

City of Gem Lake City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Gem Lake City Hall, 4200 Otter Lake Road, Gem Lake, Minnesota

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Artig-Swomley, Bosak, Kuny and Lindner were present. Others in attendance: Dick Gunderson Jr., Gunderson Construction.

January 20, 2015, Agenda

Mayor Uzpen called for acceptance of January 20, 2015, City Council agenda. Motion made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Bosak. The agenda was approved by 5-0 vote.

December City Council meeting minutes

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner, December City Council meeting minutes were approved 5-0 with no corrections and/or additions.

Committee reports

No Committee reports. The Planning Commission did meet in January, however no quorum was present.

Old Business

Newsletter - Councilmember Artig-Swomley anticipates having Gem Lake News done by the middle of next week. Feature article will be newly hired file clerk/receptionist, Ms. Gloria Tessier. Additional items for the newsletter, Hillary Farm build out, Water Feasibility Study, liquor license approvals and City of Gem Lake goals. An article was to be written about the death of a Gem Lake residents' son, however the family doesn't feel ready to address it at this time. Councilmember Lindner recently attended an open house on the Rush Line Corridor and agreed to write a summary of the meeting for the newsletter. Councilmember Artig-Swomley asked Councilmember Lindner to provide an update on the power line installation for the newsletter. Councilmember Lindner agreed.

Councilmember Artig-Swomley on behalf of the City Council, thanked Councilmember Lindner for his past minute taking for the City Council. Future minutes will be done by Ms. Tessier.

In light of Councilmember Lindner's attendance at the Rush Line Corridor, Mayor Uzpen asked City Clerk William Short if the City of Gem Lake should be drafting an ordinance in regards to transportation. It was agreed that Mayor Uzpen will check with the City Attorney in regard to an ordinance.

Public Hearing

None

New Business

Resolution 2015-01. Mayor Uzpen introduced Resolution 2015-01, Councilmember Lindner approved, Councilmember Bosak seconded. 5-0, motion passed.

Gem Lake Notice

Councilmember Lindner received a post card in the mail to join Gem Lake on line. He inquired if other City Council members had received a postcard. Councilmember Kuny said she has been a member of Gem Lake on line for about a year. She has received emails that come to members in regard to lost dog, break-ins, etc. She said people do use this service. Councilmember Artig-Swomley inquired about receiving daily/monthly crime stats, why Council members weren't receiving them anymore. Mayor Uzpen said that the previous clerk Kiki Sonnen was an employee of Ramsey County Sheriff's Department and that information came from her connection with the Sheriff's Department. Ms. Tessier agreed to contact the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department to request daily/monthly crime stats be emailed to City Council members.

Claims for January, 2015

Upon motion by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Bosak, claims were approved for January, 2015.

Monthly Financials

Monthly Financial Reports were approved.

Presentations from the Public

Dick Gunderson with Gunderson Construction was present representing the remodel of the Barnett Kia building however no presentation was made.

Open Items

Mayor Uzpen stated that there was no action taken at the January Planning Commission meeting in because no quorum was present. The Planning Commission was to discuss a non-conforming use permit at the Barnett Kia building. Because no quorum was present a request was made to have the Planning Commission meet again in January to revisit the permit, the Planning Commission agreed and the meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the special Planning Commission

meeting, it was requested that the Gem Lake City Council have a special meeting in January to vote on the non-conforming use permit. Discussion between Councilmembers took place and they agreed to have the special City Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 28th, 7:00 p.m. at the Gem Lake Heritage Hall, noting that Mayor Uzpen would be on vacation and not available to attend. A notice of the Special City Council meeting will be created by Mayor Uzpen tomorrow, Wednesday, January 21, and posted on the meeting announcement bulletin board outside of City Hall. It was noted that the special City Council meeting would take place under the assumption that the non-conforming use permit was passed by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Uzpen will send an email to Planning Commissioner Chair Johnson asking him to update the City Council on the Planning Commission's recommendation after the meeting Wednesday, January 21.

Mr. Gunderson thanked the City Councilmembers for their appreciation.

Councilmember Artig-Swomley asked about statistics on recycling in Gem Lake from Waste Management. She would like to add the stats to the newsletter. Ms. Tessier stated that she would obtain the report from Waste Management for Councilmember Artig-Swomley.

Future Council Meetings

Workshop meeting – February 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Special City Council Meeting, Wednesday, 28th, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business upon motion by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Kuny, Mayor Uzpen adjourned the adjourned at 7:34 p.m.