

Minutes of Gem Lake City Council meeting, March 18, 2014

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Uzpen, Council members Lindner, Artig-Swomley, Kuny, and Bosak. Also present were County Commissioner Blake Huffman, Danielle Vineski, and Elijah Muedeking from White Bear Lake Area High School.

March agenda

Mayor Uzpen asked for additions to the March agenda. Motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Bosak the agenda was approved 5-0.

February City Council minutes

Upon motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Bosak the February minutes were approved, with no corrections, 5-0.

Committee reports – none. There was a brief discussion to communicate to the Planning Commission the need for them to resume regular meetings.

Old business

City newsletter for March-April, 2014. Potential topics were discussed by the council including the moratorium extension, Marc Putman's planning, rain garden workshops offered through the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO), Commissioner Huffman's presentation, and general ordinance information.

New business

Commissioner Huffman updated the city council on five primary areas that the county is presently working on: public safety, helping those in need, private sector growth, spending controls, and infrastructure. He highlighted several public works road improvement projects slated for this year, and provided a county pothole reporting hotline. He also talked about projects involving the county and other agencies relating to Interstate 694 improvements and bridge work along Minnesota trunk highway 36 set to begin in 2015. Huffman then reviewed county development plans for the Twin City Army

Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) in Arden Hills that will feature residential, commercial, retail, and open space on the 427 acres of land. Finally he touched on improvements to the White Bear Area food shelf as a way to assist families in need, and expanding the county's tax base through the development outlined above. Huffman concluded by fielding questions and offering to host a tour of the site sometime this coming summer.

Resolution 2014-05 for wine sales at the Black Sea Restaurant. Upon a motion by Artig-Swomley and second by Bosak, the council approved resolution 2014-05 by a voice vote 5-0.

League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust 2014-2015 insurance package renewal. Upon a motion by Lindner and second by Artg-Swomley, the council voted 5-0 to "NOT WAIVE the monetary limits on municipal tort liability; and to authorize the Treasurer to submit the Liability Coverage Waiver Form indicating the Council's desire to NOT WAIVE the limits."

Resolution 2014-06 moratorium extension. Upon a motion by Artig-Swomley and second by Bosak, the council by voice vote of 5-0 to extend the moratorium on development and/or redevelopment of land east of US Highway 61 through June, 2014.

March claims. Upon motion by Lindner and seconded by Kuny the council voted to approve the claims for March 5-0.

Mayor Uzpen presented the March financial report.

Presentations from the public – none

Presentations from the council – none

Adjourn

There being no further business upon motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Bosak, Mayor Uzpen adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM