

Minutes of Gem Lake City Council meeting, August 19, 2014

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

Present: Mayor Uzpen, Council members Lindner, Artig-Swomley, Kuny, and Bosak. Others in attendance were Tom Rasmussen, David Gardner, Heidi Peper, Justin Gese, Tom Kelly, Patrick Kelly, Joel Holstad, Angie Gonzalez, and Alejandro Ruiz.

August agenda

Mayor Uzpen asked for additions to the August agenda. Motion by Lindner and seconded by Bosak the agenda was approved 5-0.

July City Council minutes

Upon motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Bosak the July minutes were approved, 5-0.

July Planning Commission minutes

Upon motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Bosak, the council voted to accept the July Planning Commission minutes, 5-0.

Committee reports – none

Old business

City newsletter for September-October, 2014. Several topics including Hilary Farm resident profiles, ordinance updates, the process for providing city water, the Montessori school, and email subscriptions to the city newsletter will be considered for inclusion in the next newsletter edition.

New business

Resolution 2014-10. There was general discussion on the wording of the proposed ordinance revision, particularly as it applies to those businesses currently operating in the Gateway District. Attorney Kelly added legal input into the discussion. Upon a motion by Bosak and seconded by Artig-Swomley, Resolution 2014-10 passed 5-0.

August claims. Upon motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Lindner the council voted to approve the claims for August 5-0.

Mayor Uzpen presented the August financial report and general discussion followed.

Discussion with Sheriff on Kiki's replacement. Mayor Uzpen informed the council that his discussion with the sheriff regarding Kiki's replacement were not successful. The sheriff will not provide a replacement nor will the sheriff's office agree to pay any rent for Gem Lake city hall. Mayor Uzpen said that a temporary receptionist will report to city hall this coming Monday morning and will be with us at

least through September. There was a brief discussion on possible benefits. The mayor will provide the council with copies of job descriptions he's obtained from the League of Minnesota Cities and this will be discussed at the council's September workshop.

Phase II environmental study, redevelopment grant, feasibility study. Heidi Peper from SEH explained the process and timelines involved with the Phase II environmental study and applying for a grant to help defray the costs of the study. She then talked about a redevelopment grant that could help cover some of the costs for supplying city water to the Hoffman's Corner redevelopment area. She next explained the need for a feasibility study as a requirement for the special assessment process. There are timeframes to complete each of these tasks as well as deadlines for grant applications. SEH will come to the September council meeting with a proposal for the feasibility study, which is in addition to the \$64K for the Phase II environmental study.

Presentations from the public – David Gardner approached the council to illustrate a discrepancy with the current comprehensive plan and land use map as they relate to his 2009 purchase of land commonly known as the "Murphy property," which he has set aside as a trust and a conservation easement. As such, this land cannot be developed and this needs to be reflected in the comprehensive plan and land use map. Upon a motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Bosak, the council voted 5-0 to revise, at a time when it's convenient to do so, language in the comprehensive plan and land use map acknowledging Gardner's land known as the "Murphy property" will not be developed. This parcel will be removed from the area defined as the Gateway District.

Joel Holstad, representing a title insurance company who's working on behalf of Mike Brass and Tom Hansen, approached the council to ask for what types of development they would prefer to see in the vacant parcel west of Daniels' Farm Road. The council explained that the area was known as the Neighborhood Edge part of the Gateway District and required that development be limited to residential uses.

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 8:37PM.