

**City of Gem Lake**  
**City Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 15, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Acting Mayor Artig-Swomley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Councilmembers Bosak, Kuny and Lindner were present. Mayor Uzpen was excused. Others in attendance: City Engineer, Justin Gese; City Attorney Patrick Kelly, Gem Lake Planning Commissioner, Beth Herzog, Ramsey County Sheriff Matt Bostrom, Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority representative, Andy Gitzlaff, residents/members of the community; Raleigh Birkebak, Tim Heil, Rick Kohler, Isaac Nelson, Joshua Patrick, Tony Scornavacco, Cindy Scruggs, and Amber Hom, Heather Landserde, representing Sanibel Dance Company.

**September 15, 2015, Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jim Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to adjust the agenda as follows, move Sheriff Bostrom to before the Committee Reports and noted that no public hearing with regard to the installation of city water in the Hoffman/Scheuneman Road business district would take place during the meeting. Motion passed.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve the minutes for the Special City Council meeting on August 13, 2015. Motion passed. Councilmember Lindner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve the minutes for the August 18, 2015, City Council meeting, motion passed.

**New Business**

Sheriff Matt Bostrom updated the council on accomplishments within the Sheriff's Department. Highlights were: Second Coffee with a Cop, incorporated to build community support, next meeting – October 7, 2:00 – 4:00, Caribou Coffee on 694/Rice Street; turn in prescription drug program, two community drug forums, advancements at the Detention Center; emailing to inmates, "Skype" like communication with inmates and an automated answering phone system, Fright Farm, 501c fund raiser that will take place at the Ramsey County Fair Grounds starting next month.

Justin Gese, S.E.H. gave a brief update on the water project. No changes since the last meeting. Councilmember Lindner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to authorize Resolution 2015-15, to approve the Hoffman/Scheuneman Road water plan with specifications and authorize advertisement for bids. Voice vote, all yea, motion passed.

Andy Gitzlaff, representing Ramsey County Regional Rail updated the Council on the Rush Line process. The project is in the predevelopment stage. Focusing on downtown St. Paul to Forest Lake. Community meetings will take September 22, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>. More information is available at [rushline.org](http://rushline.org) Councilmember Lindner made a motion to accept the Transit Study/Tier 2 documents, Councilmember Bosak seconded. Motion passed.

### **Committee Report – Planning Commission**

Beth Herzog, representing the Planning Commission presenting the findings of the Planning Commission meeting on September 1, 2015, with regard to Sanibel Dance. The commission's recommendation was that the dance portion of the business fit as a recreational activity as part of the ordinance and recommended that Sanibel Dance was considered a permitted use and not an interim use.

### **Old Business**

Newsletter ideas –Sheriff Bostrom update, Rush Line update, water project, fall cleanup, snow plowing, tree trimming. Councilmember Lindner will be adding an article, subject matter to be determined.

### **Sanibel Dance Studio – approve Interim Use Permit**

Councilmember Lindner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bosak upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, to return the Interim Use Permit application and funds to Sanibel Dance Studio and recognize Sanibel Dance Studio as a permitted business use and application made as such. Motion passed.

### **Water Contract with White Bear Lake**

Attorney Kelly stated that there is a basic agreement but charges are still being worked on. Councilmember Bosak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to table the water contract discussion till the next meeting. Motion passed.

### **Deer Permit Application(s)**

#### **7 Daniels Farm Road – Anthony Scornavacco**

After a brief discussion with clarification of deer stands, shooting ranges, properties boundaries explained to hunters and number of hunters, Councilmember Lindner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve the permit with the following conditions in addition to the additional requirements set forth in the application permit;

1. All shots are within thirty yards;
2. Field dressing would be totally clean, no animal by-products will be left on the ground/in the area; deer would be removed via a two wheel cart;
3. All Bow hunters education certificates would be emailed or dropped off to the City offices by 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>;
4. Mr. Scornavacco would update the Council via email as to the status of hunt proceeds for the October 20<sup>th</sup>, City Council meeting.
5. Neighbors would be kept abreast via email/verbal communication with hunting information.

Motion passed. Permit approved.

### **3775 Big Fox Road – Raleigh Birkebak/3880 Big Fox Road – Tim and Sherren Heil**

After a brief discussion, with clarification as to the Kunin's signature, Councilmember Bosak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve the permit with the following conditions in addition to the additional requirements set forth in the application permit;

1. All shots are within thirty yards;
2. Field dressing would be totally clean, no animal by-products will be left on the ground/in the area; deer would be removed via a two wheel cart;
3. Mr. /Mrs. Heil/Birkebak would update the Council via email as to the status of hunt proceeds for the November 17<sup>th</sup>, City Council meeting.
4. Neighbors would be kept abreast via email/verbal communication with hunting information.

Motion passed. Permit approved.

### **October 13<sup>th</sup>, workshop**

Moved. Noted Councilmember Artig-Swomley would not be able to attend.

### **Claims**

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve the claims for September, 2015. Motion passed.

### **Presentations from the Public**

None

### **Additional items from City Council**

Councilmembers briefly discussed the deer permitting process and refinements of the application. Councilmember Artig-Swomley would draft recommendations. Agreed that the application should be submitted seven days prior to the City Council meeting.

October 12, 2015, City workshop – cancelled. Moved to October 13<sup>th</sup>. Topic of discussion rental properties in residential areas.

### **Adjournment**

Being there no further business, following a motion by Councilmember Bosak, seconded by Councilmember Lindner, Acting Mayor Artig-Swomley adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Gloria Tessier*