

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Present: Mayor Bellerud, Councilors Gentile, Nemanick and Omersa.

Absent: Councilor Garrity

Staff Present: City Attorney Lindsay, City Engineer Jammick, Police Chief Skelton, Public Works Foreman Kuitunen, Fire Chief Omersa, Library Director Prieve and Confidential Secretary Devich.

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

Mayor Bellerud stated Councilor Garrity and City Clerk Darrow are in Rochester at a League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference.

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

1. Request from Amyø Bar.
2. Approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 3 for \$29,286.40 for 2010 Sanitary Sewer Improvements project.

All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Omersa to approve the minutes of Regular Council Meeting of May 24, 2011. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to send a letter from the City of Gilbert to thank the citizen who fixed the windows in the cemetery. All approved.

Mark Lindhorst of 27 Circle Drive presented the Council with a itemized bill for the cost to restore his yard after the water main brake in January 2011. Lindhorst stated he couldnø wait until June for the City Crew to restore his yard so he incurred the cost to fix the hole and landscape. Lindhorst requested reimbursement for the equipment, sod and dirt but not labor.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to reimburse Mark Lindhorst \$302.10 for the cost to restore his yard due to a city water main brake. All approved.

Steve Peterson of the Gilbert First Responders updated the council on the First Responders noting there are currently 7 volunteers in the organization. Peterson suggested the City run an ad in the Gilbert Herald requesting people to apply. Peterson noted the organization has been looking at improving the safety equipment used on OHV Park calls with the money received from the Campground.

Councilor Nemanick requested City Engineer Jammick to a look at the curb by the storm grate on Iowa Avenue before Magney Construction receives payment. Jammick replied he would check it out after the Council Meeting.

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Councilor Gentile mentioned city lots which need to be mowed. Public Works Foreman Kuitunen agreed to have them taken care of.

Councilor Omersa complimented the residents of Gilbert noting the community should be proud of the improvements owners have made to homes and businesses.

Attorney Bryan Lindsay presented a light duty return to work policy to the Council. Lindsay stated the policy will provide for different abilities for returning to work and the City will maintain discretion.

Motion by Gentile second by Nemanick to approve the City's Work Ability/Return to Work Policy for the City of Gilbert.

Police Chief Skelton explained the City's transmitter for the severe weather warning system went down and the City has been testing the sirens in town because some are not working. Skelton stated the City can repair the transmitter for \$750-900 or get a new transmitter for \$1,500-\$2,000 which will be necessary in the near future because of changes to the communications system.

Motion by Gentile second by Nemanick to purchase a new transmitter for the severe weather warning system at cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. All approved.

Police Chief Skelton requested approval for Sergeant Smith to attend MN Chief's of Police Association Supervisor Training for middle management in December.

Motion by Omersa second by Nemanick to authorize Sergeant Smith to attend MN Chief's of Police Association Supervisor Training in December. All approved.

Police Chief Skelton stated he would like to place an old squad, forfeiture vehicles and surplus equipment on eDo Bid. Councilor Nemanick requested Skelton check with eFind it Fast's owner Charlie Erjavec, to see if he can offer the same service as eDo Bid since it's a business located in Gilbert. Skelton agreed to contact Erjavec.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to authorize Police Chief Skelton to move forward with the bidding process for an old squad, forfeiture vehicle and surplus equipment. All approved.

Police Chief Skelton discussed not having permit parking at the Lake Ore-Be-Gone Beach anymore because more parking has been added, including handicap parking.

Library Director Prieve announced he will be a keynote speaker at the Library Association Convention. Prieve noted he has been working on the 2012 budget and is short approximately \$10,000 to cover salary and benefits. Council requested Director Prieve work with Clerk Darrow on the budget.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve payment of bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk (check no. 10379-10443). All approved.

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Councilor Nemanick requested the City look into converting to electric where possible to eliminate some of the gas bills. Public Works Foreman Kuitunen noted there will be an Energy Audit report soon with such recommendations.

Council requested a notice be placed in the Gilbert Herald for residents to contact City Hall if the gas company has made a hole in their alley that has not been patched. The City will be contacting Minnesota Energy Resources to have them patch all of the holes they have made in town.

Motion by Nemanick second by Omersa to approve variance request by Christine Elg, 105 New Jersey Avenue East, to build a deck three feet from side setback as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. All approved.

Mike Sailer, owner of the Wandering Pines Restaurant in Gilbert, requested the City pay for the expense of a 120 ft curb cut on the southwestern entrance of his restaurant in exchange for the piece of property that would square off the City's adjoining lot. Sailer stated he is trading the property in lieu of the extra cost to the City to have one long curb cut versus two 20 ft curb cuts. Council discussion followed.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to table the curb cut request from Mike Sailer. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve Minnesota Power Contract Agreement. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve pay request for Lake Ore-Be-Gone Improvements in the amount of \$33,416.25 to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. All approved.

Motion by Omersa second by Nemanick to approve pay request for Iowa Avenue Improvements in the amount of \$75,838.69 to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve pay request for 2010 Sanitary Sewer Improvements in the amount of \$29,186.40 to Jola and Sopp Excavating, Inc. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Omersa to approve pay request for Wastewater Treatment Improvements in the amount of \$64,358.67 to Magney Construction, Inc. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Gentile to approve the bid request by North Star Pump Service for the lift station repair work in the amount not to exceed \$9,465.00. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve bid request by Water Cleaning and Coating for work on the concrete ground storage in the amount not to exceed \$32,100.00. All approved.

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Motion by Omersa second by Nemanick to approve the bid request by Earl F. Anderson for street signs in the amount not to exceed \$1,470.90. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Omersa to approve bid request by Magney Construction for needed repairs at the water plant aerator in the amount not to exceed \$41,200.00. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Iron Range Veterans Memorial Park. The donation will be made in the name of the City of Gilbert. All approved.

Discussion followed concerning funding request from Mesabi Elm Utilization Authority.

Motion by Nemanick second by Omersa to table funding request for equipment from the Mesabi Elm Utilization Authority.

Mayor Bellerud stated the Council cannot appoint Robert Bantz to the Campground Board because he is currently serving on the Cemetery Advisory Board and the City Charter states "no individual shall serve on more than one board or commission at a time."

Motion by Gentile second by Nemanick to approve request from Amy's Bar to allow drinks outside in adjacent lot to the bar on July 16, 2011 for a baby shower / bean bag tournament. All approved.

Mayor Bellerud recited the second reading of the Lake Ore-Be-Gone Rezoning Ordinance.

Motion by Nemanick second by Gentile to approve the Lake Ore-Be-Gone PUD Ordinance. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 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.