

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Lindsay, City Engineer Jamnick, Police Chief Skelton, Fire Chief Omersa, Campground Caretaker Smith, City Clerk Darrow and Confidential Secretary Devich.

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

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

1. Request from E-G Spirit Squad to waive rental of Community Center.
2. Approve Temporary Liquor Permits for the 4th of July activities.

All approved.

Motion by Omersa second by Nemanick to approve the minutes of Regular Council Meeting of June 14, 2011. Motion carried with Councilor Garrity abstaining.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to approve minutes of Police Commission Meeting of May 10, 2011 and Charter Commission Meeting of May 4, 2011. All approved.

Councilor Nemanick commended the Fire and Police Departments on the professional job done at the recent fire on Broadway Street and noted he was an eye witness to the incident.

Councilor Garrity commented on how projects are being completed on time by the contractors this year. Garrity noted the City is having problems with the AFSCME Union cooperating in contract negotiations. Garrity stated the Council has requested the City conduct job evaluations on all employees, union and nonunion.

City Engineer Jamnick stated the contractors will start work at the Water Plant after the 4th of July. Jamnick updated the Council on the status of various projects.

Police Chief Skelton stated the squad laptop computers have been upgraded and the City of Virginia is interested in buying the old ones.

Motion Gentile second by Omersa to authorize Chief Skelton to sell the old squad laptops to the City of Virginia. All approved.

Fire Chief Omersa recognized the following for helping with the fire at the Risky Business Bar on June 16-17, 2011: LAW ENFORCEMENT & TRAFFIC CONTROL ó Gilbert Police Department, Eveleth Police Department, St. Louis County Sheriff's Department,

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MN State Patrol, Armory Shell Towing; FIRE SUPPRESSION & MUTUAL AID ó Gilbert Fire Department, Fayal Fire Department, Eveleth Fire Department, Virginia Fire Department and Ambulance, Gilbert First Responders, MN State Fire Marshall's Office, 911 Communications at Midway; REHAB & TECHNICAL SUPPORT ó Gilbert City Crew and Office Staff, Gilbert VFW & Members, especially Mary Bradach and Bill Kerzie, for the use of the building and providing food, refreshments and bathroom facilities for 10 hours. Casey Omersa, Jayden Rolstone, Chris Pasch and Chris Erickson for transport of supplies from fire hall to scene. Kohler Fuel for delivering fuel at a critical time. Mike Zadra for all the pictures and video taken.

Campground Caretaker Smith commended the City on the beautiful new swimming beach. Smith announced there was a surprise inspection from Good Sam and the Campground passed with a higher rating than last year. Smith recommended the City to advertise with Good Sam.

Mayor Bellerud commented the sign at Sherwood Forest Campground is still down and the cemetery signs have not been put up yet. Bellerud stated Bill Addy has requested use of the Recreation Complex for a Car Show on July 3, 2011.

Motion by Omersa second by Nemanick to allow Bill Addy to host a Car Show at the Recreation Complex on July 3, 2011 as in past years. Council requested cars not be parked on the baseball field if the grounds are wet. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to approve renewal of Good Sam membership for 2012 at cost of \$595.00. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to have job evaluations conducted on all City employees. All approved.

Councilor Gentile noted the Council discussed contracting services at the Closed Council Meeting and requested the City Attorney check into the legalities of it. Gentile also noted the Council agreed to recommend the City Attorney RFQ.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to approve payment of bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk (check no. 10444-10517). 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 Nemanick second by Gentile to table the curb cut request from Mike Sailer. All approved.

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Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to allow the VFW to fence off the area between the front annex door and sidewalk on July 2, 2011 to allow smoking and drinking in the designated area as in years past. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to have the City Clerk set up a date for the Council to review the Meter Reader applications and then set a date for the Council to interview the selected applicants. All approved.

Mike Darrow presented the Council with the preliminary audit review and stated a summary of the financial information will be posted at City Hall and published in the Gilbert Herald.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to have the City Clerk set up a meeting with MN Power to discuss converting from fuel to electricity where possible within the City. All approved.

Councilor Garrity requested City Engineer Jamnick and Eric Clement attend the next Water and Light Board meeting.

Motion by Omersa second by Nemanick to approve the cost for a 3rd and 4th Quarter Financial Review. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Gentile to authorize the City Clerk to attend the ICMA Conference and the Minnesota Governmental Finance Officers Association Conference. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to authorize MN Power to repair damaged street pole at 201 Nebraska Avenue West for approximate cost of \$3,600.00. All approved.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to approve AWAIR Program as first phase of Safety Training. All approved.

City Attorney Lindsay explained the new Light Duty Policy and noted the City is waiting for a response from the Union regarding the policy.

Motion by Garrity second by Omersa to approve temporary transfer of \$4,000.00 from the general fund to the campground fund. All approved.

Motion Gentile second by Nemanick to request the \$30,000 from the Library that was allocated for the roof project. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Omersa to approve sulfuric acid and tank for the Water Plant in the amount not too exceed \$1,909.57. All approved.

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Motion by Gentile second by Nemanick to approve Mushball Tournament at Recreation Complex and Temporary Liquor License for the Range Ridge Riders for MDA for July 16-17, 2011. All approved.

City Clerk Darrow stated he has been compiling reimbursement requests for the State to submit before the State shut-down on July 1, 2011. Darrow stated he had contacted the League of MN Cities regarding liability issues concerning the cliff diving at Lake Ore-Be-Gone. Darrow stated the opinion from the League and insurance agent is the City is not liable because the City doesn't support the diving but should post that it is a dangerous area. Attorney Lindsay agreed stating the City does not want to support or promote cliff diving at Lake Ore-Be-Gone because that would increase the duty to maintain the area.

Motion by Garrity second by Darrow to authorize the City Clerk to use eDo Bid to auction the one-ton pickup and other items. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Nemanick to pay the summer casual laborers \$10.00 per hour. All approved.

Lengthy discussion followed concerning the Crawl 4 the Cure Event held every year at the OHV Park and Sherwood Forest Campground. Clerk Darrow noted there is a request into State leaders to allow the OHV Park to be opened for the event.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to authorize Clerk Darrow to get an addendum to the City's insurance (if necessary) to cover the OHV Park for the Crawl 4 the Cure Event and to give those staying at Sherwood Forest Campground for the event and 30% reduction on the campground fees. All approved.

Discussion followed regarding the Gilbert Street Dance on July 2, 2011. Chief Skelton stated the south side bar owners had requested Broadway Street be closed well over a month ago but now some of the bars on the North side would also like the street closed. Further discussion followed.

Motion by Nemanick second by Gentile to close Broadway Street from Nebraska Avenue to Michigan Avenue on July 2, 2011 from approximately 7:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to waive the rental fee for Community Center for the E-G Spirit Squad on June 29, 2011. The Council requested the E-G Spirit Squad clean the building after use. All approved.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to approve Temporary Liquor Permits for the 4th of July activities. All approved

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Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 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.