

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF EAST GULL LAKE, COUNTY OF CASS, STATE OF MINNESOTA
REGULAR SESSION
March 2, 2021
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kavanaugh called the Click here to enter a date. regular Council meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Kavanaugh, Councilors Bergin, and Ruttger, City Administrator Mason, Public Works Director Jasmer, Administrative Assistant Schack

Absent: Councilors Demgen and Hoffmann

Audience: Shane Jordan, Chris Sonmor, Joel Jasmer, Karen Pikula, Joyce Good

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4a. Additions: **8a 2023 Project Update; 14a Squaw Point Road Name; Old Business: Ruth Lake Update**

4b. Deletions:

Councilor Bergin moved and Councilor Ruttger seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Bergin moved and Councilor Ruttger seconded the motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

5a. January 5, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

5b. Financial Report

- ◆ January, 2021 bank statement information:
 - Checking Account:
 - Total Additions: \$409,329.17
 - Total Subtractions: \$365,282.76
 - Ending Balance: \$191,562.75
 - Interest Earned to date: \$2.15
 - Money Market Account:
 - Interest Earned: \$9.71
 - Ending Balance: \$504,066.44
 - Interest Earned to date: \$9.71
- ◆ Approve February, 2021 Check Register
 - Claims 20952 to 20973 for total amount of \$61,094.12
- ◆ Approve February, 2021 payroll EFT payments
 - EFT Payroll: \$17,371.01; EFT Transmittals: \$15,427.33
- ◆ Monthly Budget Report, Delinquent WW Customers Report

OPEN FORUM**

PLANNING & ZONING

7a. Planning Commission Report

Administrator Mason noted the site inspections were reviewed.

7b. Lee Family Lot Split

Administrator Mason noted the split for the Lee family involves a 40-acre parcel on Poplar Drive. It was noted the Planning Commission approved the project.

Councilor Ruttger moved and Councilor Bergin seconded to approve lot split for the Lee family subject to the updated Certificate of Survey presented. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

7c. Cragun's Legacy South – Crow Wing County Project

Administrator Mason reviewed the golf course and housing development project for Cragun's which is in Crow Wing County with approximately ten homes constructed in East Gull Lake by a future PUD hearing to be determined.

WASTEWATER & ROAD REPORT

8a. 2023 Project Update

Chris Sonmor addressed the Council regarding the LRIP (Local Road Improvement Plan) grant program will be submitted to the State along with letters of support. Discussion ensued regarding the timing and funding of the project. It was noted that the City is still waiting for a decision for the roadway into Gull Lake Resort. It was also noted that the connection fees for the resort need to be decided.

8b. Freeze ups

Superintendent Jasmer discussed the frozen wastewater pipes for some residents.

PUBLIC SAFETY

9a. Cass County Sheriff's Annual Reports

Discussion ensued regarding the 307 incident reports for 2020 in East Gull Lake

PARK & TRAILS

No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

11a. Report on meeting regarding Administrator position

Administrator Mason reviewed the notes from the meeting and the timeline that was discussed for his replacement upon retirement in 2022.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

14a. Squaw Point Road Name

Administrator Mason noted that while Cass County Board discussed the LRIP funding, a member of the board noted he was offended that Squaw Point Road is still named what it is and needs to be renamed. It was noted that the Council should discuss changing the name at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ruth Lake Update

Chris Sonmor gave an update on the project. He noted the site was reviewed and a plan was put together. He also noted that the OHW was reviewed and the level of the lake at this time is 2.5” lower than the DNR’s OHW benchmark. Discussion continued in regard to approval from Mills family, Rardin updating an acceptable bid, Money in the bank from the Association, and the fact that there are two properties involved.

Councilor Bergin moved and Councilor Ruttger seconded to approve moving forward with the Ruth Lake project subject to the following conditions: Approval from Mills family; Rardin updated acceptable bid; Money in the bank from the Association; be aware there are two properties involved. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Bergin brought up an issue introduced by a resident regarding lighting and light pollution noting that sometime in the future the City should address the issue. He stated that with so many new homes being constructed it may become a problem. It was noted that the ordinance already addresses lighting. It was asked that the issue be discussed at a future Planning Commission meeting.

NEXT REGULAR SESSIONS OF CITY COUNCIL/OTHER MEETINGS

- Planning and Zoning MeetingTuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:30pm
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 06, 2021 at 6:30pm

Councilor Ruttger moved and Councilor Bergin seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Transcribed by East Gull Lake Administrative Assistant
Kathy Schack

These minutes are paraphrased and are not written word for word.

***CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** are considered to be routine and noncontroversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion for decision of these items unless a Councilmember, staff member, or citizen so requests due to a speculative controversy, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered under the regular agenda.

****OPEN FORUM** allows the public to speak to the Council regarding issues that are not on the agenda.