

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Present: Mayor Kutsi, Councilors Pontinen, Skalko, Bol & Liimatta.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Attorney Michael Kearney, Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

Staff Absent: City Engineer Jamnick & Library Director Miller (both w/notice).

Mayor Kutsi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to approve the agenda. All approved.

Public Input: None.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve January 26, 2016 Regular City Council Minutes. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve Resolution 2016-03 making application to the IRRRB for the Kansas Plat Site Preparation under the Job Stimulus Program. Approved. Roll Call ó Liimatta ó Aye; Bol ó Aye; Kutsi ó Aye; Skalko ó Aye; Pontinen ó Aye.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve Resolution 2016-04 authorizing the City to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Public Works Stimulus Grant Program. Approved. Roll Call ó Liimatta ó Aye; Bol ó Aye; Kutsi ó Aye; Skalko ó Aye; Pontinen ó Aye.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve Resolution 2016-05 Requesting Funding from the State Bonding Bill in the amount of \$8,000,000 to fund construction of public infrastructure to comply with the new clean water initiatives. Approved. Roll Call ó Liimatta ó Aye; Bol ó Aye; Kutsi ó Aye; Skalko ó Aye; Pontinen ó Aye.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve the contract for January 1 ó December 31, 2016 with MacNeil Environmental, Inc. for administration of the Environmental/Occupational Health & Safety Compliance Management Program for \$3,183.00. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve paying the registration fee of \$20 for any city staff member or public official that would like to attend the 2016 Safety & Loss Control Workshops. Approved.

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Councilor Pontinen questioned what the box on the building was. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated that it is for an LED screen/sign that will be put up that can put up notices to the public about hiring, garbage pick-up changes, council meeting notices, etc. as an additional service to the public.

Councilor Skalko stated that there is progress being made with the wastewater funding through Senator Tomassoni and hopes it goes through.

Mayor Kutsi will be inviting Tomassoni to tour the wastewater treatment plant. Congratulated resident Mike Peterson for the nice article in the Duluth Paper for his business Range Tool, and thanked him for staying in Gilbert.

Councilor Bol mentioned the IRRRB Recharge the Range Summit meeting being held on February 29.

City Attorney Thayer is working on the Second Addition property.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar

- Met with City of Eveleth regarding the collaboration of waste water. They would have to do major upgrades to their system to handle Gilbert's high flows. Does not look good to upgrade their facility and add the piping from Gilbert to Eveleth. Their current facility would not work.
- Met with Joel Peck, from MPCA, the new municipal liaison. It is his job to look at cities wastewater facilities and to help answer questions about compliance, etc.

Mayor Kutsi noted the following regarding the Library:

- Library will be closed February 15, 2016. City Hall will also be closed.
- Love your Library month, stop in and tell the Library why you love them.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk. Approved 4 - 1. Roll Call ó Pontinen ó Nay; Skalko ó Aye; Kutsi ó Aye; Bol ó Aye; Liimatta ó Aye.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to acknowledge the Library Board Minutes of December 7, 2015 & January 4, 2016, and the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2015. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Bol to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Robert Kutsi, Mayor