

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on February 16, 2021 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

PRESENT

Mayor Robert Nelson
Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Brad Delfs
Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Ebeltoft, Building Official Baker, Parks and Recreation Director Okey and Administrator Buchholtz

VISTIORS

Marco Naranjo, 7739 Monroe Street NE
John Connelly, Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Administrator Buchholtz requested that a 2 AM Liquor License renewal for Monte's Sports Bar be added to the agenda as Item 6.J.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Naranjo, 7739 Monroe Street NE, expressed his concern with the notices and citations he has received regarding the parking on unapproved surfaces at his property. He stated that he has eight cars on the property and has made arrangements with a contractor for a new driveway to be installed. He stated that he needs more time for project than what is being required with the citation due dates.

Building Official Baker reported that he had received complaints regarding the number of cars and having them parked on an unapproved surface. He reported complaints were received in 2020 as well. He stated that he received driveway plans within the past few days but has not reviewed the plans as of the Council meeting. He stated that the property has needed clean up and compliance for the past two years.

Mr. Naranjo stated that he needs more time to complete the driveway expansion. He stated he has hired a contractor and work cannot be done in with the current weather conditions.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired if there is a business on the property and as to why there are so many cars. Mr. Naranjo stated that his family has moved into his home since the pandemic and the extra vehicles are those of family members living at his home. He stated that all the vehicles are operable and licensed.

Mayor Nelson inquired when road conditions are usually lifted and when the hot tar mix could be used for a time frame to be established for the driveway work to be completed. Mr. Baker stated that typically road restrictions are lifted in late spring. He stated that he would be comfortable with a May date for completion since the plans and permit have been applied for.

Councilmember Delfs inquired if a variance is needed for the expansion of the driveway. Administrator Buchholtz stated that no variance would be needed as there appears to be enough room to pave the area and still be within the required setback area.

Mayor Nelson stated that he would be comfortable with an agreement with the homeowner and the City with the understanding that the work be completed when the weather permits and that a deadline could be set for the corrections to be done. He stated that as long as the corrections are completed and the vehicles belong to family members he is comfortable with waiving the citations. Mr. Baker agreed that a contract could be signed and would abstain from issuing fines at this time.

Mayor Nelson asked that Mr. Naranjo contact staff at City Hall for the agreement arrangements to be put into place.

Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce - John Connelly

Mr. Connelly thanked the Council and the City for the distribution of Cares Act money to the local businesses during the pandemic. He stated that the funds were very helpful to the businesses.

Mr. Connelly provided an update of the Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce events and their participation in the local communities. He provided a recap of the recent donations to the local food shelves. He stated that the Commerce looks forward to upcoming events in the City.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes - February 1, 2021 City Council Meeting
- B. General Operations Disbursements #21-01 \$670,923.00
- C. Contractor's Request for Payment No. 4 - Visu-Sewer \$61,341.50
- D. Resolution 21-06, Authorizing a Transfer from the General Fund to the Tower Days Fund
- E. Resolution 21-08, Authorizing Fund Closure of 2014A GO Improvement Bond Debt Service Fund and Transfer Assets to New 2021A GO Improvement Refunding Bond Debt Service Fund
- F. Contractor Licenses

- G. Tobacco License
- H. Approval of Right of Way Permit - Comcast
- I. Request for Payment - Magney Construction Arthur Street WTP Repairs
- J. 2 AM Liquor License – Monte’s Sports Bar

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired if the Tower Days transfer could be reversed if the Tower Days celebration does not take place. Administrator Buchholtz stated that it was a permanent transfer, but the City Council could transfer money back if so desired, with a separate resolution.

Councilmember Wendling inquired if the Arthur Street Water Treatment plant repairs were completed. Administrator Buchholtz stated that the electrical work is underway with good progress being made.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Consent Agenda.

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

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Report

Chief Ebeltoft reviewed the staff report with the Councilmembers.

Councilmember Wendling inquired on the how the Police vehicles are holding up in the cold weather. Chief Ebeltoft reported that the vehicles are running well and the two new squad vehicles will be arriving soon.

The Council thanked the Reserve Officers for their dedication and hard work.

B. Parks and Recreation Report

Parks and Recreation Director Okey reviewed the monthly statistics and a recap of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. She reported that staff has been working on the winter/spring activity brochure and preparing for registration of programs. She reported that applications are being accepted for the flower bed volunteers and softball registrations.

Ms. Okey reported that the Dine and Dance series has been scheduled and will begin in June. She provided a flier with the dates and scheduled bands. She stated that the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee will be selling concessions during the event. She reported that the Tower Days Committee is moving ahead with modified plans for the event.

8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS**A. Ordinance 471, Relating to and Regulating Arterial Roadway Medians Located Within High Traffic Intersections**

Mayor Nelson reported that the Ordinance was discussed at the City Council work session on February 8, 2021.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Ordinance 471, An Ordinance Relating To and Regulating Arterial Roadway Medians Located Within High Traffic Intersections.

Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff

Voting Nay: Councilmember Dircks. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance 472, Relating to and Regulating Targeted Picketing in Residential Neighborhoods in the City of Spring Lake Park

Mayor Nelson reported that the Ordinance was discussed at the City Council work session on February 8, 2021.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Ordinance No.472 an Ordinance Relating To and Regulating Targeted Picketing In Residential Neighborhoods In The City of Spring Lake Park.

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

C. Resolution 21-07, Expressing Support for SF 82/HF 185, A Bill Increasing the Penalty for Certain Attempts to Commit Murder in the First Degree

Mayor Nelson reported that the Resolution was discussed at the City Council work session on February 8, 2021.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Resolution 21-07, Expressing Support for SF 82/HF 185, A Bill Increasing The Penalty For Certain Attempts To Commit Murder In The First Degree.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS**A. Approval for Preparation of Update and Application for Storm Water Pollution Prevention - MS4 Permit**

Administrator Buchholtz reviewed the staff report with the Council. He reported that the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPP) needs to remain in compliance with the new Ms4 General Permit. He stated that Stantec has submitted an estimate for the updating process. He reported the estimated cost to be \$14,100.

Mayor Nelson stated that he understands that this requirement needs to be done but he has a hard time spending funds for unfunded mandates from the Federal and State governments. He noted that it is important to stay up to date on the flood control and water quality in the city.

Motion made by Councilmember Dircks to Approve Preparation of Update and Application for Storm Water Pollution Prevention - MS4 Permit.

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

10. REPORTS**A. Attorney's Report – No report****B. Engineer's Report**

The Engineer's report was provided in the council packet.

C. Administrator Report

The Administrator Report was provided in the council packet. He reported that he has received information from Chief Ebeltoft for review for the succession process for the Police Chief position.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that a total of \$10,000 has been saved in electrical cost since the approval of the solar panel garden that the City participates in. He stated that he feels the savings will multiply over time and currently the energy produced by the solar garden would power 112 homes for a year.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired where the solar gardens are located. Administrator Buchholtz reported that the gardens are located in counties bordering Anoka County.

11. OTHERA. Correspondence

Councilmember Dircks requested the Council to authorize a letter of support for HF 1034/SG 1044, which changes a 1939 law related to eligibility for unemployment for high school students. She reported that the current law negatively impacts families in Spring Lake Park. The Consensus of the Council was to have the City Council review materials and inform Administrator Buchholtz of their position by Monday, February 22, 2021, for possible inclusion on the March 1, 2021 agenda.

Mayor Nelson reported that the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon pork chop dinner will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at the VFW.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer