

City of Gem Lake
Planning Commission Meeting – August 9, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission Chair Joshua Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Commission Members Art Pratt, Derek Wippich and Stephanie Farrell were present. Not present was Don Cummings. Also present: City Planner Evan Monson and Acting City Clerk Melissa Lawrence.

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt to approve the July 11, 2023, Planning Commission Meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Farrell. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, motion passes, minutes are approved.

Public Hearings

None

Old Business

Final Review of the Revised Nuisance Ordinance No. 86

The Commission has gone over the Nuisance Ordinance inch by inch and feels that more thought has gone into this revision than has in the last 60 years. Improvements have been made regarding the regulation of the ordinance and sections were removed and turned into stand-alone ordinances.

Commission Member Wippich introduced a motion to recommend approval to the City Council, seconded by Commission Member Pratt. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, motion carried.

Final Review of New Clandestine Drug Lab Ordinance No. 143

This Ordinance was created by removing it from the old Nuisance Ordinance. No changes were made to the language.

Commission Member Wippich introduced a motion to recommend approval to the City Council, seconded by Commission Member Pratt. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, motion carried.

Final review of New Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance No. 144

This Ordinance was created by removing it from the old Nuisance Ordinance. Some additional language was added regarding golf carts and enforcement.

Commission Member Wippich introduced a motion to recommend approval to the City Council, seconded by Commission Member Farrell. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, motion carried.

New Business

Short Term Rental Discussion

The Commission discussed aspects of short term rentals in the City. The Commission does not see the City of Gem Lake to be in high demand for short term rentals and would like to table discussion on this topic until the City is contacted regarding short term rentals.

Commission Member Wippich introduced a motion to table the discussion on short term rentals until a real inquiry comes to the City, seconded by Commission Member Pratt. Voice vote taken, all voted yes, motion carried.

Open Items for Commission Members to Bring Up

None

Future Meetings

City Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at Heritage Hall, and Planning Commission Meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at Heritage Hall.

Attendance Inquiry

Commissioner Chair Patrick surveyed the Commission to see if any of the members would have any issues attending the October 10, 2023 meeting. At this time those in attendance have no scheduling conflicts.

Adjournment

Being there no further business, following a motion from Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Lawrence