



CITY OF SPRING PARK  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 6, 2023 – 6:30 PM  
SPRING PARK CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council: Mayor Rockvam, Council Member's Chase, Hoffman, Horton and Sippel were present.

Staff: City Administrator Anderson, City Engineer Nielson

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rockvam led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

*\*City Administrator Anderson requested Council Member Horton take her Oath of Office.*

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Council Member Hoffman motioned, being seconded by Council Member Chase, to approve the agenda as presented. On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously approved.*

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wendy Lewin, 3880 Sunset Drive, shared her concerns regarding the proposed language changes to the ordinance allowing short-term rentals less than 30 days that were submitted by Matt Thorson at 3882 and 3884 Sunset Drive. Additional residents came forward – one resident shared his support to allow rentals less than 30 days and another resident stated they would like to ensure that the City continues to only allow rentals over 30 days.

5. REQUESTS & PRESENTATIONS: none

Matt Thorson (3884 Sunset Dr) – RE: Short Term Rentals: Thorson passed out a presentation to Council supporting his request for short-term rentals less than 30 days which included multiple examples as to why he feels these should be allowed.

At the conclusion of Thorson's presentation, Mayor Rockvam commented that the Council spent a lot of time on the current ordinance which included feedback from multiple residents, planning commission meetings, and public hearings. He went on to state the multiple reasons why the City does not want short-term rentals less than 30 days.

Mayor Rockvam then asked the Council if anyone was interested in changing the ordinance to allow for less than 30-day rentals and after comment and discussion, the Council agreed that the ordinance should remain as is only allowing rentals over 30 days.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

*Council Member Horton motioned, being seconded by Council Member Hoffman, to:*

- a. Approve Regular City Council & Work Session Minutes from February 21, 2023
- b. Approve March 6, 2023, Claims for Payment

*On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously approved.*

7. ACTION AGENDA

a. Accepting Feasibility Report – Sunset Drive

City Engineer Nielson reviewed the feasibility study for Sunset Drive with the pending Hennepin County road reconstruction project scheduled for the Spring of 2024. The recommended improvements will include curb and gutter, storm sewer, and pedestrian walkways. He recapped the need for these specific repairs and items that need to be addressed - there are several low-pressure areas and fire flow issues that will require a larger watermain and looping. Additionally, several of the hydrants are dead ended which causes low pressure and suggested these should be looped and that we add a few more hydrants.

The project will include replacing the sanitary sewer main and service lines, the force main within the ROW, working with Fletcher's to relocate the grease trap closer to their building, and replacing all manholes. It will also include replacing all water mains, gate valves, and fire hydrants with proposed loops to increase the pressure, undergrounding of the power lines & utilities, and installation of new decorative streetlights.

The project cost is estimated at \$2,730,533.00. Nielson discussed several financing options including grants and low interest rate loans.

Nielson stated Hennepin County has proposed 3 design options which will be posted in the Council chambers for resident viewing. Council Member Hoffman stated he would like the Council to review these and agree on the desired design prior to Hennepin County's presentation to the City.

Nielson requested Council approval to move forward with the preparation of the plans and specifications and begin the utility relocation process.

*Council Member Hoffman motioned, being seconded by Council Member Horton, to authorize the preparation of the plans and specifications and to begin the utility relocation process. On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously approved.*

8. REPORTS

a. Mayor & Council:

- i. Council Member Sippel stated the LMCC is in jeopardy of closing due to lost funding from the cable subscribership. LMCC currently records the Council and Planning meetings for several cities and these cities would need to find an alternate recording method if the LMCC closes. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss options.
- ii. Council Member Horton thanked the City for the flowers that were sent for her mother's passing.

b. Staff:

- i. City Administrator Anderson stated he received 4 proposals for lawn mowing and will bring to the next Council meeting for review.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/MISCELLANEOUS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. March 8, 2023 – Planning Commission Meeting – 6:00PM (CANCELLED)
- b. March 20, 2023 – City Council Work Session – 5:30PM
- c. March 20, 2023 – City Council Meeting – 6:30PM
- d. April 3, 2023 - City Council Meeting – 6:30PM

10. ADJOURNMENT:

*There being no further discussion, Council Member Hoffman motioned, being seconded by Council Member Sippel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33p.m. On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Hoffman, City Clerk