

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 2, 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, Deb Baltikauski, Jake Kelley, 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.

#15329 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick and seconded by Chiaventone that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and approve them as presented. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 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.

#15330 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski 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: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Baltikauski scheduled a Legislative committee meeting for Monday March 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a City Administrator Position and any other matters that may come before the committee.

Alderman Pellegrini asked about the status of the boat landing. Superintendent Norton reported he has the material and hopefully will get the main ramps and new floats in as well as replacing boards on the side dock and rail trim this year. Mike Richetta from Chamlin reported we have \$50,000 in grant funds left that we can use for seal coating the parking lot at the landing.

Chief Curran reported he issued 3 permits for solicitation including one to Conxxus, he will be updating 7-8 life vests that are expiring and will be using a grant that will get him about 50% off making the approx. cost to the city \$4000., scholarship applications have went out to Hall and St. Bede for a \$500. Scholarship to be awarded at each school and then gave an update on a recording system installed in 2022 noting reported crimes have gone down each year since.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin reported the Congressional Funding list has been sent out and suggested we submit a capital improvement plan for a watermain connection from Peru to Spring Valley, he explained the confusion regarding Gillan Septic and offered a tour of the WWTP facility to any city official who would like to see the operation. He explained the WWTP operator just wanted to let officials know how much it would cost the city which could be less if it is sent daily instead of weekly. Alderman Pellegrini suggested we come up with a cost for Mr. Gillan and then he can decide if he wants to do it.

Richetta then gave an update on the new baseball fields which may begin construction mid March. He will have a meeting with the committee.

Alderman Pellegrini reported that Mr. Vandermeersh evaluated the fields and we need to stay off it for a few more weeks. We are hoping for rain but will use the sprinklers if needed. He also discussed equipment for not only Foley Field but the new fields as well noting he can get a used machine that is 3 years old for about \$33,000 with attachments but no warranty or a new machine at a cost of \$44,000 with a 3 year warranty. It was suggested that maybe Hall High School will invest in the cost of the machine.

Superintendent Norton reported Chamlin is marking watermains on First St. from Terry to Greenwood St. as part of a funding request for the watermain replacement, the design is done but they are doing locations in case we run into something.

There were (3) petitions received for consideration:

1. Upscale Resale and Grow SV Easter Egg Hunt – Easter Basket sponsorship request
2. St. Bede Auction (The Alone to Tomorrow) sponsorship request
3. 41st Annual Lori's Walleye 5k Run March 21, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

- #15331 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Chiaventone that we approve a donation to the Easter Egg Hunt in the amount of \$360. for 30 baskets. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- #15332 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by VanSchaick that we donate a Community Center rental to the St. Bede Auction. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- #15333 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick and seconded by Kelley that we approve the 41st Annual Lori's Walleye 5k Run on March 21, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- #15334 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve the Mayor's appointment of Kaylee Colmone to the Library Board, Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- #946 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ROCK SALT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES** was presented.
- #15335 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Pellegrini that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- #947 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY AND LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA LOCAL UNION #393** was presented.
- #15336 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Pellegrini that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. Nay votes: Chiaventone and Kelley. 5 ayes. 2 nays. Motion carried.
- #1932 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.
- #15337 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, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley and Pellegrini. Nay vote: Bogacz. 6 ayes. 1 nays. Motion carried.

#15338 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by VanSchaick that we authorize SV Police Dept. annual subscription to Flock Safety in the amount of \$9000. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. Nay vote: Jauch. 6 ayes. 1 nays. Motion carried.

Bids and authorization for exterior painting of the City Hall Water Tower were tabled until we get more information regarding the warranty of the job.

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

1. Use Tax (November)-----	3,286.05
2. Income Tax (January)-----	85,099.29
3. Cannabis Use Tax (January)-----	673.24
4. Video Gaming Tax (January)-----	11,525.05
5. Telecommunication Fee (November)-----	1,399.62

#15339 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Chiaventone that we adjourn. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:50 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 16, 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.

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

1. City Treasurer's monthly report (February)
2. Police Chief's monthly report (February)
3. Building Inspector's report (January through March 15, 2026)

#15340 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick 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: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#15341 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve the City Treasurer's report as presented. Aye Votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, 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:

#15342 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, Baltikauski, Chiaventone, Kelley and Pellegrini. Nay vote: Bogacz. 7 ayes. 1 nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson announced Spring Clean-up will be held on May 4th.

