

**City of Gem Lake
City Council Meeting – May 16, 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: City Attorney Patrick Kelly, Emily Bruesehoff, Lauren Hazard, Paul Emeott, Todd Hagen, Ehlers and Associates, Planning Commissioner Chair Ben Johnson, George Jungmann, City Finance Director Tom Kelly and Justin Short.

May 16, 2017, Agenda

New Business – addition to Agenda, VLAWMO Technical Board

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to add VLAWMO Technical Board appointment to the agenda. Motion passed, Agenda modified.

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve the agenda for May 16, 2017, motion passed. Agenda approved.

Minutes

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

Committee Reports

Planning Committee had no items on their agenda for May, meeting was cancelled.

Old Business

Newsletter ideas – land use ordinance, comp plan, public hearing, hot dog with a deputy, Derek Wippich, billing, dog licenses.

Public Hearing

None

New Business

Conditional Use Permit – Justin Short, 3614 Big Fox Road

A clarification of the Ramsey County right of way was discussed. A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the conditional use permit subject to conditions 1 – 9 listed on page 2 of the conditional use permit. Motion approved.

3660 Scheuneman Road

Attorney Kelly is working with the Attorney Joseph Borer who has been retained by the executor of the estate of Harry Miller on verification of property title. An administrative warrant will be retained to gain access to the property once ownership has been verified.

Update on Land Use Ordinance

Councilmember Lindner updated the council on the land use ordinance. Mr. Johnson is doing the final edits. The ordinance is scheduled for a public hearing at the June 6th, 2017, Planning Commission meeting.

Update on the purchase of Tom Hansen's field

A draft purchase agreement is in the process of being reviewed. The city will be issuing general obligation tax abatement bonds (15 year) to finance the park portion of the land. 10 acres will be put up for sale, developers will be solicited, and proceeds of the sale will pay off the CD for the park land. Water and sewer will be thru Vadnais Heights. The city engineer is verifying interface thru Daniels Farm Road. The purchase agreement will go thru the Planning Commission.

A motion was made and seconded to a conditional approval to purchase the 18 acres subject to Planning Commission approval. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve Resolution No. 2017-03, calling public hearing on a proposed property tax abatement. Motion was approved.

Claims for May, 2017

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

Monthly Financial Reports

Approved.

VLAWMO Appointment

Councilmember Lindner has been serving on the VLAWMO technical committee for a number of years and recently was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for VLAWMO. This leaves a vacancy on the VLAWMO technical committee. Gloria Tessier has volunteered to serve on the VLAWMO technical committee. Council approved Ms. Tessier's appointment to the VLAWMO technical committee.

Presentations by the Public

George Jungmann inquired as to when the street sweeping would take place. The city is scheduled for sweeping for April/May. Paul Emeott inquired about the land purchase, the revision of the comp plan to add a park, access to Daniels Farm Road and if the taxpayers will see an increase in property taxes.

Open Items for the Councilmembers to bring up

Councilmember Lindner inquired about density, zoning and clear access to Daniels Farm Road. Councilmember Artig-Swomley recently completed the CERT training thru the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department.

Next Meetings

City of Gem Lake Workshop for Monday, June 12, cancelled. Next City Council meeting, Tuesday, June 20, 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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Tessier