

SUNFISH LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 8, 2025
First Calvary Baptist Church – 5495 S Robert Trail
7:00 P.M.

Attendants

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

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor 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 8b - Letter from the Land Trust regarding Musser Park.

Councilmember Bulach moved to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Hendrickson. Motion carried (5-0).

3. **Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Hovey moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried (5-0).

- a) Approve Regular Minutes of June 10, 2025
- b) List of Bills
- c) Monthly Financial Statements
- d) Receive Building Inspection Report
- e) Receive City Forester Report
- f) Receive Public Safety Report

4. **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

5. **Public Hearing/Presentations**

a. **Major Site Plan Review at 6 Windy Hill Court**

City Attorney Land presented the Planning Memorandum dated July 2, 2025, regarding an application for a Major Site Plan Review to allow for the approval to construct a 20 foot by 40 foot in-ground swimming pool.

Councilmember Nelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-6, approving a Major Site and Building Plan Application for the property at 6 Windy Hill Court, Sunfish Lake, Dakota County, Minnesota, seconded by Mayor O’Leary. Motion carried (5-0).

b. Variance Request at 2 Sunfish Lane

City Attorney Land presented the Planning Memorandum dated July 2, 2025, regarding a Variance to allow the construction of a new dock at 2 Sunfish Lane. The proposed dock is five (5) feet wide and has an area of 200 square feet. The variance is required for the width of the new dock because it is greater than the four (4) foot width allowed.

Mayor O’Leary moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-7, approving a Variance for the property at 2 Sunfish Lane, Sunfish Lake, Dakota County, Minnesota, seconded by Councilmember Hendrickson. Motion carried (5-0).

6. Planner’s Report

There were no comments on the City Planner’s report dated July 2, 2025.

7a. Engineer’s Report:

The City Engineer’s report dated July 2, 2025, was received. Councilmember Nelson asked staff to direct the City Engineer to proceed with the painting of the speed bumps on Salem Church Road and review the placement of the sign.

8. NEW/OTHER MATTERS:

a. City Survey Results

Dan Nowicki, Assistant City Manager of West St. Paul presented the Sunfish Lake Community Survey. Mr. Nowicki noted that they were very happy with the high percentage of residents that completed the survey, which was 72%. Mr. Nowicki went through the results of the 13 questions and comments received. The results of the survey will be available on the website. After discussion by the Mayor and City Council, this item will be placed on the next agenda with recommendations by the Police Chief moving forward.

b. Letter from Minnesota Land Trust – Musser Park

Mayor O’Leary commented on the letter dated June 5, 2025, from the Minnesota Land Trust regarding the annual monitoring of Musser Park as well as being notified that they are not in favor of any type of bonfire use at the park. City Forester indicated to the City Clerk that he will contact the Land Trust regarding this issue. The Mayor and City Council are not in favor of this type of use as well.

9. **Adjournment**

Mayor O’Leary adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Christy Wilcox, City Clerk

Dan O’Leary, Mayor