

Minutes of Gem Lake City Council meeting, December 16, 2014

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Present: Mayor Uzpen, Council members Lindner, Artig-Swomley, and Kuny. Council member Bosak was absent. Others in attendance were Justin Gese, Patrick Kelly, Joseph Corado, and Angie Calderon.

December agenda

Mayor Uzpen asked for additions to the December agenda. Motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Lindner the agenda was approved 4-0.

November City Council minutes

Upon a motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Lindner, the November city council minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0 with one correction of a misspelled word.

November 10 special city council meeting minutes

Upon a motion by Artig-Swomley seconded by Lindner, the minutes of the special city council meeting of November 10 to certify the November 4 general election were approved 4-0.

August and September Planning Commission minutes

Upon a motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Lindner, the August and September Planning Commission minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Committee reports – none.

Old business

City newsletter for January, 2015. Gretchen reviewed her upcoming newsletter issue. Possible topics include the passing of the son of a Gem Lake resident, the final build-out on Hillary Farm, and maybe something on the water feasibility report. Gretchen said there would be seven issues of the city newsletter in 2015. Attorney Kelly briefly explained the White Bear Lake water level lawsuit and the legal developments from the past few days.

Public Hearings

2015 city fee schedule. Mayor Uzpen introduced the 2015 fee schedule and then opened the public hearing at 7:20. Justin Gese inquired if private utility providers pay their permit fees and Mayor Uzpen said that they did. Mayor Uzpen then closed the public hearing at 7:21 PM.

New Business

Resolution 2014-24, 2015 city fee schedule. Upon a motion by Lindner and seconded by Artig-Swomley, the council voted 4-0 to approved resolution 2014-24.

High Tech Auto permit and conditional use permit (CUP). Upon a motion by Lindner and seconded by Artig-Swomley, the council voted 4-0 to approve High Tech Auto's permit and CUP for 2015.

Ordinance 69, changes to language dealing with the number of dogs. Upon a motion by Lindner and seconded by Artig-Swomley, the council voted 4-0 to approve Ordinance 69.

Enterprise proposed right of entry contract. Upon a motion by Artig-Swomley and seconded by Lindner, the council voted 0-4 thereby rejecting the temporary right of entry as written by the Enterprise corporate legal team. Attorney Kelly will notify Enterprise of the vote.

2015 Liquor/tobacco licenses. Upon a motion by Lindner seconded by Artig-Swomley, the council voted 4-0 to approve the Country Lounge's off-sale, on-sale, Sunday sales, tobacco and gambling, and open until 2AM licenses. Upon a motion by Lindner seconded by Kuny, the council voted 4-0 to approve the on-sale and Sunday sales licenses for Gem Lake Hills Golf Course. Upon a motion by Lindner seconded by Artig-Swomley, the council voted 4-0 to approve the wine and beer license for the Black Sea Restaurant.

The December claims were approved 4-0 after a motion by Lindner which was seconded by Artig-Swomley.

Mayor Uzpen presented the December financial report.

Presentations from the public

Attorney Kelly notified the council of legislative changes to charitable gambling laws, which he will forward copies of to the council.

Justin Gese provided an update on several projects Short, Elliot, and Hendrickson (SEH) are working on for the city. The Phase II soil borings are progressing though Vera Auto and Enterprise have denied access to their parcels. Justin will inquire if it may be possible to bore along county and city right-of-way near Vera and Enterprise properties to avoid possible gaps in the final Phase II report. Soil borings will occur the week of Christmas along the railroad corridor and hillside as part of the water feasibility report, standard operating procedures and policies for the MS4 updates are on target to have draft language completed by January, and the pursuit of grant funding is on hold until further notice.

Presentations from the council – none.

Adjourn

There being no further business upon motion by Lindner seconded by Artig-Swomley Mayor Uzpen adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM after a council vote of 4-0.