

**City of Gem Lake
City Council Meeting – October 15, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Uzpen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Artig-Swomley, Cacioppo, Kuny (left at 8:30 p.m.) and Lindner were present. Others in attendance: City Attorney Patrick Kelly, City Fire Chief Peterson, City Police Chief Swanson, White Bear School Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak and Assistant Superintendent Tim Wald White Bear Lake Finance Kerri Kindsvater. Residents: Don Cummings, Paul Emeott, George Jungmann, Dan Marier, Isaac Nelson, Joshua Patrick, Anthony Scornavacco and Steve Varley.

October 15, 2019, Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Linder to approve the agenda. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, motion passes. Agenda approved.

Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve the September 17, 2019, City Council minutes. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, Motion passes, minutes approved.

Committee Reports – Planning Commission

No September, 2019, meeting.

Newsletter

Luther Cadillac, Gem Lake Villas, Tipping fee story, HyVee Update, Winter Parking, Snow Plowing Etiquette, School Board presentation, fire and police presentation, MS4, election, Ordinance 132.

New Business

Tim Wald, Assistant Superintendent, White Bear Schools, Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak, Superintendent – \$326 million School Bond Referendum Presentation

Mr. Wald and Dr. Kazmierczak presented information on the proposed bond levy.

Ordinance 132 Golf Cart

Council discussed proposed Ordinance 132 – Regulation of Golf Carts in City Streets in Gem Lake. Councilmember Lindner made a motion to approve Ordinance #132, removing section I and replacing it with possess a valid driver’s license, Section D., rewording to state “Motorized golf carts shall not be operated in inclement weather and where unsafe road conditions exist.” Councilmember Kuny seconded the motion, voice vote taken, all voted yes except Mayor Uzpen voted nay, motion passes, Ordinance 132 approved, pending fee status.

White Bear Lake Updates – Police Chief Swanson, Fire Chief Peterson

Chief Swanson updated the council on the police department’s community engagement focus, staffing, body cameras, mental health response calls, citizen’s academy and cross walk education focus. Chief Peterson discussed updates on restructuring of department, ambulance calls, training, fleet replacement schedule, budget and staffing.

Archery Deer Hunt Permit Request – xx Daniels Farm Road

Permit has been applied for an archery deer hunt on October 26, 27, 28, November 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11, 2019. Questions about number of acreage, how many hunters per day, response: 3 hunters. A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve the Archery Deer Hunt Permit Request for October 26, 27, 28, November 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11, 2019. A voice vote was taken, all members voted yes, motion passes, Archery Deer Hunt Permit Request approved.

Resolution 2019-09 – Certify Delinquent Septic Fees

A motion was made Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve Resolution 2019-09 Certify Delinquent Septic Fees, voice vote taken, all voted yes. Motion passes, resolution approved.

Resolution 2019-010 – Certify Delinquent Sewer Bills

A motion was made by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, seconded by Councilmember Lindner to approve Resolution 2019-010 Certify Delinquent Sewer Bills, voice vote taken, all voted yes. Motion passes, resolution approved.

Claims

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

Presentations from the Public

Dan Marier, question changes from the original draft of ordinance #132, dollar amount, change from permit from three years to one year? Mayor Uzpen response – a lot of things can happen in three years with one's status.

Open Items from the Council Members to Bring Up

Councilmember Artig-Swomley stated her backyard is still underwater, she spoke to VLAWMO about getting a permit for a dirt berm which requires a special dirt, the company that supplies the dirt is out of the special dirt, demand for the dirt is very high for this record rain fall year.

Next Meetings/Workshop

November 12, workshop cancelled.

Adjournment

Being there no further business, following a motion from Councilmember Lindner, seconded by Councilmember Artig-Swomley, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Tessier.