

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on July 18, 2022 at the City Hall, at 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Robert Nelson
Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Brad Delfs
Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff

MEMENERS ABSENT

Councilmember Lisa Dircks

STAFF PRESENT

Public Works Director Terry Randall, Sergeant Richard Kramer, Recreation Director Kay Okey, Attorney John Thames, Administrator Daniel Buchholtz.

VISITORS

Christine Jones, 8081 Garfield Street NE
Abby Kosberg, 110 77th Way NE
Alein Kemp, 1066 County Highway 10 NE
Jordan Budke, 1066 County Highway 10 NE
Lugene Flores, 1066 County Highway 10 NE
Georgeann Copestick, 1066 County Highway 10 NE
Karen Winehold, 1066 County Highway 10 NE
Sharon, 1066 County Highway 10 NE
Ruby, 1066 County Highway 10 NE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Administrator Buchholtz requested that the following changes be made to the agenda: 1) that Item 5A. be added to the agenda: Abby Kosberg – North Suburban Center for the Arts. 2) that item 7A, Hearing on Revocation of Rental Housing License – 530 82nd Avenue NE be removed; and that item 7B, Hearing on Revocation of Rental Housing License – 7827 Quincy Street NE be removed. He stated that all the properties have been brought into compliance.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

- A. Abby Kosberg – Executive Director of North Suburban Center for The Arts. Ms. Kosberg stated that the Center had a new mission, is to engage the community through the arts. She said this engagement is done by hosting art programs. She stated that 25% of the membership is made up of Spring lake Park residents.
- B. Christine Jones asked for an update on the Garfield Pond trees. Administrator Buchholtz stated that he and Public Works Director Randall were working on a potential plan for plantings with more sustainability.
- C. Lugene Flores, a representative of the residents from the Legends of Spring Lake Park discussed the concerns of the residents seeing a 12.5% rent increase. She stated that the residents currently are utilizing 70% of their income for rent, and that the COLA they received from Social Security does not match the increase that the rate of inflation does. Ms. Flores asked for assistance discussing the issue with Legislators and Dominionium.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that rents are based on the median income of Anoka County. Council suggested reaching out to Dominionium. Administrator Buchholtz suggested that the residents reach out to Senator Klobuchar, Senator Smith and Representative Omar. Council requested Buchholtz draft a letter to Dominionium requesting them to reconsider the rent increase.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes - June 13, 2022 City Council/Planning Commission Joint Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes - July 5, 2022 City Council Work Session
- C. Approval of Minutes - July 5, 2022 City Council Meeting
- D. Approval of Claims List - June 2022 General Disbursements - \$896,876.71
- E. Contractor's Request for Payment No. 1 - 2022 Street Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project
- F. Public Right-of-Way Application - CenterPoint Energy
- G. Contractor's Licenses

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Consent Agenda.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Rental License Revocation for Certain Property Located at 530 82nd Avenue NE

Removed

B. Rental License Revocation for Certain Property Located at 7827 Quincey Street NE

Removed

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Report

Sergeant Kramer reported that the Police Department responded to 860 calls for service in June 2022 compared to 650 calls for service for the month of June 2021.

Sergeant Kramer said Investigator Bennek handled 25 cases for the month of June, 23 of which were felony in nature and 2 misdemeanors. He said Investigator Bennek coordinated the catalytic converter event with Heartland Tire on June 30, 2022. He said 25 vehicles were marked during the event.

Sergeant Kramer stated that Officer Lemke, the evidence room officer donated 14 bikes to Bikes4Kids in Ham Lake. He stated that Chief Antoine would like to thank Officer Fiske for coordinating the Police Departments involvement with the parade. He reported that Chief Antoine was able to finish the hiring process to a close for Officer Drinkwine who started on June 13, 2022.

He said that Chief Antoine also would like to thank Blaine Police Department, Anoka County Sheriff's Office and the Ramsey Police Department for sending reserves and explorers to assist during the parade. Sergeant Kramer stated that Chief Antoine participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics on June 24, 2022.

B. Recreation Report

Parks & Recreation Director Okey stated that the summer programs are going well and the participation has increased since July 4, 2022. She noted that the summer Adult Softball Program finished the season with a tournament and that the Parks Department is now taking registrations for the Fall League. Director Okey thanked the Junior Leaders for their participation.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorize Conditional Job Offer to Anne Scanlon for Recreation Program Supervisor Position

Recreation Director Okey stated that council gave prior approval to advertise and interview candidates for the Recreation Program Supervisor position. She noted the five candidates interviewed were all well qualified, with one candidate Anne Scanlon being the leading selection.

Director Okey is recommending Anne Scanlon for the position with a start date of August 9, 2022. Ms. Scanlon will begin at the starting salary of Step 1 on the compensation scale, \$66,381.11 annually.

Motion made by Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff to Authorize Conditional Job Offer to Anne Scanlon for Recreation Program Supervisor Position.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

B. Schedule Work Session for August 8, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the Work Session on August 8 is the annual budget meeting. He noted that the topic of edibles will be discussed at that time.

11. REPORTS

A. Attorney Report

No Report

B. Engineer Report

Engineer Report is in the packet.

C. Administrator Report

Administrator Buchholtz expressed his appreciation for the floral arrangement sent on behalf of the City for his father-in-law's funeral.

12. OTHER

A. Correspondence

Mayor Nelson stated that the Yellow Ribbon Program will be ending the Tuesday hamburger night once the supplies have been depleted. He noted that the second Monday of the month will be dedicated to the Yellow Ribbon Program along with the fourth Monday of the night for Pork Chop night.

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer