

**City of Gem Lake
Planning Commission Meeting – March 14, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Planning Commission Chair Joshua Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission Members Don Cummings, and Derek Wippich and Art Pratt were present. Not present was Commission Member Stephanie Farrell. Also present: City Attorney Kevin Beck, City Planner Evan Monson and Acting City Clerk Melissa Lawrence.

March 14, 2023 Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt to accept the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Cummings. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, motion passes, agenda accepted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt to approve the February 14, 2023, Planning Commission Meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Cummings. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, motion passes, minutes are approved.

Public Hearings

None

Old Business

Discussion of Nuisance Ordinance No. 86

Commission Chair Patrick started the discussion by reviewing what the commission discussed at their last meeting. Commission Chair Patrick stated that he reached out to Mike Johnson, Building Official and Code Enforcement, of White Bear Township to talk about what the Planning Commission can do to help make the nuisance ordinance better. Mike Johnson felt that the ordinance could be more streamlined and the language regarding enforcement could be tightened up a little more. Commission Chair Patrick also shared that after a conversation with the Mayor a suggestion came up regarding banning on street parking along Scheuneman Road.

Commissioner Cummings shared that he did a little more research on nuisance ordinances in other nearby cities. He feels that the City should consider aligning its ordinance to be more like White Bear Township's or White Bear Lake's or a combination of both given the fact that the City's police services are outsourced to White Bear Lake and Code Enforcement is outsourced to White Bear Township.

Commissioner Wippich would like to see some language added regarding golf carts and UTV's. The current ordinance only covers ATV's and snowmobiles. He would also like to see some language regarding dead, dangerous and diseased trees. He also feels that overall banning of parking is not the best route to take and the City could instead regulate that there be no overnight parking.

Commission Chair Patrick would like to see language added regarding the piling, dumping and importing of snow from off-site locations.

Per the Mayor's suggestion to Commission Chair Patrick to use the April workshop date to invite residents to City Hall to give their suggestions, no one on the commission was interested in holding this workshop.

Acting City Clerk Melissa Lawrence will send each member of the commission the word document of the Nuisance ordinance so that they can edit the document with suggested changes that will be brought to the next Planning Commission meeting.

New Business

None

Future Meetings

City Council Meeting, Tuesday, March, 21 2023 at Heritage Hall, and Planning Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Heritage Hall.

Attendance Inquiry

Commission Chair Patrick surveyed the Commission to see if any of the members would have any issues attending the April 11, 2023 meeting. At this time with those in attendance Commissioner Wippich is the only one that will not be able to attend.

Adjournment

Being there no further business, following a motion from Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Wippich, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Lawrence