

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Spring Valley City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Marini at 7:00 p.m. with the following Aldermen answering present to the roll call: Mike Herrmann, Ed Jauch, Chris Affelt, Fred West, Jeff Janusick, 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.

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

1. Police Chief's monthly report (November)
2. Building Inspector's quarterly report
3. Economic Director's report

#14046 Moved by Alderman Janusick 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, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin reported he sent our request for STU Funding to IDOT to be funded in 2023-2024. He also noted the City received the Ameren Energy Efficiency program funding in the amount of \$70,798.46 that WWTP Plant Operator, Rob Baracani, applied for.

Superintendent Norton reported 2 positive COVID cases at the Street Department. Alderman Bogacz asked if anything was found during the recent smoke testing and Norton noted they did not find anything.

Alderman Herrmann reported on a Finance committee meeting held on December 8, 2020 at which time the proposed tax levy was reviewed and Chief Curran asked to purchase a used 2017 Ford Explorer from the City of LaSalle in the amount of \$8000.

Alderman West asked what time the garbage hauler is allowed to start collecting in town. Mayor Marini thought it was 7:00 a.m. but he will check the garbage contract and contact Jim Pozzi from Republic Service.

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

#14047 Moved by Alderman West and seconded by Baltikauski that we dispense with the reading of the bills, approve them as presented and warrants be drawn for same. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

There were no petitions received for consideration.

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

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| 1. MFT (November) ----- | \$ 10,335.88 |
| 2. MFT TRF (November)----- | 7,420.22 |
| 3. Ameren Energy Efficiency Program----- | 70,798.46 |
| 4. VAC "Meals on Wheels" – donation request | |
| 5. IVAR – donation request | |
| 6. Letter of Commendation for Sarah Kinkin | |

#14048 Moved by Alderman West and seconded by Pellegrini that we approve a donation to VAC "Meals on Wheels" in the amount of \$100. and a donation to IVAR in the amount of \$150. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

- #14049 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by Jauch that we authorize the Fire Chief to purchase air cylinders from Air One Equipment in the amount of \$18,795. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.
- #1801 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2020 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021** was presented.
- #14050 Moved by Alderman West and seconded by Janusick that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski and Pellegrini. Nay vote: Bogacz. 7 ayes. 1 nay. Motion carried.
- #1802 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ORDINANCE NO. 1465 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$425,000 OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2010A AND 2010B, ABATING ALL OF THE LEVY AND EXTENSION OF TAXES FOR 2020 PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED TO PAY SUCH BONDS** was presented.
- #14051 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by West that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.
- #1803 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY TO ENTER INTO A SECONDARY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PERU AND THE CITY OF LASALLE** was presented.
- #14052 Moved by Alderman Janusick and seconded by Baltikauski that we dispense with the reading of the Ordinance and approve it as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.
- #14053 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by Janusick that we authorize the Police Chief to purchase a 2017 Ford Explorer from the City of LaSalle in the amount of \$8000. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.
- #14054 Moved by Alderman Pellegrini and seconded by West that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Janusick, Baltikauski, Bogacz and Pellegrini. 8 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:15 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 28, 2020

The regular meeting of the Spring Valley City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers and called to order by Mayor Marini at 7:00 p.m. with the following Aldermen answering present to the roll call: Mike Herrmann, Ed Jauch, Chris Affelt, Fred West, Deb Baltikauski and Ken Bogacz. Absent: Jeff Janusick and Dave Pellegrini. 6 present. 2 absent.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The following reports (2) were received and placed on file:

1. City Treasurer's monthly report (November)
2. Economic Director's report

#14055 Moved by Alderman Jauch and seconded by West that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and approve them as presented. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski and Bogacz. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Marini commended the Police Department for reinstating "Shop with a Cop" and also for contributing to the positive behavior give away at JFK. Mayor Marini also reported and listed the grants we have recently received recently, thanked Economic Director Ladgenski, the Clerk's office and anyone who helped in any way.

Mike Richetta from Chamlin reported the bid opening for demolishing two houses the city now owns will be sometime the end of January. He will work with NCICG as these are included in a Strong Communities Grant that we recently received.

Superintendent Norton reported they have been clearing the Willow Court retention pond noting about 2 ft of fill needs to be removed and possibly will need to replace 2 pipes that are about 30 ft each. He also mentioned WWTP Operator Rob Baracani will be working on another Ameren Efficiency Project for the retention pond by St. Margaret's Hospital.

Chief Curran reported they donated 5 bikes to Freedom House and worked with Grandma Rosie's to get more bikes donated. He also reported the new truck will be ready for the road next week.

Alderman Bogacz asked to discuss the Buckman property. Attorney Andreoni explained he can't get a legal description of the property and didn't feel he should tell Mrs. Buckman's Attorney that we would take it without a title policy. It was noted we have city sewer running through property that we do not own. Andreoni doesn't feel it is a big risk to purchase the property without a title policy. Mike Richetta noted he can write a legal description but can't tie it in with the neighbors due to some discrepancies. It was decided we should try to purchase the property and Andreoni will contact John Duncan to see if Mrs. Buckman is willing to sell the property for the same price and we will reimburse the cost of the taxes she paid this year.

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

#14056 Moved by Alderman West and seconded by Baltikauski that we dispense with the reading of the bills, approve them as presented and warrants be drawn for same. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski and Bogacz. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

There were no petitions received for consideration.

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

1. Sales Tax (September) -----	\$ 34,674.79
2. Sales Tax Increase (September)-----	11,061.78
3. Income Tax (November)-----	36,988.81
4. Use Tax (September)-----	20,985.12
5. Video Gaming Tax (November)-----	7,566.99
6. Telecommunication Tax (September)-----	2,167.65
7. Cannabis Use Tax (November)-----	267.02
8. Cures Grant-----	216,889.93
9. Aerator Solutions-----	20,833.33
10. Thank you – St. Margaret’s Foundation	
11. Thank you – Perfectly Flawed Foundation	

#14057 Moved by Alderman Affelt and seconded by Herrmann that we go into a closed meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity under section 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and to discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11). Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski and Bogacz. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

CLOSED MEETING 7:17 P.M. TO 7:55 P.M.

#14058 Moved by Alderman Affelt and seconded by Baltikauski that we go back into regular session. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski and Bogacz. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

#14059 Moved by Alderman Herrmann and seconded by Jauch that we adjourn. Aye votes: Herrmann, Jauch, Affelt, West, Baltikauski and Bogacz. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 7:56 p.m.

Rebecca L. Hansen, City Clerk