Alderman Bogacz asked that each alderman look at the alleys and sidewalks in their ward and report back to him within the next two weeks for the 2026 Street Maintenance program. Mike Richetta asked if we were using MFT or Sales Tax Increase funds to tar and chip Webster Park and Alderman Bogacz asked him to use Sales Tax Increase funds. Mayor Thompson asked that the Spring Creek cul-de-sac be added to this year's street maintenance. Richetta will get the estimate for the cul-de-sac to Alderman Bogacz, and he will get bids for Webster Park and Barto Boat Landing parking lot. Richetta was also asked to update the chart of streets that have been done since the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rate Study.

Superintendent Norton reported that we lost one of the VFD's at the Water Treatment Plant during the last storm. The cost to replace the VFD is about \$15,000. and he is having someone look at it to see if we can find out what happened, if it was related to the storm, it can be turned into insurance.

Chief Curran gave an update on the siren issues. He reported the vendor suggested that we try replacing the receiver first in the amount of \$2,500. and the other option is to replace it at a cost of \$40-50,000. Alderman Pellegrini feels it is a necessary siren for bad weather and Chief Curran agreed.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson discussed the next agenda item, exterior painting of the City Hall water tower which was tabled at the last meeting. She noted the pool issue discussed at the last meeting has somewhat been resolved

and Putnam County Painting will be back to look at the pool and see what can be done. Mike Richetta has been in contact with PC Painting as well as another company who will be looking at the pool and giving their options as well.

The following quotes (2) for 2026 Exterior Painting of the City Hall Water Tower were received for consideration:

Putnam County Painting, Mark, IL.	\$ 99,875.00
TMS, Rapid City South Dakota	164,225.00

Superintendent Norton spoke with PC Painting and there is a 1-year warranty on the paint. They have over fifty years of experience and are held up with their own work protocol.

#15343 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by Chiaventone that we approve the low bid from Putnam County Painting in the amount of \$99,875. for painting the exterior City Hall Water Tower as presented. Aye Votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

The following petitions (3) were received for consideration:

1. Project Success – Easter Giving Baskets
2. SVLL Girls softball - sponsorship request
3. U of I Extension/4-H Educational Programs – monetary request

#15344 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Bogacz that we approve a donation to Project Success in the amount of \$400. (10 baskets). Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#15345 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Jauch that we approve a donation to the SVLL Girls Softball in the amount of \$100. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

#15346 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick and seconded by Jauch that we approve a donation to the U Of I Extension in the amount of \$100. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

The following quotes (2) were received for the purchase of an ABI Turf Machine:

Traqnology, Ladd IL.	\$28,499.00 for a used machine
Turf Werks	44,587.00 for a new machine

Alderman Pellegrini discussed the 2 options for the ABI Turf machine noting it is a necessary long-term item and will be used for the new baseball diamonds once they are done. He discussed the cost between the new and used machine and feels we would be ok with the used machine. The current owner will give training on the machine as he is local. He compared the machines and they are apple to apple and very efficient.

#15347 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Chiaventone that we approve the purchase of the used ABI turf machine from Traqnology in the amount of \$28,499. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

948 A RESOLUTION AMENDING AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT was presented.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin noted there is no change to the cost, it is just an amendment to the agreement which is required for EPA funding.

#15348 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Kelley that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

949 A RESOLUTION AMENDING AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A 2026 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – WELL #12 was presented.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin noted there is no change to the cost, it is just an amendment to the agreement which is required for EPA funding.

#15349 Moved by Alderman Chiaventone and seconded by VanSchaick that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

A PROCLAMATION – JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT DAY was presented.

#15350 Moved by Alderman Affelt and seconded by Pellegrini that we approve the Proclamation as presented. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

950 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS was presented.

#15351 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Pellegrini that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt 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. Sales Tax (December)-----	\$ 590,018.52
2. Sales Tax Increase (December)-----	283,560.33
Sales Tax Increase Ord. 1909 (December)-----	283,560.33
3. MFT (February)-----	11,270.25
4. MFT TRF (February)-----	10,065.77
5. Utility Tax (January)-----	41,959.94
6. Hotel/Motel Tax (January)-----	585.56

Economic Director, Andrew Ebener, discussed a request and options for a Verizon Cell Tower. If the city is not interested, they will move on to a private landowner. There was council discussion and the council was fine with moving forward with the option on the south end of town. Ebener will get back with them.

#15352 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by VanSchaick that we adjourn. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Affelt, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:44 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk