REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 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, 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.

#15490 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick 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: 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.

#15491 Moved by Alderman Jauch 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.

Mayor Malooley-Thompson introduced Mark Schneider from Ax Church who presented information on the last Hope Week including Spring Valley and other communities. City Officials thanked him for the work the group did in Spring Valley. Mayor Malooley-Thompson then reported that Penny Volkert started her Economic Event Coordinator position and is excited and up and running. Penny will also be working on the new city website.

Alderman VanSchaick handed out information from Jeff Norton on a used Vactor truck that is only 2 years old, and the asking price is $400,000. After a brief discussion Mayor Malooley-Thompson noted we are taking a closer look at the Vactor truck we currently have before we rush into purchasing a different one.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin handed out estimates for Elm, Webster and Strong noting we need to have a policy in place as to where we stop at driveways. Alderman Bogacz feels we should not extend beyond the roadway and to extend into driveways is costing the city more money. There was council discussion regarding the topic, and the council was asked to take a look and bring back their thoughts.

There was discussion regarding options for trailer parking in the city. Chief Curran looked at the ordinances that Attorney Popurella presented to the council and liked some items from each ordinance. He thinks we could pick out from each and put together one ordinance to include all. Alderman Bogacz feels our primary consideration should be safety. Chief Curran will meet with Alderman Baltikauski to review and give Attorney Popurella suggestions for a proposed ordinance.

The following petition was received for consideration:

1. Lighted Way Trivia Night – donation request

#15492 Moved by Alderman VanSchaick and seconded by Bogacz that we approve a donation to Lighted Way in the amount of $100. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The following bids for the 2026 Street Maintenance project were received on September 21, 2026, opened and read out loud:

Universal Asphalt and Excavating, Inc. LaSalle IL.	$438,376.09
Advanced Asphalt Company, Princeton, IL.	482,567.80

There was council discussion regarding Bern Street, which is currently in the contract. It was decided to approve the contract with the low bidder with the elimination of Bern Street from the 2026 Street Maintenance project and make plans to do maintenance on Bern Street correctly.

#15493 Moved by Alderman Bogacz and seconded by Baltikauski that we accept the low bid from Universal Asphalt and Excavating, Inc. for the 2026 Street Maintenance project with the elimination of Bern Street from the project. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Plans provided by IDNR for the Mine Reclamation Project were presented for consideration. Mike Richetta and Rob Baracani reviewed the plans and they looked good. There was council discussion regarding the plans and Richetta will prepare a letter asking where they will be hauling the dirt and ask them to please have consideration on St. Paul Street.

#15494 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Baltikauski that we approve the plans for the Mine Reclamation Project with a letter asking where they are hauling the dirt and to please take St. Paul Street into consideration. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#975 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL TO REBUILD THE MOTOR IN THE 2001 INTERNATIONAL F-4900 was presented.

Alderman Pellegrini noted the engine was rebuilt 5-6 years ago, and you cannot let the truck sit idle and that's what we did and why we have the problem now. Pellegrini feels the repair is a good deal and suggests that's what we do but we need to make sure it gets ran and does not sit idle as it takes about 10,000 miles to break it in. There was also discussion to find a different way to dispose of waste as landfill costs are so high.

#15495 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by VanSchaick that we dispense with the reading of the Resolution and adopt it as presented. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelly, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#15496 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by Pellegrini that we set Trick or Treat hours for October 31, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

1. Utility Tax (July)---------- $27,749.59
2. Utility Tax (August)---------- 25,212.43
3. Thank You – Aden Lamps Foundation
4. Thank You – IVAC for continued support and membership renewal
5. Betsy Sobin – letter of resignation

Jim Parlier was present and discussed a request for information regarding his property at 615 Thorn Street. He asked how his property was actually put in the Spring Valley City limits. Attorney Popurella acknowledged receipt of his FOIA request and will provide what information we can and suggested he may need to contact an Attorney for some answers and he might also find the information in his title policy.

Mark Miklavcic was present and discussed an ongoing issue at his property at 922 W. Dakota Street which was discussed in 2008. He still has the same problem with water pooling in his back yard like a creek and then getting into the basement. Mike Richetta is working on the issue and will present a concept to the council for review.

#15497 Moved by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Pellegrini that we go into a closed meeting to discuss employment of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CLOSED MEETING 7:55 P.M. TO 8:07 P.M.

#15498 Moved by Alderman Baltikauski and seconded by VanSchaick that we adjourn. Aye votes: VanSchaick, Jauch, Chiaventone, Baltikauski, Kelley, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 8:08 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk