

**CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Bellerud called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Attorney Brunfelt, City Engineer Jammick, Police Chief Techar and City Clerk Harper.

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

Motion by Nemanick second by Gentile to approve the following additions to the agenda:

1. Accept resignation of JoAnn Fautch.
2. Change of hours for City Hall.
3. Ad for Friday, June 8, 2012 at \$18.75 to congratulate High School graduates.

All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes of May 8, 2012 with Councilor Schutte abstaining. Motion carried.

Bill Addy approached the Council to request the use of the Recreation Building Complex for a Car Show on July 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and also the Concessions at the Recreation Building for the Eveleth-Gilbert Robotics Team for July 3rd and 4th if there is a Kiddie Parade. Addy questioned if the City will be funding a Kiddie Parade this year. Discussion was held on how much the City donates to the 3rd of July Parade and Kiddie Parade.

Motion by Gentile second by Schutte to allow Bill Addy to hold a Car Show at the Recreation Building Complex on July 3, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Gentile to allow the Eveleth-Gilbert Robotics Team to use the Concessions at the Recreation Building on July 3 and 4, 2012. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Nemanick to donate \$1,500.00 to the Kiddie Parade. All approved.

Addy explained the Kiddie Parade will line up on Dakota Avenue East in the Wandering Pines parking lot at 10:00 a.m., judging will begin at 10:15 a.m. and the parade will start at approximately 10:30 a.m. and will go down Dakota Avenue East onto Sherwood Forest Drive to Iowa Avenue East to the Recreation Complex where the races and games will be set up for the kids.

Louise Belanger of the Alibi Bar approached the Council with a request to put up a snow fence along side the bar for patrons to have drinks outside Friday through Monday for the Holiday weekend. Belanger stated she would have the fence taken down Monday evening or Tuesday morning.

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Motion by Gentile second by Schutte to approve request from the Alibi Bar to allow patrons to have drinks outside within fenced in area along side bar Friday, May 25 through Monday, May 28, 2012. All approved.

Leo Skrbec approached the Council with a request to have electricity brought into the building at the cemetery so there could be better lighting, especially now that the building has been fixed up and can be used during inclement weather. Further discussion followed.

Motion by Schutte second by Garrity to authorize the Public Works Operations Director to get quotes on the cost to bring in electricity to building at the cemetery. All approved.

Leo Skrbec noted the City of Gilbert banners are usually up by Memorial Day through Labor Day. Council requested the City Clerk check with the Public Works Operations Director.

Motion by Gentile second by Schutte to accept resignation of City Hall Janitor, JoAnn Fauth as of May 30, 2012. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second Gentile to authorize the City Clerk to place an ad in the newspaper for the janitorial position at City Hall if necessary. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Schutte to approve congratulatory ad to High School graduates for \$18.75 in the Gilbert Herald. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Garrity to approve change to summer hours at City Hall pending Union agreement. All approved.

City Attorney Brunfelt updated the Council on the Risky Business property noting the City has received a court order allowing them to remove the structure in June. Brunfelt stated the Council had requested a standard performance evaluation for the Operations Director's performance review and Brunfelt recommended using the form City Clerk Harper has used in the past. Brunfelt noted he has reviewed the contract with Arrowhead Energy for the conservation improvement plan and does not have a problem with the agreement. Brunfelt explained he is working on City Clerk Harper's contract but has been busy with one particular case, so it hasn't been completed yet and one item has come up which is reimbursement for moving expenses. It would be a one time expense reimbursement item in the contract or the Council could vote on the reimbursement at the meeting tonight since she has already incurred the expenses and there has been a delay in getting the contract completed. Councilor Gentile requested time to consider the request for reimbursement and Council agreed to wait on the reimbursement.

City Engineer Jamnick stated Jola and Sopp have completed the Sanitary Sewer Improvements project. Jamnick noted the environmental work has begun at the Gilbert Bar site and once it's completed Mesabi Bituminous will demo the building. Jamnick stated he spoke with the MPCA and everything was approved with the short-term plan.

Police Chief Techar met with the DNR regarding the Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area request to allow ATVs and OHMs to use the City of Gilbert's designated

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route through the alleys from the Campground and the OHVRA Site to access the Holiday Gas Station and it was decided to allow it during daylight hours only because most of the OHMs do not have headlights. City Attorney Brunfelt agreed to have an ordinance prepared for the next Council meeting.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to authorize the City Attorney to draft a City Ordinance to allow ATVs and OHMs to use the City of Gilbert's designated route through the alleys from the Campground and the OHVRA Site to access the Holiday Gas Station as directed by Police Chief Techar. All approved.

Mayor Bellerud commented on how nice the cemetery grounds look.

Motion by Schutte second by Garrity to approve payment of bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk (check no. 11704-11769). Councilor Nemanick questioned a bill and was given the background to the expense. All approved.

John Shega updated the Council on the Workers Compensation policy.

Motion by Garrity second by Schutte to continue with the Safety Program as requested by the City Clerk. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Gentile to approve Resolution 2012-08: Authorizing application to IRRRB for Public Works grant program: water and sewer extension, parking lot, roads and other costs along Alaska Avenue for the DeCare project. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Schutte to approve request from Devo's Sand Bar to allow patrons to have drinks outside in designated area adjacent to bar for bean bag tournament on May 27, 2012. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Gentile to re-appoint Robert Niemi to the Gilbert Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners for term expiring May 8, 2017. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Schutte to request the St. Louis County Assessor's office become the assessor for the City of Gilbert. All approve.

City Clerk Harper requested the Council consider switching from WECC to the CIP program because it would be a cost savings for the City. Harper noted the contract with WECC ended in 2011.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to consider the CIP program as requested by the City Clerk. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Nemanick to sponsor graduate congratulation ads for WEVE at cost of \$60.00 for five ads. All approved.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the electrical upgrade to the Gilbert school.

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Motion by Nemanick second by Gentile to table request from the Gilbert school for electrical upgrade. Mayor Bellerud, Councilors Garrity, Gentile and Nemanick voted in favor and Councilor Schutte voted against. Councilor Schutte noted she would rather deny than table the issue.

The Council requested members of the school board attend a meeting to explain the electrical upgrade request. Clerk Harper stated she would contact the school and make a request for a member of the school board to attend the next Council meeting with answers to questions.

Motion by Nemanick second by Garrity for the City of Gilbert to contribute \$100.00 to the Eveleth/Gilbert Iron Range Youth in Action. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Schutte to approve charitable gambling license application for Twin City Off Road organization at the Sherwood Forest Campground, 301 Ore-Be-Gone Drive, Gilbert for July 19-22, 2012. All approved.

Discussion followed concerning the MPCA fine because certain reports were not filed. City Engineer Jamnick stated the phosphorus levels are currently at what they are supposed to be and updated the Council on the changes made to the plant.

City Clerk Harper announced the City of Gilbert is recruiting for Election Judges and by state law if you want to be an election judge, your employer has to allow you the time off to do so. There is an ad out for the Campground Manager and the City has received seven responses so far. Harper noted there are additions to the website including a new Campground icon and a new map for the Ore-Be-Gone sites. Harper stated there was some question about the tax abatement we are proposing to do for another development on the same parcel and she has been working with Northland Securities and it is not going to be a problem. Harper also noted she is working with USDA on the electrical substation capacity.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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.