

**CITY OF GILBERT**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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, City Engineer Jannick, Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller, Campground Managers – John & Barb Rautanen and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

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

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to approve the agenda with additions 8K, 8L & 8M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to approve the May 24, 2016 Regular City Council Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** None

**Staff Reports:**

- Chief Ty Techar – agenda
- Public Works Operations Director Lautigar:
  - Reported that MN Power did ground line inspections on the electric utility poles, 29 poles were red tagged, 3 were double red tagged, MN Power will put together a plan to fix some of the poles with a budget of approximately \$35,000 and he will bring before the Council for approval.
  - Working on quotes for street light conversion to LED's.
  - The Pilot Study at the Wastewater plant has been completed. There is enough evidence that this plant will work for us. The Pilot Study was cut short by 2 ½ - 3 weeks due to getting enough data. Ron LaFond will schedule a meeting to update the Facilities Plan Study.
  - Councilor Bol asked about the parking area at the beach. Lautigar suggested having the City Engineer look at this issue due to water drainage because of the slope. Will see if there is any grant monies available also. Mayor Kutsi asked about painting lines for parking, Lautigar stated that one hard rain will wash away the lines. Lautigar will have signs made regarding water depth and there are signs in place regarding the Cliffs being closed.
- Library Director Miller:
  - Summer reading has begun for all ages. You can sign up through mid-July and ends August 12.
  - Lego Science – Mondays thru June @ 3:00 p.m.
  - Lego Math in July
  - Riddles & Tales (story time) is Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.
  - June 16 @ 11:00 a.m. Nutrition Program by Lisa Simonson

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- June 16 @ 4:00 p.m. Father's Day Craft
- June 21 - Kid's Music Program by Duke Otherwise
- Campground Managers – John & Barb Rautanen: Campground is doing well, in spite of weather & electric issues.

**Mayor, Council, Boards & Commissions Reports:**

- Mayor Kutsi thanked the City Crew & Councilor Skalko for cleaning up the cemetery. Also thanked Linda Tyssen & Leo Skrbec for the Memorial Day Program, and the Color Guard and Ladies Auxiliary.
- City Engineer Jamnick
  - Project Update Hwy 135 – Waterline: Waterline is in. Summit Street in front of Holiday has been prepped and will be paved 6/14/16. Lower Florida still needs to be paved
  - East Industrial Park road to be paved by the end of the week.

**Old Business:**

Emergency Operations Plan Update – Police Chief Techar is working with Biwabik, Aurora & Hoyt Lakes looking for cost savings.

Nuisance Ordinance Update – Nothing new to report

**New Business:**

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to approve a Gilbert resident to connect to Fayal utilities. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve Resolution 2016-08, accepting a Donation from the Gilbert Fire Relief Association for the purchase of wildland fire fighting gear in the amount of \$1,300.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to authorize the purchase of wildland fire fighting gear in the amount of \$1,300.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve the transfer of the liquor license of Sailer & Lindholm LLC DBA Wandering Pines Eatery & Pub to FitzCorp, Inc. DBA Wandering Pines Eatery & Pub effective the date of closing. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Skalko second by Bol to approve the Application of the Gilbert Fire Relief Association for a one day temporary On-Sale Liquor License for July 3, 2016. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve the applications to Conduct Liquor Sales Outside on their premises for July 2 & 3, 2016 for:

Devco, Inc. dba Devo's Sand Bar

JLT Enterprises dba The Downtown Bar

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George & Mark Klobuchar VFW Post 4456  
Range Restaurant, dba The Whistling Bird  
Paul Bontems dba Mudders Place  
Liimatta Pershern LLC dba The Dugout  
Louis Belanger dba The Alibi  
Teri Gordon dba Gladiator Bar and an application for Sunday Liquor. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to authorize hiring temporary employees for the Police Department over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend for traffic control. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Bol second by Liimatta to authorize advertising for someone to clean City Hall. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to approve the discounted rental rate of \$1,800 for Sherwood Forest Campground for the Crawl 4 the Cure for July 14 – 17, 2016. Motion Carried 4 - 1.

Mayor Kutsi read information regarding the Harley Owners Group (HOG) Rally to occur June 23 thru 25, 2016. They will be in Gilbert both Friday and Saturday.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve Project # 14-049 Partial Payment Estimate No. 4 for the T.H. 135 Water Main/Lower Florida Infrastructure project to Bougalis in the amount of \$158,063.57. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve the hiring of John H. Zupancic as a Gilbert First Responder. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Pontinen second by Bol to table a request from Anthem for a Pulse Electric Meter until further information is received. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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 Liimatta to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Robert Kutsi, Mayor