

**City of West St. Paul  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
March 23, 2026**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Napier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Dave Napier  
Councilmembers Wendy Berry, Lisa Eng-Sarne, Robyn Gulley and John Justen

Absent: Councilmembers Doug Fromm, Pat Armon

Others Present: City Manager Nate Burkett  
City Attorney Pam Whitmore  
Assistant City Manager Dan Nowicki  
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon  
Community Development Director Ben Boike  
Parks, Recreation, Environment, and Sustainability Director Eric Weiss

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Adopt the Agenda**

Motion was made by Councilmember Gulley and seconded by Councilmember Berry to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Vote: 4 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

**5. OCWS Briefing**

Open Council Work Session held March 23, 2026 at 5:45 PM:

1. Sign Redesign Presentation
2. Pool Renovation Presentation

**6. Community Comments – In Person**

- Tanya Walter – Spoke on opposition to city’s contract with Flock.
- Mike Macintosh – Spoke in support of the city adding a dog park.
- Tara Wright - Ward 2 – Owner of Amore – Asked a question regarding the Red Lake cannabis retail.

**7. Community Comments – Phone Line**

- No one called in to address the council.

## **8. Council Comments**

Mayor and Councilmembers addressed the public on various topics.

This is City Clerk Tillander's last meeting. Council and staff had kind words and gratitude for her time in West St. Paul. Thank you for your service to the City, Nicole!

## **9. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions**

- A. Recognize Officer Murphy's Resignation and Declare K-9 Surplus and Authorize Sale to Officer Murphy.

Chief Sturgeon presented the item thanking Officer Murphy and K9 Officer Cecil for their service and explained that retraining Cecil with a new handle would not be worth the cost. Chief Sturgeon asked council to declare Cecil surplus and to sell him for \$1 to Officer Murphy.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Berry

Vote: 4 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

- B. Proclaiming April 1, 2026 as April Pool's Day

## **10. Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Councilmember Justen and seconded by Councilmember Berry to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as presented:

- A. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2026 and March 9, 2026
- B. City Business Licensing
- C. Donations to the City
- D. List of Claims for March 23, 2026
- E. Acting City Clerk Designation
- F. Approve Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration for a Safe Streets for All Grant
- G. Approve Contract for Asphalt Rejuvenator
- H. Consultant Contract Amendment for the Emerson Avenue Improvement and Mina Alley Reconstruction Projects 26-1 and 26-2
- I. Metropolitan Council 2023 State Bond Fund Municipal Inflow and Infiltration Grant
- J. Award Bid for the Sports Complex Pavilion Concrete Renovation Project
- K. School Resource Officer Agreement with ISD 197

Vote: 4 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **11. Public Hearings**

## **12. General Business**

### **A. WSP Baseball Concession Stand Use Agreement**

City Manager Burkett presented the background with the City Council. Mayor Napier asked representatives from both organizations for information and discussion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Gulley to approve the agreement with Two Rivers running the concession stand during the disputed tournament weekend.

Vote: 4 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried

### **B. Conditional Use Permit to Allow an On-Sale Liquor Establishment and Outdoor Seating at 963 Robert St. S.**

Community Development Director Boike presented the new businesses' proposal. The business owner presented her vision and excitement to open in West St. Paul. Mayor Napier and the City Council as well as business owner Tara Wright shared their excitement for the project.

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Gulley to approve the CUP as presented with one additional line from the City Attorney.

Vote: 4 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried

### **C. First Reading - Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 115 Regarding Limit on Cannabis Retailers**

Assistant City Manager Dan Nowicki presented the first reading of an ordinance amending the City Code Chapter 115 to include tribal cannabis dispensaries in the city's registration maximum.

Motion was made by Councilmember Justen and seconded by Councilmember Berry to approve the first reading of an ordinance as presented.

Vote: 4 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried

## **13. Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Justen to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

David J. Napier  
Mayor  
City of West St. Paul

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Nowicki  
Assistant City Manager  
City of West St. Paul