

City of Gem Lake Special City Council Meeting
Friday, June 3, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Heritage Hall, 4200 Otter Lake Road, Gem Lake

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Bosak, Kuny and Lindner were present. Councilmember Artig-Swomley was excused. Others in attendance: City Attorney; Pat Kelly; residents Beth Hansen, Tom Hansen and Susan Pratt. Matt Johnson, Landmark Development and Len Pratt, area business owner.

June 3, Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Public Hearing

None

New Business

Temporary Ordinance 127 Moratorium for Residential Development.

The City of Gem Lake has been working on updating a number of ordinances since February, 2016. The ordinances haven't been updated for 9-10 years and need to be completed and updated prior to the Comprehensive Plan update for 2018. Section 5 of Ordinance 127 allows for a variance. Section 4 states the terms of the Duration. Five local cities were consulted as to the duration of their moratorium and the moratorium duration was mirrored after those cities.

Councilmember Bosak inquired as to the status of the ordinance updates. Councilmember Lindner, a member of the group working on the ordinances, stated that they have made quite a bit of progress on the ordinances, with a meeting scheduled for next week and then an update to the City Council at the scheduled workshop on June 13, 2016.

Tom Hansen, inquired as to: who called the meeting, was the calling of the meeting following the appropriate notice, why the area in question was targeted, who would the moratorium serve and his current proposal for development would dissolve because of the ordinance.

Attorney Kelly responded in regard to the appropriate notice. Minnesota Statutes §13D.04, subd2. The clerk must also post written notice of the date, time, place and purpose of the special meeting on the principal bulletin board of the city. A principal bulletin board must be located in a place reasonably accessible to the public. If the city does not have a principal bulletin board, the notice must be posted on the door of its usual meeting room. Notice of special meetings must be posted at least three days before the date of the meeting.

In addition to posting, the city must also mail or deliver notice to each person who has filed a written request for notice of special meetings with the city. Notice to these individuals must be mailed or delivered at least three days before the meeting. As an alternative to mailing or delivering the notice, the city may publish the notice once in its official newspaper at least three days before the meeting. If there is no city newspaper, notice must be published in a qualified newspaper of general circulation that covers the city. The official notice was in the weekly White Bear Press.

No further discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve Temporary Ordinance 127, a voice vote was taken, Councilmember Bosak, opposed, Mayor Uzpen abstained, Councilmember Kuny, yea, Councilmember Lindner, yea. Motion passed 2-1, with Mayor Uzpen abstaining.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Kuny to close the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Tessier