

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

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Artig-Swomley, Bosak, Kuny, and Lindner were present. Others in attendance: City Engineer, Justin Gese; City Attorney Patrick Kelly, City Finance Director Tom Kelly, City Zoning/Planner Tom Riedesel. Residents/members of the community; Paul Emeott, Kim Anderson and two students.

**December 15, 2015, Agenda**

Information on a letter that was sent to residents from Landmark Development of Minnesota was added to the Agenda after the monthly financials. A motion was made by Councilmember Jim Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to accept the agenda with the addition. Motion passed.

**Minutes**

Councilmember Artig-Swomley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to approve the minutes for the November 17, 2015, City Council meeting, motion passed.

Councilmember Lindner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the minutes for the Special City Council meeting on November 19, 2015, motion passed.

**Old Business**

Newsletter ideas – January issue will be sent out in mid-January which will include goals and accomplishments for 2015, status of water project, deer hunt wrap up, winter parking, two new senior complexes in White Bear Lake, article on false alarms to be charged effective 1/1/2016 per ordinance #48, all rental properties will be required to obtain a license and inspection 1/1/2016 per ordinance #83, fee schedule for 2016, Gem Lake Scholarship, and possibly an article by Jim Lindner.

**New Business**

**Resolution 2015-26 – To Reduce the City Debt Levy**

Councilmember Artig-Swomley made a motion seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve Resolution 2015-26 To Reduce the City Debt Levy. A voice vote was taken, all yes, motion passed.

**James Johanning, 3880 Scheuneman Road, update – plan for action for sanitary sewer hook-up**

Mr. Johanning was not present to report. Mr. Johanning called the City offices to inform them that he has yet to hear back from his court trial in regard to whom is responsible for the sanitary sewer hook-up charges, him or the previous owner. Councilmember Lindner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bosak to table the item for the January 19th, 2016, City Council meeting. Motion passed. Council requested actual court date from Mr. Johanning. An email will be sent to him requesting the date.

**S.E.H. estimate for sewer installation for Otter Lake Road, the private drive and part of Scheuneman Road.**

Mr. Gese from S.E.H. gave a brief presentation in regard to the costs of a feasibility report. Estimate costs were \$17,200. After a brief discussion, Mayor Uzpen asked the Council to review the information

further and table the item to the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, City Council meeting. Councilmember Artig-Swomley made a motion, Councilmember Kuny seconded to table the feasibility report till the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, City Council meeting. Motion passed.

### **White Bear Lake Augmentation concept**

Councilmember Lindner and Mr. Gese gave an overview of the Augmentation concept that was presented at the VLAMO Tech meeting the past week. Mr. Lindner serves on the VLAMO Tech committee and will keep the council updated with future information.

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

The water contract has been completed, approved and signed by the City of White Bear Lake. The Mayor and the City Clerk will sign for Gem Lake. Councilmember Lindner made a motion to approve the water contract, Councilmember Artig-Swomley seconded. Motion approved.

### **2016 Fee Schedule**

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to accept the 2016 Fee Schedule. Motion passed. Noted that the liquor section of the fee schedule will be finalized at the January 19, 2016, City Council meeting.

### **Hillcrest Animal Hospital Contract**

After a brief discussion about sections of the contract, a motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Kuny to table the Hillcrest Animal Hospital contract till the January 19<sup>th</sup>, City Council meeting. Motion passed.

### **Engagement Letter for the City Audit**

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the engagement letter with CliftonLarsonAllen. Motion passed.

### **Claims for December, 2015**

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

### **Monthly Financial Reports**

Accepted. City Financial Director Tom Kelly agreed to provide a fund balance report with the financials in future financial reports.

### **Landmark Developers Project**

The City has received information that Landmark Development of Minnesota, will be holding a meeting at the Vadnais Heights Sports Center on December 17<sup>th</sup> about their proposed development in the City of Gem Lake. It was noted that the City of Gem Lake did not receive a formal invitation to this meeting. No agenda or specifics were given. To clarify what governs this proposed development, Ordinance No. 43, 107 and 58 covers this proposal. However, Ordinance 107 overrules all other ordinances. A meeting has been proposed to meet with Landmark Development of Minnesota, on December 21, 10:00

a.m. with Councilmember Kuny, Planning Commission Chair Ben Johnson, Attorney Kelly, Mayor Uzpen and City Planner Tom Riedesel at Heritage Hall. It was noted that nothing formal has been received by the City of Gem Lake to date for the proposed development.

**Additional items from the City Council**

Councilmember Artig-Swomley noted that the Waters of White Bear, which she will be doing a story on in January, has yet to put information out about their rates, however their Edina website lists 1 bedroom “homes” rent between \$3,000 - \$3,700 and two bedrooms \$5,400.

Councilmember Kuny will be working on declaring two homes on Daniels Farms Road as historic to be placed on the historic register.

A brief discussion about a sex offender ordinance took place, tabled till the January 19, 2016, City Council meeting.

Mayor Uzpen noted that in January, 2016, John Birkeland will be addressing Vadnais Heights about annexing his property to Gem Lake, noting that he would like to have the car dealership remain in Vadnais Heights and not annexed to Gem Lake.

**Next Meetings**

January 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m., City Council workshop – Landmark Development of Minnesota will be on the Agenda.

January 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting

**Adjournment**

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

*Respectfully submitted, Gloria Tessier*