

SUNFISH LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
First Calvary Baptist Church – 5495 S Robert Trail
7:00 P.M.

Attendants

Mayor: Acting Mayor Mike Hovey
Councilmembers: Present: Ginny Beckett, Steve Bulach, Tom Hendrickson and Shannon Nelson
Absent: Mayor Dan O’Leary
City Clerk: Christy Wilcox
City Attorney: Kori Land
City Engineer: Justin Messner

1. **Call to Order**

Acting Mayor Hovey called the meeting to order.

Acting Mayor Hovey administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Bulach and Councilmember Hendrickson. It was noted that Mayor O’Leary was administered his Oath of Office earlier this week.

2. **Approve Agenda**

Acting Mayor Hovey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda.

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

3. **Consent Agenda**

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

- a) Approve Regular and Special meeting minutes of December 10, 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**

Joel Sedgemann, a member of the Public Safety Committee, discussed the issues brought forward at their recent meeting. Further discussion will be held later in the agenda.

5. **Adoption of 2025 Standard City Business Procedures**

a. Appointment of Acting Mayor

Councilmember Bulach moved to appoint Councilmember Mike Hovey as Acting Mayor, seconded by Councilmember Hendrickson. Motion carried (4-0).

b. Designation of Official Newspaper

Acting Mayor Hovey moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-1, Designating the St. Paul Pioneer Press as the official newspaper for the City of Sunfish Lake for the Year 2025, seconded by Councilmember Hendrickson. Motion carried (4-0).

c. Designating Depositories for City Monies

Councilmember Bulach moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-2, Designating official depositories for the City of Sunfish Lake, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried (4-0).

d. Appointment of Planning Commission and Planning Commission Chair

Councilmember Hendrickson moved to appoint Ginny Beckett as a member of the Planning Commission for a term which will expire on December 31, 2027, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried (4-0).

Councilmember Hendrickson moved to appoint Kevin Wu to serve as Chair of the Planning Commission for 2025, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried (4-0).

Acting Mayor Hovey moved to appoint John Oakmann as a member of the Planning Commission for a term which will expire on December 31, 2027, seconded by Councilmember Hendrickson. Motion carried (4-0).

e. Appointment of Weed Control Manager

Councilmember Hendrickson moved to appoint City Forester Jim Naves as the Weed Control Manager for 2025, seconded by Councilmember Hendrickson. Motion carried (4-0).

6. **Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

7. **Planner's Report**

There were no comments on the City Planner's report dated January 8, 2025.

8. **Engineer's Report:**

There were no comments on the City Engineer's report dated January 7, 2025. City Engineer Messner went through the presentation on the Argenta Boulevard/I-494 Footprint Study dated January 14, 2025. The City Council will be updated on the progress and timeline on the project as well as the open houses that will occur later this year.

8. **NEW/OTHER MATTERS:**

a. **Public Safety Update**

Councilmember Bulach and Nelson discussed the ideas and suggestions that were discussed at the Safety Committee meeting. One of the possibilities that was discussed was hiring private security. Councilmember Bulach introduced Patrick Melody of Securitas Security System Services USA, Inc. Mr. Melody went over the core services, which include patrol inspections, alarm response, first line maintenance and 24/7 communication, dispatch and operation center.

The City Council discussed signage to be placed throughout the city, more articles in the newsletter and crime prevention emails. After much discussion the City Council directed the Public Safety Committee to move forward with a recommended survey that will be mailed to residents. The City Attorney suggested working with a company that performs this type of service. The City Engineer was directed to obtain quotes for signage and installation. The Police Chief indicated that the number of signs needed was ten (10).

9. **Adjournment**

Acting Mayor Hovey adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Christy Wilcox, City Clerk

Mike Hovey, Acting Mayor