

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on January 16, 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

Mayor Robert Nelson
Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Lisa Dircks
Councilmember April Moran

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Josh Antoine, Public Works Director George Linngren, Recreation Director Kay Okey,
Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

VISITOR

Erik Lindquist	738 84 th Ave NE	Spring Lake Park
Erika Glan	738 84 th Ave NE	Spring Lake Park
Eric Julien	700 Holland Lane NE	Spring Lake Park
Michelle Olek	700 Holland Lane NE	Spring Lake Park
Kim Dewanz	8125 Able St NE	Spring Lake Park
Jeff Dewanz	8125 Able St NE	Spring Lake Park
Art Abdullah	8200 Tyler St NE	Spring Lake Park

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA - None

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Eric Julien, 700 Holland Lane NE, expressed his opposition to the changing of the Minnesota State Flag and State Seal. He expressed his concern that there is a lot of expense going into the changeover of the flag. Mr. Julien asked the City Council to let the Governor's office know that there is no need for a new flag.

Councilmember Wendling suggested residents contact their representative and express their feelings on the proposed new flag.

Councilmember Moran inquired of the public if they have a problem with the new flag or is it that they are anti-change of the flag at all? There was a discussion on whether the flag honors indigenous people or if it is offensive to them.

Mayor Nelson stated that he would like the City Council to approve a resolution calling on the state to keep the flag as is. Councilmember Wendling asked the public if the Council passes the resolution are they going to call or write their representative.

Ms. Erika Glan, 738 84th Avenue NE, stated that the new flag does not represent our history the current flag does. She said the current flag and seal represents the strong Native American heritage as well as the State's agrarian roots.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson directing staff to draft a resolution opposing the new State Flag and State Seal and calling for a work session to discuss the resolution.

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

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2023 City Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes – January 2, 2024 City Council Meeting
- C. Approval of Claims – General Disbursement No 23-23
- D. Resolution 2024-09, Appointing Election Judges for the 2024 Presidential Nominating Primary
- E. Resolution 2024-10 Accepting Donation from Spring Lake Park Lions
- G. Contractor's Licenses
- H. Business Licenses

Councilmember Wendling pulled Item 6E, Resolution 2024-10, Accepting Donation from Spring Lake Park Lions. He stated that the Lions gave \$4300.00 to the Senior Valentine's Luncheon and the Sweetheart Dance.

The item was re-added to the agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Consent Agenda.

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

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Report

Chief Antoine reported that the Police Department responded to 844 calls for service in December 2023 compared to 684 calls for service for the month of December 2022. He stated that the total number of calls for 2023 were 9,522. Chief Antoine said Investigator Bennek reported handling 35 cases for the month of December, 27 of which are felony in nature, 8 misdemeanor cases, while monitoring 5 forfeiture cases. He stated that Investigator Bennek assisted with an auto theft/retail crime detail in the City of Blaine.

Chief Antoine thanked his staff for all their hard work throughout the year.

B. Recreation Report

Recreation Director Okey gave an update on the North Metro Volleyball League coordinated by Wesley Goldberg. She stated that the number of teams has tripled. Director Okey said that staff held an open house at Torg Brewery where the department highlighted the upcoming programs. She stated 30 people attended the event.

Director Okey stated that the button design contest has been revamped and the applications to submit a design is now open.

8. ORDINANCES AN/OR RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2024-11, Approving MnDOT Signal Agreement 1055044 and Authorizing Mayor and Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer to Execute Said Agreement

Administrator Buchholtz gave an overview of the MnDOT project. He stated that MnDOT will be resurfacing a 14.5 mile stretch of Highway 65 from County Road 10 in Spring Lake Park to 237th avenue in East Bethel. He stated that the project will involve replacing the signal at the intersection of Highway 65/85th Avenue. He said MnDOT is requesting the City enter into an agreement with them and the City of Blaine and Anoka County stating each entities obligation.

Administrator Buchholtz said that the signal will be galvanized steel rather than painted, therefor reducing the maintenance cost. Administrator Buchholtz said the following maintenance activities will be the responsibility of the City:

- Maintain the signal pole mounted LED luminaries.
- Replace the LED lamps in the enforcement lights.
- Clean the signal system controller cabinet and service cabinet exteriors.
- Clean the signal system and luminaire mast arm extensions.
- Paint and maintain the cross-street pedestrian crosswalk markings.

Administrator Buchholtz said all cost for maintenance under the agreement are eligible expenses for the MSA maintenance fund.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson authorizing Resolution 2024-11, Approving MnDOT Signal Agreement 1055044 and Authorizing Mayor and Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer to Execute Said Agreement

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Abstain: Councilmember Dircks. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorization to Purchase Playground Equipment

Director Okey stated that she is requesting to purchase equipment for Able Park and will be rehabbing existing pieces at the park. Director Okey said she is requested \$35,132.48 for this phase of the project. She commented that the funding will come from the CDBG funding.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Authorization to Purchase Playground Equipment.

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

10. REPORTS

A. Attorney's Report – No Report

B. Engineer's Report – Report in packet

C. Administrator Report

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the comment period on the City Hall project ends on January 17, so the project will be able to move forward on February 5, with the awarding of the bid. He said that on February 5 there will be a number of Planning Commission items on the agenda.

11. OTHER

A. Council Report

Mayor Nelson gave an update on the Yellow Ribbon program.

B. Correspondence - None

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer