

City of Gilbert  
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 22, 2016  
Council Chambers

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

Present: Kutsi, Bol, Skalko and Pontinen

Absent: Liimatta

Staff Present: Attorney Thayer, Chief Techar, Operations Director Lautigar, IT Manager Peterson and Secretary Olsen.

The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Bol, second by Skalko to approve the agenda. All approved.

There was no public input.

Motion by Skalko, second by Bol to approve the council minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2016. Motion failed for lack of a vote.

Councilor Pontinen raised issue with the legality of the motion in the minutes regarding the water heater purchase from Carlson Duluth which was approved 2-1. Pontinen referenced Section 5.04 in the City Charter which states – “Except as otherwise provided in this charter, an affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the Council shall be required for the adoption of all ordinances, resolutions, and motions.” He stated the motion cannot pass 2-1. Attorney Thayer confirmed that Councilor Pontinen was correct; three votes are needed to pass a motion. Thayer suggested amending that portion of the minutes to reflect the motion failed with no resolution. She added the minutes could then be approved with the change. Thayer recommended placing the Carlson Duluth purchase on the next agenda, but stated it is a difficult situation due to the fact the purchase and installation are already complete.

Motion by Bol, second by Skalko to approve the council minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2016 as corrected. All approved.

Motion by Skalko, second by Kutsi to approve the resolution from RAMS, Resolution 01-2016 – Support of Access Agreement on State Lands. All approved.

Motion by Bol, second by Pontinen to adopt the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation. All approved.

Motion by Pontinen, second by Skalko to purchase a 2016 Dodge Charger from Waschke Family Chrysler-Dodge for the police department at a cost of \$24,320.00. All approved.

Chief Techar explained his goal is to delay putting the new car into service until November, 2016 hoping to avoid purchasing a car in 2017.

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Skalko reported he recently visited the Capitol for a bond hearing for the wastewater plant. He added Mayor Kutsi, Engineer Jammick and Operations Director Lautigar were also in attendance. He felt the hearing was very productive.

Mayor Kutsi agreed with Skalko stating the local legislators were very helpful.

Chief Techar reported his department had their first heroin overdose recently. He said the medical personnel on scene administered a drug called Narcan which seemed to work very well in reversing the effects of the overdose. He stated he will be requesting approval at the next council meeting for his officers and first responders to carry the drug.

Lautigar reported on power lines in Sparta that need to be removed. He said Minnesota Power would do the work for \$5,432.55. Due to the cost involved, Attorney Thayer recommended placing the issue on the next agenda.

Lautigar also stated he will meet with John Briski and Engineer Jammick on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 to review the agreement for the new group home.

Motion by Skalko, second by Bol to approve payment of bills.  
Roll Call Vote: Bol – Aye; Kutsi – Aye; Skalko – Aye; Pontinen – Nay.  
Motion passed 3-1.

Motion by Skalko, second by Bol to acknowledge the Library Board minutes of February 1, 2016 and the EFGSD Joint Powers Recreation Board minutes of February 10, 2016. All approved.

Motion by Skalko, second by Bol to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. All approved.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk