

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 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 Kearney, Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller, and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

Staff Absent: City Engineer Jamnick.

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

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Motion by Skalko second by Bol to approve the March 22, 2016 Regular City Council Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the Development Agreement between the City of Gilbert and Northstar Specialized Services, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the Off Campus Community Service Agreement with the Vermilion Community College for a summer intern for up to 60 – 8 hour shifts, between May 12 to August 21, 2016, for a cost of 25% of the wage of \$10/hour. Motion carried 3 – 2.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to accept the low quote by Carlson Companies of \$4,267.72 for the installation of a tankless hot water heater to serve both the City Hall and Fire Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to update the 16 year old City of Gilbert's Emergency Operations Plan and get compliant with current practices. After much discussion, Skalko rescinded the motion with a second by Liimatta to table this update until the League of MN Cities has been contacted. Motion to table carried unanimously.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to accept 2016-06 Resolution Accepting a \$1200 Donation from Gilbert Fire Relief Association. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to approve the purchase of up to \$1,200 of wild land fire-fighting equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve hiring Nathan Jacob Achman as a fire-fighter for the City of Gilbert subject to a background check and physical. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to authorize Officer Jacob Jarvela to attend Firearms Instructors School at the Hibbing Community College on May 2 – 5, 2016 at a cost of \$455, and to authorize the purchase of ammunition for the City of Gilbert in the amount of \$1,745.78. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve contracting with MN Power to remove the electric lines in Sparta Location for a price not to exceed \$7,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skalko second by Bol to approve advertising for summer seasonal help for \$10/hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve ordering the parts to repair the Hustler mower from Bobcat of Duluth for \$783.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve contracting for water main leak detection for a price not to exceed \$1,600. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to authorize up to \$10,000 for sanitary sewer cleaning & televising awarded to the low quote from Great Lakes Pipe Service, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bol second by Liimatta to approve the updated Data Practices Procedures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Bol would like to update street lights to LED city wide and suggested a fee on the utility bill to do so. Would like to get input from the public. LED lights are very efficient, improve public safety and are a huge energy savings. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar noted that the five lights between Ohio & Iowa were changed out and have been about a 40% cost savings to date.

Councilor Liimatta brought up that the south side bar owners are talking about a street dance for the 3rd of July festivities. They are trying to decide what night to do the dance. The parade is the 3rd. Chief Techar noted that if it is not on the 3rd there will be overtime involved, and the City would have the Public Works crews out (so OT twice). Councilor Pontinen asked if bar owners would cover the overtime costs. Councilor Skalko noted that everything is already in place for the parade, so the 3rd makes the most sense to have the dance, and it makes sense for the bar owners to cover the costs if the dance is held a different night. Councilor Liimatta will relay the message to the bar owners.

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Councilor Liimatta wants to move to a consent agenda format, which is some items are grouped together that are not controversial, and voted on at one time. Councilor Pontinen is against this format. City Attorney Kearney will look into how the consent agenda format works legally.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar discussed that John Thomas, of the MPCA, did a compliance review of the sewer plant. The I&I problem is considered to be significant and wants a report back with a corrective action plan within 30 days. If this is not followed through the City of Gilbert could get fined by the MPCA. May need a sump pump ordinance, this could be phased in with change in property ownership. May need to build equalization pond sooner rather than later. MPCA does not have any funding resources to help with sumps.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar also discussed the lime pond at the water plant. The City of Gilbert was fined approximately four years ago because water went into Ely Lake. They are looking at making another holding basin in the sand pit. They can't pump into Fayal's manhole because Fayal's ordinance does not allow any rain water into their sanitary system. This item also needs a corrective action plan submitted to the MPCA, short term & long term plans.

Mayor Kutsi asked about the missing street light on Broadway & Dakota. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated is in the plans for the State of MN to replace it in 2020. Lautigar will look at putting a larger light at a nearby pole.

Library Director Miller

- It is National Library Week.
- The last week of Lego Club is 4/21/16. There will be a Lego Science program for a month this summer, and a Lego Math program for a month also.
- 4/20/16 – Legacy Program: *The Spirit Sings* (musical program) – 3:30 p.m.
- 4/22/16 – Earth Day – upcycled planters craft
- 4/29/16 – movie night – “Star Wars: The Force Awakens”

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

Motion by Skalko second by Bol to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Robert Kutsi, Mayor