

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on September 21, 2020 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

Attorney Thames, Parks and Recreation Director Okey and Executive Assistant Gooden

VISITORS

Troop 714, the Brazil Family, Spring Lake Park
Becky Wegscheid, MN Realtors

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Executive Assistant Gooden requested that the Cares Act Grant Invoice for North Metro TV be added to the consent agenda as Item 6E.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Becky Wegscheid, MN Realtors, addressed her concerns with the rental moratorium currently in place. She stated that the moratorium is a great concern to the local realtors and homeowners who have plans of renting out their home. She stated that the sale of homes is the primary source of income and is concerned with the availability of rental homes that will be available. She reported that the realtors want to work with the City and the Council on not making the moratorium permanent and would like the City to reach out to the realtors as a resource.

Mayor Nelson stated that no decisions have been made and there will be a Council work session and an open house for residents to voice their concerns. He stated that the moratorium is not meant to take business away from the realtors and there is a lot of research that needs to be completed. He stated that there are strong opinions on the Council and assured that everyone will be heard fairly.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes - September 8, 2020 City Council Meeting
- B. General Operations Disbursements #20-15 \$478,469.82
- C. Contractor's Licenses
- D. Gambling License - Kraus Hartig VFW
- E. Care Act Grant Invoice – North Metro TV

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**

Mayor Nelson reported that the August staff report was provided in the Council packet.

Mayor Nelson reported that the Night to Unite Event has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19. He stated that he is disappointed to see the event cancelled; however, with the neighborhood gatherings that take place during this event, social distancing would be hard to enforce. He encouraged residents to call the Police Department with any concerns or immediate issues.

B. Parks and Recreation Report

Parks and Recreation Director Okey reviewed the monthly report with the Council.

Mayor Nelson inquired if more programs would be available with the announcement of programs starting up at the school level. Councilmember Delfs stated that the programs that are opening up are mostly high school league programs and not community programs.

Ms. Okey stated that it is promising that school programming is opening up as it could allow for future programs such as the popular "Turkey Shoot" to be held at the school. She reported that staff is following the Department of Health and CDC guidelines for programming.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired where the trail is located at Lakeside Park that is being looked at for development by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ms. Okey reported that it is a natural human/animal trail near the furthest gazebo along the woods. She stated that it is an area that does not flood.

9. NEW BUSINESS**A. Award Coronavirus Relief Fund Business Grants**

Executive Assistant Gooden reviewed the staff memo with the Councilmembers. She reported that a total of nine Coronavirus Relief Fund Business Grant applications had been received and reviewed. She reported that the nine businesses would be receiving \$10,000 each.

Ms. Gooden reported that staff is recommending that the application window be closed for the local grant program.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Coronavirus Relief Fund Business Grants and to close the application window for the local grant program.

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

10. REPORTS

A. Attorney's Report - None

B. Engineer's Report- None

11. OTHER

Mayor Nelson reported that the pork chop dinner will resume on Monday, September 28, 2020, at the Kraus-Hartig VFW. He stated that this is the first dinner since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Nelson acknowledged members of the Scout Troop #714 who came to observe the City Council meeting.

Mayor Nelson reported that Administrator Buchholtz is going through some medical issues at this time and encouraged residents to keep him and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

Executive Assistant Gooden reported that Absentee Voting started on September 18, 2020. She reported that residents can vote at City Hall from 8:00AM - 4:00PM Monday through Friday.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Gooden, Executive Assistant