

City of Gem Lake
City Council Meeting – August 15, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Artig-Swomley, Kuny and Lindner were present. Others in attendance: Ben Johnson, Planning Commission Chair, Lenore Bolfig, Anna Bosak, Len Cacioppo, Paul Emeott, Giorgi Gochitashvili, Cal Johnson, George Jungmann, Isaac Nelson, Joshua Patrick, Richard and Roberta Pientka, Carol Schacht, Anthony Scornavacco.

August 15, 2017, Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve the agenda for August 15, 2017, motion passed. Agenda approved.

Minutes

Councilmember Lindner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the minutes for July 18, 2017, motion passed. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports

Ben Johnson, Planning Commission chair reported on the consolidated land use ordinance.

Old Business

Newsletter ideas –Profile on new planning commission member Len Cacioppo, Dan Marier retirement from Planning Commission, Rick Bosak retirement from the City Council, data on recycling, buffers in city zones and how they came to be, VLAWMO buffers, information soliciting volunteers for the planning commission and city council, progress on the land use ordinance, history of the split rail fence, new meeting guidelines and comp plan requirements. Next edition mid September.

New Business

White Bear Lake Food Shelf Overview – Anna Bosak

Ms. Bosak gave an overview on the White Bear Lake Food Shelf and thanked the City of Gem Lake for their continued support. In 2016 the food shelf served over 3,500 individuals. 57% were children. An average client seeks assistance from the food shelf five times a year. Anyone living in the White Bear Lake area can use the food shelf. Currently they are accepting excess produce from the public. Staple items are always welcome.

Resignation of Rick Bosak’s City Councilmember

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to accept the resignation of Councilmember Bosak. The council and Mayor thanked Mr. Bosak for his 20 plus years of service.

Resolution 2017-10 – Replot of 1581 East County Road E

1581 East County Road E and 1577 East County Road E are one in the same property. The property owner wishes to move 26 feet from 1577 East County Road E to 1581 East County Road E to provide access to each properties. A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve Resolution 2017-10, 1581 East County Road E with one change to the Resolution, instead of 22 feet it should read 26 feet, motion passed. Resolution approved.

Deer Hunting Permit, 7 Daniels Farm Road, Anthony Scornavacco

Mr. Scornavacco asked the council if the members of the hunting party could introduce themselves and state their qualifications. Introductions were made and noted. A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Kuny to approve the request for archery deer hunting on October 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, motion passed. Hunt approved. Councilmember Artig-Swomley reminded the Mr. Scornavacco of the reporting forms that need to be filed with the city at the completion of the hunt.

Approval of Northwest Associated Consultant, Inc. Contract to complete the 2018 Comp Plan

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve the contract with Northwest Associated Consultant, Inc. to assist the City of Gem Lake with the completion of the 2018 comprehensive plan. Motion passed. Contract approved.

Claims for the month of August, 2017

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the claims for August, 2017. Motion passed. Claims approved.

Monthly Financial Reports

Approved. Council agreed to make a \$1,000 donation to the White Bear Lake Food Shelf and \$1000 donation to the Meals on Wheels program from the charitable gambling fund. Noted that charitable gambling funds can only be utilized for charitable donations.

Presentations from the Public

Richard Pientka, question-previous proposal for development on County Road E, Roberta Pientka, question-deer hunting, Cal Johnson, question-previous proposed development on County Road E, clarification \$200 tax increase associated with proposal, Gloria Tessier, question addressed to George Jungmann, signs on his vehicle, Carol Schacht, question-Northwest Associated Consultant contract.

Next Meetings

City of Gem Lake Workshop for Monday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. Next City Council meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Being there no further business, following a motion by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Kuny, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Tessier