

**CITY OF GILBERT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Garrity called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Garrity Councilors Gentile, Nemanick and Omersa

Absent: Mayor Bellerud

Staff Present: City Engineer Jamnick, Fire Chief Omersa, City Clerk Darrow and Confidential Secretary Devich

Mayor Pro-Tem Garrity led the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garrity stated Mayor Bellerud is absent due to a death in the family.

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

1. Ratify hiring the following for the positions of firefighter effective February 17, 2011: Joseph Bradach, Bob Mesich, Jayme Lautigar and Anthony Slavich as recommended by the Gilbert Volunteer Fire Department.

All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve minutes of Special and Closed Council Meetings and Regular Council Meeting of February 8, 2011 and Special and Closed Council Meetings of February 15, 2011.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to approve minutes of the Gilbert Police Commission, Cemetery Advisory Board, Water and Light Advisory Board, and EFGSD Joint Powers Recreation Board Meetings and also recommendation by the Cemetery Advisory Board to appoint Dolly Bellerud as the fifth member to the Cemetery Advisory Board. All approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garrity updated the Council on the Water and Light Advisory Board issues.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to request Minnesota Power to submit a quote for changing the street lights in Genoa. All approved.

No public input.

City Engineer Jamnick discussed the water plant project noting he will be attending a meeting on Thursday to review the water test results.

Fire Chief Omersa stated the Fire Department conducted interviews and recommends the Council approve hiring all four applicants noting Bob Mesich was previously on the Gilbert Fire Department before moving out of the area and already has the necessary training.

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Clerk Darrow reported he volunteered to be on the Minnesota Power Negotiating Committee to serve as the small cities representative and updated the Council on the status.

Councilor Nemanick questioned a few bills that were for substantial amounts. Council Garrity stated he would like a breakdown of the bills before approving them. City Clerk Darrow responded the office is in the middle of transitioning over to the new Banyon system but is working on a report for the Council similar to what they have received in the past.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve payment of bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk (check no. 10001-10045). All approved.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to authorize Officer Licari to attend Glock Professional Training in Hermantown on March 10, 2011 at cost of \$150.00. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to accept letter from Richard Homola notifying the City of his retirement effective February 25, 2011. Council requested Clerk Darrow send a letter of appreciation to Homola for his years of service. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 8 for \$94,810.00 to Magney Construction Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Improvements project as recommended by the City Engineer. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve Change Order No. 5 to increase the contract amount by \$1,295.65 for the Wastewater Treatment Improvements project as recommended by the City Engineer. All approved.

City Clerk Darrow explained MN Department of Transportation will be conducting a series of work-session meetings to discuss the re-routing of Highway 53. Darrow expressed the importance of the Council's involvement because some options could have a significant impact on Gilbert.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to have City Clerk Darrow and Mayor Bellerud attend scheduled Highway 53 meetings and report back to the City Council with necessary updates. All approved.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to support the LGA Resolution prepared by the Chamber of Commerce. All approved.

Motion by Omersa second by Nemanick to approve signing of the insurance waver as prepared by Range Reliable Agency. All approved.

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Clerk Darrow explained he met with the Campground Caretaker and they have discussed short-term and long-term issues and plan to provide the Council with financial goals and target data for 2011. Further discussion followed.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to table action on the Campground. All approved.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to approve the month to month contract with Northern Minnesota Consulting and Technical Services contingent on approval by City Attorney. Motion carried 3-1 with Gentile, Nemanick and Omersa voting in favor and Garrity voting against. Council Garrity stated the contract should be put out for bids because of the amount of money spent on the service.

Clerk Darrow recommended the City utilize the accounting firm of Fort and Company to assist the Clerk's Office with the process of updating the City financial system. Darrow noted it would be for 2-8 hours per month for three to five months. Further discussion followed.

Motion by Nemanick second by Omersa to approve the month to month contract with Fort and Company to provide financial assistance to the Clerk's Office for three months.

Ayes: Omersa, Nemanick and Gentile

Nays: Garrity

Motion carried 3-1.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to table Safety Committee recommendations. All approved.

Clerk Darrow updated the Council on various items and issues.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garrity vacated the chair and moved to authorize Mayor Bellerud, Councilors Garrity and Gentile to meet with Representative Rukavina and the members from Inland regarding Lake Ore-Be-Gone following a second by Omersa the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. All approved.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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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.