

**City of Gem Lake
City Council Meeting – February 21, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Councilmembers Artig-Swomley, Bosak, Kuny and Lindner were present. Others in attendance: City Attorney Patrick Kelly and Paul Emeott.

February 21, 2017, Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the agenda for February 21, 2017, motion passed. Agenda approved.

Minutes

Councilmember Bosak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the minutes for January 17, 2017, motion passed. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

Newsletter ideas – comp plan, police protection, coyotes – living with coyotes, deer feeding.

Public Hearing

None

New Business

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve the Liability Coverage Waiver – Waiver of Torts Limits. Motion passed.

Discussion/Decision to Move Police Protection to the White Bear Lake Police Department

The council discussed discontinuation of police protection from the Ramsey County Sheriff effective December 31, 2017. Budget for protection from Ramsey County Sheriff increased 18% for 2018 and will continue to rise. Both departments are in the top five rankings for public safety services. Costs for police protection would decrease by \$20,000 to the City by contracting for police services with White Bear Lake Police Department. A motion was made to discontinue police services with Ramsey County by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Kuny, voice vote was taken. Mayor Uzpen, Councilmember Artig-Swomley, Councilmember Bosak, Councilmember Kuny yes votes. Councilmember Lindner vote no. Motion passed. Mayor Uzpen directed Attorney Kelly to draft a letter to Ramsey County and the contracted cities as outlined in the Ramsey County Sheriff contract and clarification of contract expectations with White Bear Lake Police Department.

Claims for February, 2017

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

Monthly Financial Reports

Approved.

Comp Plan Update

Council discussed progress on the comp plan. Councilmember Lindner distributed proposed zoning maps. Councilmember Artig-Swomley asked about the status of the pocket park on Goose Lake road. Nothing further has developed.

Next Meetings

City of Gem Lake Workshop, Monday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. Next City Council meeting, Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Being there no further business, following a motion by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Bosak, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Tessier