

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on April 21, 2025 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 Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember April Moran

STAFF PRESENT

Sergeant Richard Kramer, Recreation Director Anne Scanlon, Attorney John Thames, Deputy City Clerk Wanda Brown

VISITORS

Fire Chief Dan Retka	SBM Fire Department	Spring Lake Park MN
Kurtiss Kemmet	965 83 rd Avenue NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Krista Kemmet	965 83 rd Avenue NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Ken Kieffer	546 Rosedale Road NE	Spring Lake Park MN

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Kurtiss Kemmet, residing at 965 83rd Avenue NE, is requesting permission to build a six-foot privacy fence around what he considers his backyard. He noted that his property is on a corner lot, and that he has seen similar fences exist on another corner lots in the neighborhood. He stated that a permit was submitted, however it was returned with an amendment requiring the fence to drop to four-feet from the garage forward along Laddie Lake Road. Mr. Kemmet is requesting approval to maintain the six-foot height instead of proceeding without permission.

Mayor Nelson inquired of Mr. Kemmet if he had discussed the issue with the Building Official Baker. Mayor Nelson recommended that Mr. Kemmet apply for a variance and go in front of the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired of Deputy Clerk Brown about the Planning Commission. Ms. Brown informed the Council that the application deadline for the April 28 has passed, so Mr. Kemmet would have to make an application for the May Planning Commission Meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2025 City Council Work Session Minutes
- B. Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2025 City Council Meeting
- C. Approval of March Claims List – General Disbursement #25-05 - \$652,702.34
- D. Revenue and Expenditure Report – March 31, 2025
- E. Mayor's Proclamation – Administrative Professionals Day – April 23, 2025
- F. Mayor's Proclamation – Loyalty Day – May 1, 2025
- G. Contractor's Licenses
- H. Sign Permits

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Consent Agenda.

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

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. SBM Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Retka stated that the calls for 2025 are up 20% compared to ending 2024 at calls being 22% up for the year. He stated that the majority of the calls the Department is seeing are medical. He stated that due to the change in the way the station is staffed response time has gone from 12 minutes to 5 minutes when a fire call is received.

Chief Retka stated that 6 full time captains were added to the roster. He stated that this insured that there was an experience certified officer on each truck. He stated that the Fire Department is operating out of 2 stations instead of 5 stations therefor reducing the CIP by \$3 million dollars. He stated that with the last payment for Station 3 in May, they are ready to move on constructing a new station in the northeast quadrant of Blaine.

Chief Retka provided an overview on the EMS Program and the Fire Academy. Councilmember Wendling inquired about the equipment from the stations that are offline. Chief Retka stated that all the equipment from Station 2 will be moved to the new station. He gave an update on working with the DNR to have firefighters red card certified. He noted that he is working on a cooperative agreement to house the DNR out of Station 3.

B. Police Report

Sergeant Kramer reported that the Police Department responded to 849 calls for service in March 2025 compared to 829 calls for service for the month of March 2024. He stated that School Resource Officer Imig handled 9 school-related calls, 4 student contacts, 17 escorts and 3 follow up investigations.

Sergeant Kramer said Investigator Bennek reported handling 27 cases for the month of March, 26 of which are felony in nature, and 1 misdemeanor, while monitoring 4 forfeiture cases. He stated that Investigator Bennek closed on case in March.

C. Parks and Recreation Report

Parks and Recreation Director Scanlon provided an overview of the activities for March. She noted that Clare Waddell, the new Recreation Program Supervisor, started at the end of March and has been a valuable asset to the team. She said that program participation is growing with the partnerships with New Brighton and Mounds View.

Director Scanlon noted that planning for Tower Days is ongoing and that donations and sponsorships are increasing. She said that the Earth Day celebration will be at Able Park on April 26, 2025. She noted that the free daytime seminars for residents is a big hit and several day trips are planned, including a fishing trip on Lake Mille Lacs on May 22, 2025.

8. ORDINANCES AN/OR RESOLUTIONS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. REPORTS**A. Attorney's Report**

None

B. Engineer's Report

Report accepted as presented.

C. Administrator Report

None

11. OTHER

A. Closed Session - Consideration of the Lease of Real Property at 8478 and 8480-8492 Central Avenue Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(c)3

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to close the City Council meeting for Consideration of the Lease of Real Property at 8478 and 8480-8492 Central Avenue Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(c)3

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

Meeting closed at 7:56 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 8:34 PM

Attorney Thames stated that the City Council met in closed session to discuss Consideration of the Lease of Real Property at 8478 and 8480-8492 Central Avenue Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(c)3. Attorney Thames stated that City Council has provided staff and the attorney with direction.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer