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 17, 2026 at Spring Lake Park Community Center, 1301 81st Avenue N.E., 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 Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks
Councilmember April Moran
Mayor Robert Nelson

STAFF PRESENT
Police Chief Josh Antoine, Parks and Recreation Director Anne Scanlon, Public Works Director George Linngren, Attorney Thames, Engineer Phil Gravel, City Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

VISITORS

Kristi Cobbs	8085 Jefferson Street NE	Spring Lake Park
Perry Korzenowski	8420 Laddie Road NE	Spring Lake Park

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Kristi Cobbs, 8035 Jefferson Street NE, thanked the Council for lowering the proposed levy but requested deeper review before approving another increase. She asked for long-term staffing cost projections and raised concerns about reducing certain expenses while retaining funding for the Flock camera system. She also noted that the Terrace Park project could approach $1 million and urged setting a firm spending limit.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes – City Council Meeting – July 20, 2026
B. Approval of Minutes – City Council Work Session – August 3, 2026
C. Approval of June Claims List – General Disbursement #26-13 - $606,068.29
D. Statement of Fund Balance – July 2026

E. Revenue and Expenditure Report – July 2026
F. Mayor's Proclamation – Constitution Week – September 17-23, 2026
G. Contractor's License

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Consent Agenda.

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

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Report

Chief Antoine reported that the department responded to 817 calls in July, down from 870 in July 2025. The School Resource Officer will resume reporting once school is in session. He stated that Detective Imig handled 12 new cases (10 felonies, 2 gross misdemeanors) and monitored three forfeiture cases, with rollover cases included, he currently has 22 active cases.

Chief Antoine said the Department conducted a hiring process for its 13th officer, and Chief Antoine continued training on the new Tyler RMS/CAD system, scheduled to launch in October. He attended several meetings, including JLEC governance and Policy 360 sessions, and held both administrative and full-department meetings. Background investigations and interviews for new officers also took place.

Chief Antoine stated Seasonal CSO Laci Lorinser graduated from the Hennepin Tech Skills program and is scheduled to take her licensing exam Friday, with an anticipated full-time start on August 24.

B. Parks and Recreation Report

Director Scanlon reported that Music in the Park concluded in early August with Fiddles and Flannels, drawing 120 attendees—returning to typical participation levels. She stated in July, 20 programs began with a total of 198 participants, and a new Tri-City Volleyball program with Mounds View and Arden Hills launched, currently enrolling 35 children.

Director Scanlon noted attendance at various meetings and ongoing discussions regarding Terrace Park grant funding. The Park & Recreation Commission will resume meetings in September. She stated that Able Park Camp wraps up this month after a smooth and well-received summer.

8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS - None

10. REPORTS

A. Attorney's Report - None

B. Engineer's Report

Mayor Nelson reported positive community feedback on recent curb repairs on University Service Drive and Plaza Boulevard.

Councilmembers voiced concerns about delays in repairing the County Road 10 bridge. Buchholtz explained that MnDOT followed its standard procurement process rather than an expedited repair to avoid complications with the insurance company, resulting in the later timeline. He stated that both he and MnDOT staff have expressed frustration over the delay.

Buchholtz clarified that current bridge work is limited to beam and deck replacement, with no changes to the Highway 65 ramp configuration. Buchholtz also reported that MnDOT will soon select a consultant to update plans for the southern portion of Highway 65, following legislative direction and PELL study recommendations. He noted that improvements will require additional time and funding, especially for the complex U.S. 10/Highway 65 interchange.

C. Administrator Report

Administrator Buchholtz stated that a memo placed on the dais requesting that the City Council, Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, and selected staff complete a visioning survey. He said the survey is intended to help guide the initial stages of the Comprehensive Plan update. He added that a broader survey will be conducted for residents at a later stage to further inform the planning process.

11. OTHER

Mayor Nelson reported that planning is underway for this year's Operation Zeroes event, which will be held at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. Mayor Nelson also shared that the Yellow Ribbon program is being restructured, with anticipated changes involving legacy groups and related initiatives.

Councilmember Moran thanked the residents who participated in Night to Unite.

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 7:21 PM

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer