

City of Gem Lake
City Council Meeting – March 19, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Artig-Swomley, Cacioppo, Lindner were present. Councilmember Kuny was absent (excused). Others in attendance: City Attorney Patrick Kelly, Planning Commission Chair Ben Johnson, residents/business/property owners John Birkeland, Craig Edmonds, Paul Emeott, Laurel Hynes Amlee, Pete Oswald, Shawn Pehrson.

March 19, 2019, Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner to add the S.E.H. agreement for MS4, Schifsky/Snowplowing, drainage on two properties to the agenda and with that change Councilmember Lindner made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, motion passed. Agenda approved.

Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Cacioppo to approve the February 19, 2019, City Council minutes, with Mayor Uzpen abstaining. Motion passes, minutes approved.

Committee Report- Planning Commission

Planning Commission Chair Ben Johnson reported on the March 5, 2019, meeting. Two public hearings were held, 3540 Highway 61, overflow parking for CarFit and proposed change to zoning ordinance for property at 3516 Highway 61. The planning commission recommends approval.

Newsletter

Rush Line article to be written by Councilmember Lindner, flooding concerns in Gem Lake, recycling report, HyVee construction dates, false alarms, Water Gremlin.

New Business

Request from John Birekland for Conditional Use Permit, 3540 Highway 61

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the conditional use permit for 3540 Highway 61. Motion passed, CUP approved.

Approve Yearly Liability Coverage for Gem Lake

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Cacioppo to approve the yearly liability coverage for Gem Lake, not waive. Motion passed, Yearly Liability Coverage form approved.

Contract for Reading Meters

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Cacioppo to approve a contract to hire an individual to read the water meters. Motion passed, Contract approved.

New Letterhead Design

Tabled to April, 2019, City Council meeting.

Discuss/approve Request to sell Oswald Property to The Luther Group

Tabled to April, 2019, City Council meeting.

MS4/2018/2019 Agreement with S.E.H.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to extend the contract with S.E.H. to 2020, seconded by Councilmember Lindner. Motion approved, contract extended to 2020.

Claims

A motion was made by Councilmember Cacioppo, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley to approve the claims to March, 2019. Motion passes, claims approved.

Presentations from the public

Paul Emeott, Scheuneman Road, drainage problems on Scheuneman Road in the residential area, some residents depositing snow from their property into properties across the street from them, who is responsible for cleaning the culverts? City engineer to address. Consolidated land use ordinance, regarding a chain link fence for parking pad, John Birkeland, appreciation of permit, wants to be considered equally with other permits for similar situations.

Shawn Pehrson, 4140 Otter Lake Road, wants to hook up directly to the Met Council interceptor on the private road, near 4140 Otter Lake Road. (Notes from previous meeting – October, 2017, City Council meeting for reference. Council visited this item in October, 2017, and agreed that the property at 4140 Otter Lake Road can hook up to the Scheuneman Road manhole provided that the fees of \$17,000 are paid in advance).

Open Items for the Councilmembers to bring up

There is drainage issue with the property located at 15 Hillary Farm Lane, affecting property at 1430 Goose Lake Road. City Engineer will visit both properties. Winter snow plowing gouged street on Big Fox Road, snow plow contractor Schifsky will be called to repair.

Next Meetings/Workshop

April 8, 2019, workshop cancelled.

Adjournment

Being there no further business, following a motion from Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Tessier.