

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on August 19, 2024 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

Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks
Councilmember April Moran
Mayor Robert Nelson

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Josh Antoine, Recreation Director Kay Okey, Attorney John Thames, Public Works Director George Linngren, Deputy City Clerk Wanda Brown

VISITORS

Robert Kirchner	4131 115 th Avenue	Coon Rapids MN
Gary Kemmetmueller	13012 Bluebird Street NW	Coon Rapids MN
Lori Mahowald	12872 Bluebird Street NW	Coon Rapids MN
Joe Richardson	15224 Swallow Street NW	Andover MN
Richard Klabecher	19519 Lake George Blvd	Anoka MN
Brenda Miller	15160 Quinalt Street NE	Columbus MN
Lisa Henrickson	23130 Fontang Street NE	Stacy MN
Jeannie Erickson	241 110 th Lane NW	Coon Rapids MN
Paul Berndt	1235 129 th Circle	Coon Rapids MN
Derek Lind	15230 Germanium Street	Ramsey MN
Jon Liebsch		Ham Lake MN
Sue Peterson		Ham Lake MN

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Brown requested that the following change be made to the agenda: 1) that Item 8A be removed from the Agenda.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR – None

6. PRESENTATION

A. Anoka County Elections Integrity Team – Robert Kirchner

Derek Lind, 15230 Germanium Street, from the Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT), gave an overview of the six (6) Election Integrity Goals. The goals are as follows:

1. Small Voting Precincts
2. Secured Election Judge Data
3. Verified Registered Voters
4. Validated Paper Poll Books
5. Hand-Counted Paper Ballots
6. Validated dated Paper Ballots

He stated that the group would like to do a more formal presentation at a later date to explore all six goals. Mr. Lind discussed the Election Integrity Goal #1, which is small voting precincts. He stated that the state recommends that precincts have 2000 voters or less.

Paul Brandt, 1235 129th Circle, gave an update on Goal #3, Verified Registered Voters. Mr. Brandt said that the ACEIT group was working with Anoka County Elections to clean up voter rolls by removing voters who have moved out of their precinct off of the Statewide Voter Registration System, so voters would not be duplicated.

Joe Richardson, 15224 Swallow Street NW, Andover MN gave an overview on Goal #6, Hand-Counted Paper Ballots. Mr. Richardson stated that on election night everything is double checked except for the actual votes. Mr. Richardson said that the group would like to see Post-Election Review (PER) hand count expanded to include races with two (2) or more people beyond the Federal Offices.

Lori Mahowald, 12872 Bluebird Street NW, Coon Rapids MN, requested that group be able to make a formal 20-30-minute presentation.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired about the cost of the PER, and who pays for the it. Ms. Mahowald stated that the City pays for the expanded audit.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – August 5, 2024 City Council Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes – August 5, 2024 City Council Meeting
- C. Approval of Claims List – General Disbursement #24-13 - \$1,980,857.64
- D. Change Order #2 – City Hall Renovation/Expansion Project - \$40,640.05
- E. Contractor's Licenses
- F. Approval – Public Right of Way Application - CenturyLink
- G. Approval – Public Right of Way Application - CenturyLink

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Consent Agenda.

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

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Report

Chief Antoine reported that the Police Department responded to 837 calls for service in July 2024 compared to 783 calls for service for the month of July 2023. Chief Antoine said Investigator Bennek handled 33 cases for the month of July, 30 of which were felony in nature and 5 misdemeanors. He said Investigator Bennek is monitoring 5 active forfeiture cases.

Chief Antoine stated that the Police Department underwent the MN POST Board “compliance review” and have passed the “compliance review” with no issues. Chief Antoine updated the City Council on the School Resource Officer position.

B. Recreation Report

Recreation Director Okey updated the City Council on the summer programs and the installation of the playground equipment at Able Park. She noted that the Tower Days 2025 Planning Committee will meet on August 20 at 6:30 PM.

Recreation Director Okey stated that the restrooms at Sanburnol Park have been closed for the summer and the restrooms at Able Park and Terrace Park will close at the end of September.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Police Officer Candidate Conditional Job Offer – Removed

B. Flock Camera System

Chief Antoine gave an overview of the Flock Camera System. He stated that the system is being utilized as License Plate Reader cameras to combat auto theft. He stated that the Flock system includes a robust cloud-based sharing program which allows users to view all Flock cameras in the area. Chief Antoine noted that the City would need to purchase two cameras to have access to the cloud-based sharing program.

Chief Antoine stated that the Flock System for two cameras and installation would cost \$6,800.00 for the first year. He stated the program would incur an annual reoccurring cost of \$6,000.00.

Chief Antoine stated that Keith Swaggert, owner of Perfect 10 Auto Sales, approached the Police Department to donate money for a project. He said Mr. Swaggert was interested in partnering with the Police Department on the Flock Camera project. He stated that Mr. Swaggert has agreed to pay up to \$3,000.00 for one Flock Camera.

Chief Antoine stated that staff is requesting the City cover the cost of the second camera of \$3,000.00, and the installation cost of \$800.00. He stated that the funds would come from the Traffic Education Program. He is recommending that the City Council approve a one-year contract with Flock Camera Systems.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to Accept Updated Contract and Agreement to Execute Contract by Chief Antione or Administrator Buchholtz.

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

10. REPORTS

A. Attorney's Report

Attorney Thames stated that the Court order was issued to recover cost for 8064 Garfield Street NE. He stated that the purchase of the Highway 65 property is proceeding. Attorney Thames said that he should have something to bring to the City Council in the near future.

B. Engineer's Report

Report was accepted as presented.

Mayor Nelson inquired of Public Works Director Linngren about the status of Sanburnol Drive. Director Linngren gave an update on the project. He said that CenterPoint has completed the gas line work. He stated that paving will take place in mid-September. Public Works Director Linngren said that North Valley will begin concrete work on 83rd Avenue NE on August 26.

Mayor Nelson inquired of Chief Antoine on the enforcement of residents driving on Sanburnol Drive. Chief Antoine stated that now that the base coat has been laid the enforcement is not in effect.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired about the Hayes Pond Project. Director Linngren said that the contractor is pumping the pond out to do work around the inlets and outlets. The contract will be moving the dirt to the edges of the pond in order for it to dry out, making it easier to load and truck out the dirt.

Director Linngren stated that the project is being focused on the middle of the pond since that is where the inlets and outlets flow from and the silt settles. Councilmember Goodboe-

Bisschoff asked if something could be done about the smell by removing the tree debris in the pond. Director Linngren stated that once the tree debris is covered with the filling of the pond the smell will disappear.

C. Administrator Report

Deputy City Clerk Brown gave an update on the August 13, 2024 State Primary Election.

11. OTHER

A. Council Reports

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff stated that there have been issues of littering on Fillmore Street and the County 10 Service Road. She stated that she would like to have a work session on placing no parking signs and no littering signs in the area.

Councilmember Moran inquired if council could hold a work session on the placement of the fiber optic. Public Works Director Linngren stated that he has met with the contractor and the project manager to inform them that they will need to replace the lawn and fix the street in the Garfield area.

B. Correspondence

Councilmember Wendling congratulated the Fire Department on their 80 years of service to the community.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Robert Nelson Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer