City of Sunfish Lake
Council Agenda Report

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DATE: November 10, 2026

TO: Mayor, City Council and Staff

FROM: Christy Wilcox, City Clerk/Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution Canvassing the Votes of November 3, 2026

Action to be considered:

Motion to adopt Resolution 26-10, Canvassing the Returns of November 3, 2026, General Election of the City of Sunfish Lake.

Overview/Background:

Minn. Stat. §205.185, Subd. 3, requires that between the third and tenth days after an election, the governing body of a city conducting any election shall act as the canvassing board, canvass the returns, and declare the results of the election.

Below is a summary of those results:

MAYOR	**PRECINT 1**
Shannon Nelson	261
Write-Ins	19
COUNCILMEMBER	**PRECINCT 1**
(Vote for 2)	
Claire Noble	238
Thomas P Hurley	211
Write-Ins	10
COUNCILMEMBER – SPECIAL ELECTION	
(Vote for 1)	
Sally English	180
Grant Fitzer	107
Write-Ins	2

WRITE-INS:

Minn. Stat. §204.09, subdivision 3 allows for the governing body of a statutory city to adopt a resolution governing the counting of write-in votes for local elective office. In November of 2023, the city adopted Resolution No. 23-22 which only requires that write-in votes for an individual candidate will only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write in votes for a ballot candidate.

Because this was not the case, the election judges were not required to tally the write-in votes.

Statistics

City of Sunfish Lake 7:00 am Registered Voters	427
Election Day In-Person Voting	215
Absentee/Early Voting	120
Total Voting	335

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 26-10

SUNFISH LAKE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 5495 S ROBERT TRAIL
November 10, 2026
7:00 P.M.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

5. **Consent Agenda**:

   Items on the consent agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be approved by one motion. If a councilmember requests additional information or wants to make a comment on an item, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. Items removed from the consent agenda will be taken up as the next order of business.

   a. Minutes of Regular Meeting held October 13, 2026
   b. List of Payments and Monthly Financial Statements
   c. Building Permit Report
   d. City Forester Report
   e. Public Safety Report
   f. Engineer's Report
   g. Planner's Report
   h. 2027 Community Waste Abatement Grant Agreement
   i. Agreement with Minnesota Land Trust for Musser Park Restoration Project

6. **Comments from the Public**

7. **Presentations**

8. **Planning Commission Items**

9. **New/Other Business**

   a. Canvass Votes of November 3, 2026, General Election
   b. Discussion of Nonconforming Code Intent

10. **Adjourn**

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STATISTICS

	TOTAL	Absentee	Election Day
Registered Voters - Total	427		
Ballots Cast - Total	335	120	215
Voter Turnout - Total	78.45%		

Mayor City of Sunfish Lake

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Absentee	Election Day
Shannon Nelson	261	93.21%	96	165
Write-In Totals	19	6.79%	3	16
Total Votes Cast	280	100.00%	99	181

Council Member Sunfish Lake

Vote For 2

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Absentee	Election Day
Claire Noble	238	51.85%	84	154
Thomas P Hurley	211	45.97%	85	126
Write-In Totals	10	2.18%	0	10
Total Votes Cast	459	100.00%	169	290

Special Election for Council Member Sunfish Lake

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Absentee	Election Day
Sally English	180	62.28%	63	117
Grant Fitzer	107	37.02%	40	67
Write-In Totals	2	0.69%	0	2
Total Votes Cast	289	100.00%	103	186