



**City Council Special Meeting  
September 11, 2025, at 6 p.m.  
Sturgeon Lake City Hall**

The following council members were present at the hall: Mayor Scott Helfman, Councilmember Todd Booker, Councilmember Nick Dagel, and Councilmember Ken Grey

The following council members were absent: Councilmember Mark Noyes

The following city employees were present at the hall: City Clerk/Treasurer Sandra Osterdyk

The following city staff members were absent: none

Members of the public who had been present: Sandy Schumann, Dean Weske, LaTasha LaPierre, and Seth Hartman

**Call to order:** Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Helfman called the City Council Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Special Guests and Visitor Comments**

Dean Weske from Northern Pine Riders asked why they had not been called to the meeting before the decision to have their gambling premises permit removed at the Sturgeon Lake Pizza Pub. Sandy Schumann with Northern Pine Riders explained that they knew this would be a low-performing site as it was not a bar but a restaurant that did more takeout and delivery. The council was informed that the restaurant gets a percentage off the gross sales.

Tasha LaPierre with the Moose Lake Area Hockey Association was present, as they submitted their Premises Permit for Lawful Gambling Activity at the Sturgeon Lake Pizza Pub. The 10 % to the city is removed for one year and will be revisited at that time to determine if the percentage will be applied.

Councilmember T. Booker made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2025-20, A Resolution Approving A Premises Permit for Lawful Gambling Activity, allowing the Moose Lake Area Hockey Association to be at the Sturgeon Lake Pizza Pub, seconded by Councilmember N. Dagel. The motion carried, with all members present voting in favor on a roll call vote. The motion was carried out with all members voting in favor, with Councilmember M. Noyes absent.

**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)**

The council discussed the Letter of Warning (LOW) responses from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Council was in agreement with responses and email will be sent.

There are two pieces of land for sale near the wastewater treatment ponds that might be something to consider for expansion.

**2026 Budget**

This will be discussed at the September 16, 2025, meeting, as other priorities took priority this week. A new computer for the City Clerk/Treasurer to use for Banyon Billing has been installed at City Hall. Councilmember N. Dagel mentioned checking other software companies, such as Caselle.

**Announcements**

- Special Assessment Public Hearing / City Council Meeting, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm
- Community Pet Wellness Clinic, September 17, 2025, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- City Hall Closures:
  - October 13, 2025, in observance of Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

- City Council Meeting, October 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm

### Adjournment

Councilmember K. Grey motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember N. Dagele. The motion was carried out, with all members present voting in favor and Councilmember M. Noyers absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sandra Osterdyk  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Sturgeon Lake

  
Scott Helfman  
Mayor  
City of Sturgeon Lake