

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council was held on July 6, 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 Bob Nelson

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

#### STAFF PRESENT

Building Official Jeff Baker, Public Works Director George Linngren, Police Chief Antoine, Engineer Phil Gravel, Attorney John Thames, Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

#### VISITOR

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Halyn Roth        | 7914 Able Street NE            | Spring Lake Park MN |
| C Meyer           | 459 81 <sup>st</sup> Avenue NE | Spring Lake Park MN |
| Kristi Cobbs      | 8085 Jefferson Street NE       | Spring Lake Park MN |
| Michelle Oler     | 700 Holland Lane NE            | Spring Lake Park MN |
| Eric Julien       | 700 Holland Lane NE            | Spring Lake Park MN |
| Perry Korzenowski | 8420 Laddie Road NE            | Spring Lake Park MN |

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

### 5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – City Council Work Session Meeting – June 15, 2026
- B. Approval of Minutes – City Council Meeting – June 15, 2026
- C. Resolution 2026-28, Appointing Election Judges for 2026 State Primary Election
- D. Resolution 2026-29, Accepting A Donation from Spring Lake Park Lions
- E. Approve North Metro TV 2027 Budget
- F. Approval of Right of Way Application – TAK Broadband (Comcast)

- G. Approve Proposal for Geotechnical Services from ITT for Terrace Park Building
- H. Ratification of Officer Barta's Resignation
- I. Contractor's Licenses

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

## **7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **A. Public Works Report**

Public Works Director Linngren presented the June Public Works Report. He stated that major street patching has been completed, and crews are now returning to address remaining smaller nuisance areas, including potholes and centerline patching, utilizing sand mix where appropriate. He stated that most tree removals have been completed; a few evaluated trees remain, but stump grinding is finished. He reported that a few water main breaks remain under repair.

Director Linngren noted that Tower Days was a major success and thanked Parks and Recreation for organizing and coordinating the event. He stated that the winning name from the street sweeper naming contest was announced as "Sweep Caroline 2026."

Mayor Nelson provided an update on the new restaurant at the former Busy Bees location. He stated that the owners plan to open a Middle Eastern-style restaurant featuring chicken and beef dishes and may request approval for a visible flame grill. He stated that the owners are also exploring the possibility of adding a drive-through on the south side of the building and a patio area, pending staff review.

### **B. Code Enforcement Report**

Building Official Baker reported that June's primary focus was preparing and sending notices to property owners with dead or diseased trees. About 30 letters were issued, asking owners to contact the City to establish reasonable removal timelines based on contractor availability. He noted that residents have been cooperative with minimal pushback. Building Official Baker also shared that the newsletter prompted additional calls from residents reporting potentially hazardous trees in their neighborhoods.

Building Official Baker explained that the City is prioritizing removal orders based on safety, focusing first on trees that pose risks to neighboring properties, public sidewalks, streets, or structures. He stated that trees in backyards that do not present an immediate hazard are lower priority but still monitored. He stated that the Initial letters serve to notify property owners and establish reasonable timelines rather than impose fixed deadlines, and staff

follow up every 30 days as needed. He acknowledged the financial burden of removal but emphasized the importance of addressing safety concerns. Building Official Baker added that boulevard tree removal is complete and the City is now addressing problematic trees on private property in accordance with City Code.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the City sold 40 trees during the first round of its tree-sale program and will conduct another sale over the summer, with fall delivery. He noted that fall is an ideal time for planting. He stated that approximately 10–12 varieties are available on the City's website and encouraged residents to select a mix of species to help maintain a diverse and resilient tree canopy.

Building Official Baker reported an enforcement action taken prior to his vacation, thanking Chief Antoine and the police patrol staff for their assistance. He explained that an event held at the Biff strip mall, where an outdoor volleyball court had been renovated into an enclosed space, was operating without proper approvals. Approximately 150 vehicles and an estimated 200–300 people were present in the fenced area, and the only exit was obstructed, creating a significant safety hazard. Baker issued a stop-work order and closed the event space until code requirements could be met. He emphasized that the action was taken to prevent a potentially dangerous situation and noted that the property owners are now proceeding through the correct permitting channels.

**8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS - None**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Authorization to Purchase and Install Well #2 Pump, Motor, and Related Services**

Public Works Director Linngren requested approval to purchase and install a new well pump and motor for Well No. 2 at Terrace Park. He explained that although this replacement was originally planned for next year as part of the City's annual well rehabilitation schedule, the equipment failed earlier than expected, requiring the project to be advanced. He stated that the work will include videotaping and cleaning the casing, along with installing a new pump and motor. Director Linngren presented two pump options with a cost difference of approximately \$38,000. He recommended the \$95,500 package, noting that while it is a less efficient motor, it is more cost-effective over time, even with higher electrical and startup costs.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Authorization to Purchase and Install Well #2 Pump, Motor, and Related Services.

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

**10. REPORTS****A. Attorney Report**

Attorney Thames reported that he has completed the review of the contracts for the 2026 Street Improvement Project. He confirmed that the documents are in good order and noted that a new certificate has been received, allowing the project to move forward.

**B. Engineer Report - Accepted report as submitted****C. Administrator Report**

Administrator Buchholtz reported attending the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference, noting that it was a valuable event. He highlighted keynote presentations by Tim Shriver, who spoke on the importance of civility in public discourse, and Crystal Washington, a futurist who emphasized the need for continued curiosity and learning in a rapidly changing world. He also attended several breakout sessions focused on HR, health insurance, communications, and related topics.

**11. OTHER**

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff reported attending the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference. She stated she attended a session presented by Secretary of State Steve Simon on elections.

Councilmember Moran reported attending the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference. She stated she attended a session on cannabis use, noting that current guidance remains limited and that residents with questions are encouraged to contact the appropriate state offices for clarification. She also highlighted training sessions attended with the Police Department focused on building rapport within the community, emphasizing effective communication, strengthening relationships, and learning from successful approaches used in other cities. She stated that the sessions underscored the importance of fostering connection and bridging gaps through consistent, community-centered engagement.

**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 7:34 PM.

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Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

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Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer