

Minutes of Gem Lake City Council meeting, January 21, 2014

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

Present: Mayor Uzpen, Council members Lindner, Artig-Swomley, and Bosak. Absent: Council member Kuny. Also present were several attendees per attached sign-in sheet.

January agenda

Mayor Uzpen asked for additions to the amended January agenda. Upon hearing no new additions, motion by Bosak seconded by Artig-Swomley to approve agenda, the council voted 4-0 to approve tonight's agenda.

December City Council minutes

Upon motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Bosak the council voted to approve December, 2013 minutes with minor spelling corrections 4-0.

Old business

City newsletter for January, 2014. Potential topics included current events, 2013 accomplishments, and outcomes from tonight's meeting.

Public Hearing

Mayor Uzpen gave a brief history of Four Season's Auto from the time it received its Conditional Use Permits (CUP) through several instances of violations to the CUP between 2010 and 2013.

Mayor Uzpen opened the hearing at 7:16PM

Giorgi Gochitashvili, owner, Vera Auto Sales, 1577 County Road E (business address) confirmed Mayor Uzpen's conversation with Dennis Newcomb and said Four Season's Auto lease is month to month. He recommended the city council do not revoke Four Season's CUP because in his opinion Four Season's would be relocating in a few months.

Mayor Uzpen closed the public hearing at 7:18PM.

General council discussion on Four Season's Auto. Council member Bosak moved to table final decision on Four Season's Auto until February city council meeting. Seconded by Artig-Swomley. Upon a vote of 2-2 the motion did not carry.

Council member Bosak then moved to approve Resolution 2014-04 with the following amendment to the effective date: "effective as of March 1, 2014." Lindner seconded. Upon a vote of 4-0 the council approved resolution 2014-04 with the effective date becoming March 1, 2014.

New business

Resolution 2014-01, 2014 city appointments motion by Lindner second by Artig-Swomley approved 4-0

Resolution 2014-02 to appoint Benjamin Johnson to Gem Lake Planning Commission chair motion by Lindner second by Artig-Swomley approved 4-0

Resolution 2014-03 to approve the contract for Putman Planning and Design Development Study motion by Artig-Swomley second by Bosak approved 4-0

Gem Lake Hills golf course on-sale and Sunday liquor licenses renewal motion by Bosak second by Lindner approved 4-0

Country Lounge on-sale and Sunday liquor licenses, tobacco license, and charitable gambling license renewals motion by Bosak second by Artig-Swomley approved 4-0

Café Cravings on-sale and Sunday liquor licenses renewals motion by Bosak second by Lindner approved 4-0

Mayor Uzpen spoke of Black Sea restaurant will apply for a beer license from Gem Lake and wine license from State of Minnesota and will be a February city council agenda item if all paperwork is completed in time.

January claims. Upon motion by Lindner and seconded by Bosak the council voted to approve the claims for January 4-0.

The monthly financial statement was unavailable.

Presentations from the public

Dennis Newcomb of Four Season's Auto disagrees that he was in violation of his CUP during his conversation with Mayor Uzpen in December, 2013. Note that Mr. Newcomb arrived at tonight's meeting at approximately 7:20 after the public hearing was closed.

Presentations from the council

Council member Artig-Swomley said she believes there are too many deer in Gem Lake, she added that she has nine on her property causing damage to landscaping. Mayor Uzpen explained the hunting process followed by a general discussion of deer and other animals residing within Gem Lake's borders.

Adjourn

There being no further business upon motion by Lindner and seconded by Bosak, Mayor Uzpen adjourned the meeting at 8:04PM