

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Present: Mayor Kutsi, Councilors Pontinen & Liimatta.

Absent: Councilors Skalko & Bol (both w/Notice)

Staff Present: City Attorney Thayer, City Engineer Jamnick, Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller, and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

Staff Absent: None.

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

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to approve the agenda with the deletion of Item N-1, and additions of Items O – Acknowledge 12/31/15 Financial Statements, and P – Campground Electric Upgrades. All approved.

Public Input:

Mike Peterson, a Gilbert citizen & ISD # 2154 School Board Member, handed out information from RAMS that he had received regarding updates on the state of the local mining industry. He spoke about the dire straits that the iron range is in and going to be in for years to come and that everyone should work together as a community to get along better and move forward with decisions that need to be made.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to approve the February 23, 2016 Regular City Council Minutes. Approved.

Motion by Pontinen second by Liimatta to accept the Gilbert Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve the Variance Request from Gulbranson Excavating. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to deny request from Franklin B.E.A.R.S. PTA for a donation to their 8th Annual Family Bingo as it does not benefit the public as a whole therefore, it is not a public purpose. Approved.

Motion by Pontinen second by Liimatta to accept the proposal from Pfremer Realty for a real estate listing contract to market the city's properties. Approved.

Motion by Pontinen second by Liimatta to approve renewal of the Joint Powers/Mutual Aid Agreement with the Boundary Waters Drug & Violent Crime Task Force. Approved.

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Motion by Pontinen second by Liimatta to authorize Terah Trucano-Rinerson's attendance at the MN Dept. of Health Water Operator School conducted by MN Section American Water Works Association May 11-13, 2016, in Two Harbors, MN, including registration, meals, mileage & lodging. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to authorize Jack Bradach's registration & attendance to the MPCA's Wastewater Operations Conference March 23 & 24, 2016 in Brooklyn Park, MN for \$300 and lodging, meals & mileage. Approved.

Motion by Pontinen second by Liimatta to authorize Chief Ty Techar's registration & attendance to the 2016 MN Chiefs of Police Executive Training from April 18 – 20, 2016 in St. Cloud, MN for \$601, which includes registration, lodging and 4 meals. Approved.

Motion by Mayor Kutsi second by Liimatta to accept Carlson Duluth Company's proposal for \$4,267.72 to purchase and install a new tankless hot water heater in the city hall building to service the city hall kitchen and bathrooms, police office and fire hall. Approved 2 – 1.
This motion fails due to the lack of a majority vote of the City Council in its entirety. (Corrected 3-22-2016)

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve the purchase of a Toro Master Professional 7000 Series Model 74233 with Recycler Kit from Grande Ace Hardware for a price not to exceed \$12,900. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to approve having MN Power install three 54W street lights on Enterprise Trail at the request of Mesabi Bituminous for a quote of \$12.74/month for 54W lights to the city. MN Power does not charge for the installation of the street lights. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to authorize (1) Stantec to complete the proposed Amendment to the Wastewater Treatment Facilities plan to correct an issue discovered at the last review meeting for an hourly rate not to exceed \$5,200; (2) Stantec to provide professional services related to the Pilot Testing at the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plant for an hourly not to exceed fee of \$10,700; and (3) the Pilot Unit Rental fee from Kubota estimated to be \$13,400, and sampling costs estimated to be \$6,300, based on a 9-week testing period. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve Gilbert City Council Codes of Ethics and Conduct. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to approve transferring \$1,639.27 from the Drug Forfeiture Account to pay for a Protech Tactical Patroller Shield and a Blackhawk Entry Ram for the Gilbert Police Department. Approved.

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Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to authorize each of the full-time police officers within the Gilbert Police Department to purchase uniforms and related equipment for the 2016 fiscal year in the amount \$650/officer. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to authorize the Gilbert Police Department to purchase four Goodyear RSA 18” tires for the 2014 Dodge Charger for \$503.64 from Taconite Tire. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve the cost for OSI Environmental, Inc. to dispose of two drums of corrosion inhibitor at a quoted cost of \$700. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve the cost of Hepatitis B Vaccination Series for any fire department and/or First Responder personnel that want to receive the Hepatitis B Vaccination Series. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to approve an expenditure of \$950.02 to Municipal Emergency Services for strap replacement on the fire department’s SCBA masks. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to purchase two gas meters from Continental Safety Equipment for a cost of \$877.52 plus shipping. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to acknowledge the December 31, 2015 Financial Statements. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to approve MN Power to install a 200’ single phase underground cable, a new 25 kva pad mount transformer & meter pedestal on a post for \$8,300 at the Sherwood Forest Campground; and up to \$15,000 for North American Electric for a new 200 amp disconnect feeding underground with 300 feet of 250mcm aluminum triplex wire with ground to 9 new metered pedestal with 50 amp, 30 amp, & 20 amp receptacles, grounding & permit. Approved.

Mayor Kutsi noted that Jordan Metsa, Nolan’s aide, was at a “Congress Comes to You” session that was held here. Mr. Metsa would like to hold a round table meeting regarding the issues impacting the communities. Mayor Kutsi also noted that he, Engineer Jamnick, and Public Works Director Lautigar will be testifying at the capital on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 for funding from this session’s bonding bill for help with the waste water treatment for mercury. (Hearing rescheduled to Thursday, March 17, 2016)

City Engineer Jamnick updated that he communicated with John Briski on the site development and the work on the development agreement will begin as soon as grant comes through. The city of Gilbert received a \$40,000 IRRRB Grant for site work on this lot (\$30,000 for soil mitigation, \$10,000 for electric).

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Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated that the power and some street lights have slowly been removed in Sparta by MN Power. The IRRRB grant the city applied for to do this work was turned down. It will cost approximately \$4,000 to correct power, poles and wire on RGGs property need to be removed; and need to feed one property. Asked the Council if the Council could approve this work to be done now, or wait until next council meeting. After discussion it was determined there is a contract in place with MN Power, so this work can move forward.

Mayor Kutsi discussed the difference of \$500 in 1978 vs. value today, according to inflation it would be approx. \$1,900. Kutsi asked Attorney Thayer how the city should move forward to resolve this issue. Thayer suggested entering into contracts with fuel providers, and discussed amending the Charter. The \$500 limit impacts day to day operations in the city. Need to use common sense. One option is to have the City Council put forth an amendment to the City Charter and then it would have to be put on ballot. Mayor Kutsi would like to work with the League of MN Cities to resolve this issue.

Chief Techar is the Emergency Manager for the cities of Gilbert & Biwabik. He can make emergency decisions for some of these situations.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar also discussed the light at the first entrance into Sparta. Should it be removed or kept? It would be approx. \$2,000 to redo the power. Most of the traffic through this area is during the daytime. Consensus is to have it removed.

Library Director Miller

- Lego Club began last week, they have 18 kids. This is for ages 6 and older.
- Toddler Tails is Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. adding some equipment for physical movement (obstacle course equipment)
- 3/11/16 – Anime club at 5:00 p.m.
- 3/14/16 Pinterest Project – Ceramic Tile painting
- 3/18/16 – “Lion Guard – Return of the Roar” movie.
- 3/21/16 – color club
- 3/22/16 will be closed for staff training
- 3/25/16 will be closed for Good Friday

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk. Approved 2 - 1. Roll Call – Pontinen – Nay; Kutsi – Aye; Liimatta – Aye.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to acknowledge the Safety Meeting to Review Mock OSHA Inspection. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

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ATTEST:

Robert Kutsi, Mayor