

City of Gem Lake
City Council Meeting – November 17, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Artig-Swomley, Bosak, Kuny, and Lindner were present. Others in attendance: City Engineer, Justin Gese; City Attorney Patrick Kelly, City Finance Director Tom Kelly, City Planning Commission Chair, Ben Johnson, residents/members of the community; Paul Emeott, Isaac Nelson, Joshua Patrick, Shawn Pehrson and Anthony Scornavacio.

November 17, 2015, Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Jim Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes

Councilmember Artig-Swomley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve the minutes for the October 20, 2015, City Council meeting, motion passed.

Committee Reports – Planning Commission

Ben Johnson, Planning Commission Chair, gave a brief overview of the November 1, 2015, planning commission meeting. Landmark Development of Minnesota/Hanson Builders attended the meeting and presented an informal concept for development of the Tom Hansen property located west of Daniels Farm Road and north of County Road E, in Gem Lake. It was noted that the no official documents have been submitted from Landmark/Hanson. The group did change their original concept that was informally presented at the City Council workshop on October 13, 2015, to suggest ¼-1/2 acre lots, 38 homes, homeowners association with private road with curbs and gutters. The group said they didn't do a market analysis prior to presenting to the City Council workshop and as a result of their market analysis the original concept changed.

Old Business

Newsletter ideas – goals and accomplishments for 2015, status of water project, information on the assessment hearing, deer hunt wrap up, winter parking, new senior complex in White Bear Lake, article on false alarms to be charged effective 1/1/2016 per ordinance #48, all rental properties will be required to obtain a license and inspection 1/1/2016 per ordinance #83.

Public Hearing

Tom Kelly, City Finance Director, presented the 2016 budget to the Council. Mayor Uzpen opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m., no public comments were made. Mayor Uzpen closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner and seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve Resolution 2015-25 City Budget for 2016, a voice vote was taken, all yes votes, motion passed.

Mr. Kelly will present at the December, 2015, City Council meeting a summary on City reserves.

New Business

Anthony Scornavacco, Deer Hunting Permit

Dates requested – November 20, 21, 22, and December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 2015. One hunter, Rick Kohler, shooting from one deer stand near the lake. Councilmember Artig-Swomley requested Mr. Scornavacco write an article for the January, 2016, newsletter summarizing the deer hunts on his property. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosak, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the deer hunt. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-24 – S.E.H. to manage the construction of phases 1 and 2 of the water project

Councilmember Artig-Swomley made a motion seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve Resolution 2015-24 – S.E.H. to manage the construction of phases 1 and 2 of the water project. A voice vote was taken, all yes, motion passed.

S.E.H. estimate for sewer installation for Otter Lake Road, the private drive and part of Scheuneman

Justin Gese, S.E.H. requested clarification on the scope of the project and will be sending Mr. Gese an email to Mayor Uzpen with additional questions. A report will be given at the December 15, 2015, City Council meeting.

James Johanning, 3880 Scheuneman Road, update – plan for action for sanitary sewer hook-up

Mr. Johanning was not present to report. Item was tabled for the December 15, 2015, City Council meeting.

Update on Water Contract with White Bear Lake

The water contract is in process. Will be a general contract with a maintenance contract added at later date. It is anticipated that the contract will be approved at the next City of White Bear Lake City Council meeting.

Claims for November, 2015

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve the claims for November, 2015. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial Reports

Accepted.

Presentations from Public

The old Town Hall will be moved Friday night, November 20, 2015, at midnight to the Polar Lakes Park in White Bear Township. The route will be down the south side of Highway 61, west to Highway 96, and north to White Bear Parkway. It is anticipated that the move will take 2 – 3 hours.

Additional items from the City Council

Councilmember Artig-Swomley will not be able to attend the Special City Council meeting that will take place on Thursday, November 19, 2015. A request was made by Mayor Uzpen to see if S.E.H. would be available to complete the 2018 comprehensive plan. Mr. Gese will inquire.

Future Council Meetings

Next workshop scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2015, has been cancelled. A special meeting of the Gem Lake City Council will take place on Thursday, November 19, 2015. The next regular City Council meeting will take place on December 15th, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Being there no further business, following a motion by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, Mayor Uzpen adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Tessier