

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Present: Mayor Bellerud, Councilors Garrity, Nemanick and Schutte.

Absent: Councilor Gentile

Staff Present: City Attorney Brunfelt, City Engineer Jamnick, Police Lieutenant Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar and Administrative Secretary Devich.

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

No additions to the agenda.

Motion by Garrity second by Schutte to approve Regular Council Meeting of March 13, 2012. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Schutte to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meetings of March 8, 2012 and March 15, 2012. All approved.

Councilor Nemanick commented on the good job the City Crew did on fixing the fence in the City compound and discussed options for containing the sand pile with Public Works Operations Director Lautigar. Nemanick also commented that it is nice to see the Fire Department out burning.

Councilor Garrity questioned if the crew that was doing the fiber optic work will be coming back to repair the areas that were dug up including portions of sidewalks and streets. City Engineer Jamnick stated he would get in contact with the contractor of the fiber optic line and report the areas that were compromised because they are suppose to come back and repair damaged parts.

Councilor Schutte questioned the number of lights out in town and whether the City Crew would be able to handle a Spring Clean-Up this year. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar replied some of the lights are on hold because of underground work. A Spring Clean-Up was discussed and will be advertised in the Gilbert Herald for the first week in May. The City Crew will pick up yard waste and branches cut into lengths of 5 feet or less.

City Attorney Brunfelt stated the new Police Chief's contract is not quite ready for formal Council approval.

City Engineer Jamnick reported he got the letter to the MPCA in by the deadline but they are still waiting on some test results.

Motion by Nemnaick second by Garrity for North American Electric to do wiring at Sherwood Forest Campground for \$8,260.00. All approved.

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Mayor Bellerud thanked the Library Board and especially Richard Malnar for all their hard work. Bellerud noted he had spoken with Bill Hanna regarding the onions in the Mesabi Daily News because the Council is being criticized on misinformation.

Pam Smith, Sherwood Forest Campground Caretaker, stated this would be her last season as the Campground Caretaker. Smith noted she needs a break but it has been a wonderful experience. Smith respectfully requested the City Council to post the job opening immediately so she and her husband would be able to train in their replacements and they would be willing to give up their last two months of pay (August and September) so the new caretakers could have experience this year if that would be possible.

Motion by Nemanick second by Garrity to approve payment of bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk (check no. 11478-11535). All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Schutte to approve payment to League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust for \$176.00. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to table Police Chief Contract. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Schutte to accept the bid from Curry Concrete for \$9,800 to remove and replace the ramp at the Library and direct Public Works Operations Director Lautigar to manage the project on behalf of the City. All approve.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to move forward with purchasing of two trucks for the Public Works Department and one squad car for the Police Department. The vehicles will not be purchase until June of 2012. All approved.

City Engineer Jamnick and Director Lautigar recommended changes to the work on the water tower such as having the inside cleaned and the condition looked at so whatever is wrong can be fixed, along with having the outside inspected and cleaned. Do not replace the overflow check valve at this time.

Motion by Garrity second by Nemanick to approve the contract in the amount not to exceed \$7,500 to Water Tower Cleaning and Coat for work to be down to the inside and outside of the water tower. All approve.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to approve cleaning and televising sanitary pipes contract with Ritter and Ritter, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$8,700.00. All approved.

Engineer Jamnick explained St. Louis County will need another month on the Gilbert Bar plus they must do another asbestos check and that will affect the bids, so they are postponed until April 24, 2012.

Motion by Nemanick second by Garrity to increase the hourly rate for cleaning services by \$2.50 for a total of \$12.50 effective on April 1, 2012. All approved.

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Mayor Bellerud announced there is a vacancy on the Iron Range Tourism Board since Mike Darrow has resigned.

Councilor Nemanick mentioned he is happy with Gilbert's contracted garbage service but is opposed to the proposed bill against cities going back to collective garbage service and suggested a letter be sent to the Governor.

Motion by Garrity second by Schutte to authorize the Mayor, Council and City Employees who are interested to attend the LMC 2012 Safety & Loss Control Workshops in Biwabik on April 19, 2012. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Schutte to authorize City Attorney Brunfelt and City Auditor Knutson to meet with Administrative Secretary Devich regarding final payment to City Clerk Mike Darrow as requested by Devich. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 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.