

City of Gem Lake
City Council Meeting – January 16, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Artig-Swomley, Linder and Kuny were present. Others in attendance: City Engineer Justin Gese, S.E.H., Greg Anderson, S.E.H., City Attorney Patrick Kelly, Paulina Barcnas, Jennifer and Jasmine Barrett, Janeen Beroon, Tom Bolfig, Rick Bosak, Kenna Bunde, Len Cacioppo, Pete Cremin, Lylah Dixon, Kathi Donahue, Mica DuBois, Andrew Eastman, Paul Emeott, Mike Greenbaum, Mari Gutierrez, Isabel and Windy Her, Sylvia Hutt, Audrey Kirschling, Gordon Kordosky, Yajaira Lunsigror, Jack Mayeron, Dan Neri, Rich Nordstrom, Daniel Osterkamp, Vanesa Perez, Roberta Pienkta, Kathy Rafferty, Jackson, Rush, Callus C. Serero and Eva Sharot.

January 16, 2018, Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the agenda for January 16, 2018, motion passed. Agenda approved.

Minutes

Councilmember Artig-Swomley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve the minutes for December 19, 2017, motion passed. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports

No Planning Commission meeting took place in January.

Newsletter

Transition to White Bear Police, Mayor year in review, meeting guidelines, appeal for volunteers on planning commission and city council, new art gallery in the business district, issue out early next week, comp plan and new business follow up.

New Business

Feasibility Report/Scheuneman Road (business district) Project – Greg Anderson, S.E.H.

Mr. Anderson gave an overview of the Scheuneman Road project. A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to open the public hearing. Motion passed, the public hearing was opened at 7:20 p.m. Daniel Osterkamp, Summit Mini Storage, \$850,000 cost of the project, how many parcels will share the cost of the project? Mr. Anderson – 10 parcels. Mike Greenbaum, NewTrax, inquired about the length of the assessment, stated New Trax property lines have a discrepancy, are smaller than what is stated. Mr. Anderson will follow up on the discrepancy. Mr. Greenbaum stated he didn't have an objection to the project but needed to know numbers before, \$250,000 is a significant number for a non-profit. G & A Colortech: How long will the project be? Mr. Anderson, 3 – 4 months, access would be provided for during the construction period. G & A Colortech: Would the street be closed? Mr. Anderson: The street would be closed for a periods of times, curbs will have to be done in pieces which will take more time. A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to close the public hearing. Motion passed, public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m. Council briefly discussed the project. Project will help with storm water, will use existing gravel, new curbs will be done in pieces, project will take longer

because of that, will help better define driveway and edges for snow plow, road will be have a 20 year life, currently a 9 ton weight limit and will continue. A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to accept the feasibility report, resolution and move forward on the project. Voice vote taken, all yes. 4 – 0. Passes.

William Short – City Clerk

Mr. Short has served as the city clerk for Gem Lake since 2007. He provided an overview of the statutory duties of the city clerk. In the last couple of years his involvement has decreased, in 2017, 12.5 hours were spent on city clerk duties for Gem Lake. He explained that this small amount of involvement is not consistent with the statutory role. Mr. Short offered the council three suggestions in regard to the city clerk position. The Council decided to continue discussion at the February, 2018, City Council meeting.

2018-01 Appointment for 2018

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the 2018 appointments and leave the city clerk position blank to be discussed at the February City Council meeting. Motion passed. 2018 Appointments approved.

Liquor License Approval for 2018

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the liquor license for Black Sea Restaurant, motion approved. A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the liquor, on sale, Sunday, charitable gambling and tobacco for the Country Lounge. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilmember Linder, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the liquor license for Gem Lake Golf Course, motion passed.

Claims for the month of January, 2018

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the claims for January, 2018. Motion passed. Claims approved.

Monthly Financial Reports

Approved.

January 23, Information meeting

There will be an informational meeting on January 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m., 4200 Otter Lake Road, on the Villas at Gem Lake. Meeting will be in the same format as a workshop.

Discussion to Consolidate with White Bear Lake

No interest at this time, council decided to do a survey later this summer. A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to drop the matter for now, motion passes.

Presentations from the Public

Tom Bofling read a letter from Carol Schacht regarding consolidation.

Open Items for the Councilmembers

Councilmember Artig-Swomley received a phone call from the suburban cable channel to be interviewed. The interview is open to any councilmembers who wish to participate.

Next Meetings

February 12, Workshop cancelled, Next City Council meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Being there no further business, following a motion by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Gloria Tessier.