

**City of Gem Lake
Planning Commission Meeting – February 14, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Planning Commission Chair Joshua Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission Members Don Cummings and Art Pratt were present. Not present were Commission Members Stephanie Farrell and Derek Wippich. Also present: City Attorney Kevin Beck, City Planner Evan Monson and Acting City Clerk Melissa Lawrence.

February 14, 2023 Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt to accept the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Cummings. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, motion passes, agenda accepted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve the November 9, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting minutes. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, motion passes, minutes are approved.

Public Hearings

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion of Nuisance Ordinance No. 86

The Planning Commission discussed the current Nuisance Ordinance and compared them to the Nuisance Ordinances from neighboring cities and towns. After reviewing other Ordinances, the Planning Commission got ideas of topics and language to consider to help improve the current Gem Lake Ordinance.

City Attorney Kevin Beck gave some input on the discussion and thinks that the City should look at adding more to the city's abatement process. Mr. Beck suggested that the Commission look at White Bear Townships because the City uses Mike Johnson as our Building official.

Some next steps the Commission plans to take are to identify language to include and weave in the abatement process. At the March 14, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Commissioner Chair asked the other members to bring in suggestions. This could mean anything from separating items in to different ordinances or adding language that refers to other ordinances such as the Land Use Ordinance.

Future Meetings

City Council Meeting, Tuesday, February, 21 2023 at Heritage Hall, and Planning Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Heritage Hall.

Attendance Inquiry

Commissioner Chair Patrick surveyed the Commission to see if any of the members would have any issues attending the March 14, 2023 meeting. At this time those in attendance will be at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Being there no further business, following a motion from Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Lawrence