

SUNFISH LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
First Calvary Baptist Church – 5495 S Robert Trail
7:00 P.M.

Attendants

Mayor:	Dan O’Leary
Councilmembers:	Present: Ginny Beckett, Steve Bulach, Mike Hovey, Shannon Nelson
City Planner:	Lori Johnson
City Clerk:	Christy Wilcox
City Attorney:	Kori Land
City Treasurer:	Char Stark
Police Chief:	Brian Sturgeon
Building Official:	Dennis Schilling
City Forester:	Jim Naves

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.

Councilmember Nelson moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Beckett.
Motion carried (5-0).

3. **Consent Agenda**

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

- a) Approve Regular Minutes of November 12, 2024
- 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**

Treasurer Stark gave a presentation on the 2025 Budget and Tax Levy. Treasurer Stark noted that during the budget process the levy was lowered due to finding some duplication in the previous budget as well as deciding not to have a capital road construction project to fund in 2025. This resulted in a reduction in tax levy of \$153,543 (-19.08%).

Councilmember Hovey moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-20, adopting the final 2025 Budget, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilmember Nelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-21, levying and adopting the tax levy for collection in the year 2025, seconded by Councilmember Bulach. Motion carried (5-0).

6a. **Planner's Report**

There were no comments on the City Planner's report dated December 4, 2024.

6b. **Lot Line Adjustment and Variance – 205 and 145 Salem Church Road**

City Planner Johnson presented the Planning Memorandum dated December 4, 2024, regarding a request by Mark and Katherine Sullivan, owners of 205 Salem Church Road and 145 Salem Church Road. The owners have applied for a lot line adjustment and variance in relation to these two parcels.

Councilmember Bulach moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-23, approving a lot line adjustment for the properties at 205 and 145 Salem Church Road, Sunfish Lake, Dakota County, Minnesota, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilmember Hovey moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-24, approving a Variance for the property at 145 Salem Church Road, Sunfish Lake, Dakota County, Minnesota, seconded by Mayor O'Leary. Motion carried (5-0).

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

There were no comments on the City Engineer's report dated December 4, 2024.

8. **NEW/OTHER MATTERS:**

a. **Flock Security System**

Mayor O'Leary discussed the comments and concerns he received and believes after discussing with the Police Chief, that the Flock Security System is a good system to use in Sunfish Lake.

Councilmember Hovey does have reservations about this type of security and does not want anyone's comings and goings recorded.

Councilmember Nelson asked about the purchase of the portable cameras and the reason behind the approval of the second one most recently. Councilmember Nelson feels currently we are being reactive and we are not coming up with a holistic approach to security and safety for the community. We need a plan to move forward.

Councilmember Bulach feels at this time we need to take time to look at all options and is not ready to move forward with approving the Flock Security System at this time.

Councilmember Beckett came to the meeting thinking she would approve the Flock Security System, but after hearing the comments and concerns, we might be moving forward too quickly at this time. Councilmember Beckett feels a committee would be beneficial to look at the options.

Mayor O’Leary makes a motion to suspend the purchase of the 2nd portable camera and appoint a committee that consists of Councilmember Bulach and Nelson and to meet with the Police Chief to come up with a holistic approach to the security, seconded by Councilmember Bulach. Motion carried (5-0).

Mayor O’Leary moved to approve the Flock Security System and authorize the City Attorney to negotiate the contract. Motion fails for a lack of second.

b. Year End Update by Building Inspector

Dennis Schilling, Building Inspector, gave an update on the 2024 building permit activity and changes in personnel in the department.

c. Payable Tax Levy and Budget for 2025

This was considered under Agenda Item 5. No further action is needed.

d. Setting Dates for City Council and Planning Commission meetings

Mayor O’Leary moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-19, setting the dates of the regular City Council and Planning Commission meetings for the year 2025, seconded by Councilmember Hovey. Motion carried (5-0).

e. 2025 Community Waste Abatement Grant Agreement

Mayor O’Leary moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-18, approving the 2025 Community Waste Abatement Agreement, seconded by Councilmember Bulach. Motion carried (5-0).

f. **Cannabis and Lower-Potency Hemp Zoning Ordinance**

City Attorney Land presented the proposed cannabis and lower-potency hemp zoning ordinance and recommends approval which would prohibit these uses within the City. The ordinance was presented to the Planning Commission at their last regular meeting and was recommended for approval to the City Council.

Councilmember Hovey moved to adopt 24-3, an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SUNFISH LAKE CITY CODE SECTION 1201.08 USES NOT PROVIDED WITHIN ZONING DISTRICTS, seconded by Mayor O’Leary. Motion carried (5-0).

9. **Adjournment**

Mayor O’Leary adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Christy Wilcox, City Clerk

Mike Hovey, Acting Mayor