,080.00
2. Income Tax (November)-----	56,379.16
3. Cannabis Use Tax (November)-----	499.04
4. Video Gaming Tax (November)-----	13,338.36
5. Telecommunication Fee (September)-----	1,506.75
6. Thank you – City of Peru for participation in there Light Up Christmas Parade	

John Schultz was present and asked about a request from his daughter and son-in-law to run a sanitary sewer extension to Coal Miner Road for a new home. It was not on the agenda as the city is waiting for an estimate for septic and willingness to participate in cost from the builders. Schultz noted they do not have an estimate for septic yet. Mike Crowther was also present and wanted the council to know he and his son are both interested in building on property he purchased from Valley Ridge, but he needs to sell his current home first and is waiting until spring to put it on the market. He also noted his son plans on building on the property down the road.

#15310 Moved by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Bogacz that we adjourn. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:21 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 20, 2026

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: C.J. VanSchaick, Ed Jauch, Jeff Chiaventone, Chris Affelt, Deb Baltikauski, Jake Kelley and Ken Bogacz. Absent: Dave Pellegrini. 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 (3) were received and placed on file:

1. City Treasurer's monthly report (December)
2. Police Chief's monthly report (December)
3. Building Inspectors report thru January 16, 2026

#15311 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Jauch that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and approve them as presented. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley and Bogacz. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#15312 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by VanSchaick that we approve the City Treasurer's report as presented. Aye Votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley and Bogacz. 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:

#15313 Moved by Alderman Chiaventone 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: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley and Bogacz. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson reported she will be reviewing the proposed Labor contract with the City Attorney. She also asked the council to review material distributed for a position that has been talked about and let her know if there are any questions or comments. It will be discussed further at an upcoming Legislative meeting.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson reported for Alderman Pellegrini that due to a scheduling conflict with Wilson Family Shows the carnival has been changed to June 4-7, 2026.

Superintendent Norton reported he met with members of the Urban Forestry Program who reported back with some dangerous trees, several are too large for the department to remove. They have been working on what they can and will continue as weather permits. He mentioned the Urban Forestry member told him there is more funding that can be received for tree removal. Alderman Baltikauski noted Tree City USA has unlimited funds for tree removal but the first step by Urban Forestry needs to be done first. She anticipates their report will be back in about 1-2 weeks.

There were no petitions received for consideration.

1931 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,900,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2026, OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL

TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS
was presented.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson noted the bonds will be abated each year and will not increase property taxes.

#15314 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by VanSchaick that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley and Bogacz. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

There was council discussion on authorizing parts for the leaf vac in the amount of \$6,855.48 as presented by Superintendent Norton. Norton explained the machine is 22 years old and this is the fourth time the same repair has needed to be done. The council discussed the cost to the city for operating the machine and the cost for a new machine (approx. \$400,000.). Rather than discontinuing the program we will repair the machine which Norton is hopeful can get us another 2-3 years. Norton should begin looking for a used one-man machine down the road.

#15315 Moved by Alderman Affelt and seconded by Kelley that we authorize the purchase of parts for the leaf vac repairs in the amount of \$6,855.48. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley and Bogacz. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

1. Sales Tax (October)-----	\$ 66,061.77
2. Sales Tax Increase (October)-----	24,124.35
Sales Tax Increase Ord. 1909 (October)-----	24,124.34
3. MFT (December)-----	10,921.86
4. MFT TRF (December)-----	11,921.86
5. Thank you- Habitat for Humanity	

John Schultz was present to discuss the sewer extension to Coal Miners Road. He informed the council that his daughter and son-in-law have not received a quote for septic for a new home at this time. Mayor Malooley-Thompson noted the City Attorney did some research and found under section 7-2-3 Sewer Connections that all cost and expenses for sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner can request a variance due to unnecessary hardship, and the city may consider approving the variance. Schultz asked if the cost to the builder would be considered a hardship? Mayor Malooley-Thompson noted we need to look into this request further with the new information from the city code.

#15316 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by VanSchaick that we adjourn. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley and Bogacz. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:29 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk