

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Bellerud called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bellerud, Councilors Garrity, Gentile, Nemanick and Omersa.

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Aluni, City Engineer Jamnick, Police Chief Skelton, Public Works Foreman Kuitunen, Fire Chief Omersa, Library Director Prieve, City Clerk Darrow and Confidential Secretary Devich.

Mayor Bellerud led the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Omersa second by Nemanick to approve the following additions to the agenda:

1. Approve annual Animal Control Contract with Contented Critters for \$400 per month.
2. Approve minutes and act on recommendations of Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of January 3, 2011.

All approved.

Motion by Omersa second by Nemanick to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 25, 2011 and Special Council Meeting of January 29, 2011. All approved.

No public input.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to amend the Travel Policy to return the mileage reimbursement rate to the same as the Federal rate and increase the daily meal allowance from \$35 to \$50 per day. All approved.

City Clerk Darrow stated a letter was sent to the AFSCME Union indicating the City's desire to move forward with arbitration regarding the grievances but a response has not been received yet.

City Engineer Jamnick confirmed the completion date of January 31, 2011 was met by the contractor for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project and the MPCA was satisfied with the work completed. Jamnick noted there will be some site clean-up work in the Spring.

Public Works Foreman Kuitunen stated it has been a hard winter for the Street Department noting a couple pieces of equipment are down; the '96 loader and the '99 one-ton truck but the City does still have one loader. Clerk Darrow stated it will cost \$31,000 to fix the loader. The City is looking into options including replacing the loader with a new or used loader and/or renting a loader for the rest of the winter. Darrow noted the City of Biwabik had the same problem and is currently renting a loader.

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Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to authorize the City Clerk to accept the best proposal to rent a loader for the remainder of the winter. All approved.

Fire Chief Omersa noted the Gilbert Fire Department assisted with mutual aid to the Biwabik Township Fire Department on a house fire the previous night but unfortunately the house could not be saved.

Mayor Bellerud announced the Council had two Special Closed Council Meetings prior to the Regular meeting to discuss negotiations with the union bargaining units, non union employees as well as employee relations and to meet regarding the sewer agreement with Fayal Township. Bellerud noted the City will be moving forward with the court process against Fayal Township.

Mayor Bellerud set up a committee for negotiating with the union bargaining units, non union employees and to conduct the AFSCME employee reviews. The committee is Mayor Bellerud, Councilor Garrity and City Clerk Darrow. It was noted Councilor Nemanick would be an alternate if necessary.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to approve payment of bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk (check no. 27375-27421). All approved.

Erik Wedge of DSGW Architects gave an update on the Library Re-roofing project and recommended the City get bids on the tuckpointing to complete the project.

Motion by Garrity second by Nemanick to authorize Erik Wedge to get bids for the Library Roof Tuckpointing. All approved.

Councilor Garrity stated now that the Community Center has a solid roof and the interior will be dry the Council should move forward with installing electric heat in the Library. Clerk Darrow agreed stating the Community Center and Library will be part of the energy audit. Darrow noted the AEOA will not be able to do the energy audit for the City.

City Attorney Aluni stated four separate files have been filed with the district court regarding the hazardous buildings in Gilbert. The court orders request the City be allowed to do what is necessary to take care of the hazardous buildings.

Clerk Darrow explained the City is not a member of Good Sam but rather a sponsor and you must be a member to login to the Good Sam website.

Clerk Darrow noted he met with Mike Applewick of NTS and discussed a comprehensive water test. Darrow stated they will be moving forward with the testing and submit a report for the Council in March.

Clerk Darrow reported the City had an electrician turn off 50% of the lights at the Campground to reduce costs but the remaining lights need to stay lit for insurance issues.

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Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve annual Animal Control Contract with Contented Critters for \$400 per month. All approved.

Motion by Omersa second by Nemanick to approve minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of January 3, 2011. All approved.

Mayor Bellerud recited the second reading of the Street Vacation Ordinance.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to adopt the Street Vacation Ordinance. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Garrity to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. All approved.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

The aforementioned is a summary of the action items from this meeting. To listen to the full transcript of this meeting, please contact City staff at 218.748.2232.