

CITY OF GILBERT  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Kutsi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Kutsi, Councilors Pontinen, Skalko, Bol, and Liimatta.

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Thayer

The purpose of the Special City Council Meeting is to decide what is to be done with Kraig Sortedahl's building at 317 North Broadway Street.

Kraig Sortedahl was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Kusti feels that the structure should be removed.

Councilor Bol is not in favor of having the structure removed. He would like to extend the opportunity to Mr. Sortedahl to meet another time.

Councilor Skalko inquired about taxing it as a commercial building. Attorney Thayer said it can be taxed as a commercial building since it is in a commercial district, and a commercial building permit was applied for.

Councilor Pontinen stated that he checked with the St. Louis County Assessor and they can't tax it as a commercial building unless it is shown to be a commercial building. If it can't be taxed at a higher rate, he is in favor of tearing the building down.

Councilor Liimatta stated that there is no evidence of commercial use and that Mr. Sortedahl is in violation of his contract with the city.

Councilor Bol feels that it would be hasty to have the building removed.

Mayor Kutsi stated that Mr. Sortedahl has not made any effort to comply and has not contacted anyone on the Council in the last ninety days.

Councilor Pontinen inquired if the attorney can look into if we can tax a special amount or charge a fee to pay for services he receives.

Councilor Skalko would like to look into if it can be taxed as a commercial building and require that it be plumbed and have electrical. Councilor Skalko offered to speak with Mr. Sortedahl to see where he stands.

Motion by Kutsi second by Bol to look into a commercial tax and to have another special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on June 23, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried.

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Debra Sakrison, Clerk/Treasurer

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Rob Kutsi, Mayor