

City of Gem Lake
City Council Meeting – Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Artig-Swomley, Bosak, and Lindner were present. Councilmember Kuny was excused. Others in attendance: City Engineer, Justin Gese; City Attorney Patrick Kelly, residents/members of the community; Shawn Pehrson, James Johanning, Emma Staff and Corinne Watson.

October 20, 2015, Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Jim Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes

Councilmember Artig-Swomley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve the minutes for the September 15, 2015, City Council meeting, motion passed.

Old Business

Newsletter ideas – status of water project, information on the assessment hearing, possible new resident, article on false alarms to be charged effective 1/1/2016 per ordinance #48 , all rental properties will be required to obtain a license and inspection 1/1/2016 per ordinance #83 – to be written by Gloria Tessier.

Public Hearing

None

New Business

Resolution 2015-16 – Delinquent Sewer bills – A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve Resolution 2015-16. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-17 – Delinquent Septic bills – A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner, to approve Resolution 2016-17. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-18 – Delinquent Fire Inspection bills – A motion was made by Councilmember Bosak, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve Resolution 2016-18. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-19 – Score Grant – A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve Resolution 2016-19. Voice vote taken- 4-0. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-20 Approve and Accept Construction Bids. Bid was awarded to Dave Perkins Contracting, Inc. lowest responsible bidder. A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve Resolution 2015-21, seconded by Councilmember Bosak. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-21 – Snow Plowing Contract. Contract is the same as last year. A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve Resolution 2015-21. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-22 – Order Preparation and Assessment. Wording was added to the Resolution. #2. Assessment shall be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of **10** years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January, **2016**, and shall bear interest at the rate of **2.75** percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution. Note – no bond, will self-fund. A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to pass Resolution 2015-22. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-23 - Order Assessment Hearing. Wording was added to the Resolution. #3. The owner of any property so assessed may, at any time prior to the certification of the assessment to the county auditor, pay the whole of the assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the **City of Gem Lake**, except that no interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid within 30 days from the adoption of the assessment. An owner may at any time thereafter, pay to the **City of Gem Lake** the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year. A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to pass Resolution 2015-23. Motion passed.

James Johanning, 3880 Scheuneman Road, update – plan for action for sanitary sewer hookup. Mr. Johanning briefed the City Council on the status of disclosure on his purchase agreement in regard to sanitary sewer hookup. The matter is set to be heard on November 9th in court. Mr. Johanning was invited back to the November 17, City Council meeting to update the Council.

Shawn Pehrson, 4140 Otter Lake Road, update action plan for septic system. At the July 21, 2015, City Council meeting Mr. Pehrson was invited to update the council on his plan of action on his septic system at 4140 Otter Lake Road. At that time the Council asked Mr. Pehrson to petition his neighbors on Otter Lake Road as to whether or not they would like sanitary sewer available for their properties. Mr. Pehrson was not able to garner enough signatures for sanitary sewer. A brief discussion took place, Council asked S. E. H. to do a proposal as to the costs for a preliminary feasibility study to have sanitary sewer go up Scheuneman Road, address the private road and ending at the intersection of Goose Lake and Otter Lake Road. Dennis Holman, 4160 Otter Lake Road, clarified that if sanitary sewer does become available he would hook up from Otter Lake Road and not from the private road behind his home.

Tony Scornavacco, 7 Daniels Farm Road, update –deer hunting on his property. Mr. Scornavacco was not able to attend to report.

Update on Water Contract with White Bear Lake

A Memorandum of Understanding is in process.

Claims for October, 2015

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the claims for October, 2015. Motion passed.

Development Discussion – next steps

Kevin Watson, City Administrator, City of Vadnais Heights is currently out of the office on a paternity leave. When Mr. Watson gets back he will contact Mayor Uzpen. A question was posed about the comp plan and the density level, if this aligns with the comp plan.

Additional items from the City Council

None

Next meeting – Tuesday, November 17th, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Being there no further business, following a motion by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Bosak, Mayor Uzpen adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Tessier