

**City of Gem Lake**  
**Planning Commission Meeting – May 9, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Planning Commission Chair Joshua Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Commission Members Don Cummings, Stephanie Farrell, Derek Wippich and Art Pratt were present. Also present: City Attorney Kevin Beck, City Planner Evan Monson, Acting City Clerk Melissa Lawrence, Residents Rick Bosak, Erin Florin, Tom Bolting and Cindy Scruggs.

**May 9, 2023 Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt to approve the April 11, 2023, Planning Commission Meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Farrell. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, motion passes, minutes are approved.

**Public Hearings**

None

**Old Business**

**Discussion of Nuisance Ordinance No. 86**

City Planner Evan Monson shared with the Commission his draft of recommended revisions and additions to the current Nuisance Ordinance. The Commission reviewed the revisions and additions and felt as though it was a great start and that it is moving the right direction. Mr. Monson pointed out specific parts of the Nuisance Ordinance that could work as standalone Ordinances such as the sections on Meth Labs and traffic. New abatement language was also added to the end of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Wippich felt that the sections describing unauthorized intoxicating liquor or gambling could be explained and made clearer.

Commissioner Cummings would like to see something where it limits where vehicles are allowed to be parked, such as on any type of impervious surface and not the yard. He would also like to see language that can reference other Ordinances so the same information isn't being posted twice and can stay more consistent.

The Commission also wondered if the term "dangerous" should be defined because dangerous can mean different things to different people.

City Planner Evan Monson has got an idea of additional revisions that should be made and will have something for the next meeting for review again. The Commission is happy with the progress and feels that it is moving in the right direction.

**New Business**

None

**Open Items for Commission Members to Bring Up**

None

**Future Meetings**

City Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at Heritage Hall, and Planning Commission Meeting, Tuesday, June 12, 2023 at Heritage Hall.

Commission Chair Patrick shared that he will not be able to attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 16 as he has prior engagements. Commissioner Cummings said that he may attend and can give the Council an update.

**Attendance Inquiry**

Commissioner Chair Patrick surveyed the Commission to see if any of the members would have any issues attending the June 13, 2023 meeting. At this time Commissioner Pratt is the only one that may not be in attendance.

**Adjournment**

Being there no further business, following a motion from Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Melissa Lawrence*