

SUNFISH LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 10, 2025
First Calvary Baptist Church – 5495 S Robert Trail
7:00 P.M.

Attendants

Mayor: Mayor Dan O’Leary
Councilmembers: Present: Tom Hendrickson, Mike Hovey, Shannon Nelson
Absent: Steve Bulach
City Clerk: Christy Wilcox
City Attorney: Kori Land
City Treasurer: Char Stark
Chief of Police: Brian Sturgeon
City Forester: Jim Naves

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Dan O’Leary called the meeting to order.

2. **Approve Agenda**

Mayor O’Leary asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Mayor O’Leary requested to add item #8d, Emergency Management Operations Plan Policy Update.

Councilmember Hendrickson moved to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried (4-0).

3. **Consent Agenda**

Mayor O’Leary requested that item #8f, Public Safety Report, be removed from the consent agenda.

City Forester Naves displayed the sign that will be placed at Musser Park that was provided by the Land Trust.

Councilmember Hovey moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried (4-0).

- a) Approve Regular Minutes of May 13, 2025
- b) List of Bills
- c) Monthly Financial Statements
- d) Receive Building Inspection Report
- e) Receive City Forester Report
- f) Cost Sharing Agreement with Dakota County for Election Equipment
- g) Approve Non-Waiver of Statutory Tort Liability Limits

3-f: Public Safety Report

Mayor O'Leary asked Chief Sturgeon why there might be so many alarm calls to date. Chief Sturgeon said that residents are using their alarm systems more due to the burglaries that occurred in 2024 along with human errors. Chief Sturgeon will prepare a helpful alarm system cheat sheet that will be available to all residents for easy reference. Chief Sturgeon noted the city survey went out in the mail on Monday to all residents and there is a link on the city website to a link so that the survey can be filled out online.

Mayor O'Leary moved to approve and accept the Public Safety Report for the month of May, seconded by Councilmember Hendrickson. Motion carried (4-0).

4. Comments from the Public

There were no public comments.

5. Public Hearing/Presentations

There were no public hearings or presentations.

6a. Major Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit and Variance Request at 2 Acorn Drive

Planner Johnson gave a brief overview of the applications. Hartman Homes Inc, applicant, and owners David Carlson and Chris Nelson, are proposing to build a 2,578 square foot home at 2 Acorn Drive. The lot on which the home is proposed is 2.43 acres in size and is currently wooded and vacant. New homes require the review and approval of a major site and building plan according to Section 1208.02C of the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed site plan also includes a separate accessory building labeled as a lounge and sauna. That structure is proposed at 241 square feet. The proposed driveway requires a variance, as the driveway is proposed with a 10-foot side yard setback where a 25-foot setback is required.

Due to the conflicting recommendations from the staff and the Planning Commission regarding the Variance, it has been decided that two resolutions will be presented for the Council's consideration. According to Minnesota Statute 15.99, the city must act on this application by July 7.

The following individuals spoke regarding the applications:

1. Chad Maack, Hartman Homes, Inc.
2. David Carlson and Chris Nelson
3. Matthew O'Shaughnessy
4. Stephanie McDaniel

Councilmember Hendrickson moved to approve Resolution No. 25-4, approving a Variance for the property at 2 Acorn Drive, Sunfish Lake, Dakota County, Minnesota, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried (3 ayes – 1 nay, O'Leary).

Councilmember Hovey moved to approve Resolution No. 25-5, approving a Major Site and Building Plan Application and a Conditional Use Permit for the property at 2 Acorn Drive, Sunfish Lake, Dakota County, Minnesota, seconded by Mayor O'Leary. Motion carried (4-0)

6b. **Planner's Report**

The City Planner's report dated June 5, 2025, was received.

7a. **Engineer's Report:**

The Engineer's Report dated June 5, 2025, was received. It was noted that Engineer Messner will obtain quotes for the repainting and restriping of the speed humps on Salem Church Road.

8. **NEW/OTHER MATTERS:**

a. **Safety Committee Update**

This survey was discussed earlier in the meeting. No further updates.

b. **Appointment to the Noise Oversight Committee**

Councilmember Nelson moved to appoint Mayor O'Leary as the Sunfish Lake Representative to the MSP Noise Oversight Committee At-Large Community Group for a term which will expire on June 25, 2027, seconded by Councilmember Hendrickson. Motion carried (4-0).

c. **Appointment to the Noise Oversight Committee - Alternates**

Mayor O'Leary moved to appoint Eric and Gretchen Funk as the Alternates to the MSP Noise Oversight Committee At-Large Community Group for a term which will expire on June 25, 2027, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried (4-0).

The Mayor thanked Eric and Gretchen Funk for serving on the committee and volunteering their time in serving our community.

d. **Emergency Management Operation Plan**

Mayor O'Leary attended the Dakota County emergency management training sessions and learned that the city should have a policy regarding debris removal after an emergency. The Council directed the City Attorney to prepare a policy to be brought back at a future meeting for consideration.

9. **Adjournment**

Mayor O’Leary adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Christy Wilcox, City Clerk

Dan O’Leary, Mayor