

City of Gilbert
Regular Council Meeting
August 13, 2013
6:30 p.m.

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

Members Present: Skenzich, Schutte, Kutsi, Skalko and Nemanick

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Kearney, City Engineer Jamnick, Police Chief Techar, Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller, Campground Directors Barb and John Rautanen, City Clerk Sakrison and Secretary Olsen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Schutte, second by Skalko to approve the agenda with the exception to delete item 4. B. pertaining to the quit claim deed. All approved.

Mike Erjavec from the Town of Fayal was present to offer his recommendation regarding the Gilbert-Fayal Wastewater Agreement. Erjavec stated the two attorneys and two board members should meet and discuss the situation until they reach an agreement. It was the consensus of the council to designate Councilor Skalko as Gilbert's representative.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Schutte to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2013 council meeting. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick, second by Schutte to award the bid for the 2013 Street and Infrastructure Project to Utility Systems of America in the amount of \$1,033,939.30. All approved. Jamnick explained the project consisted of Parts A, B, and C and all of those would be complete by July 1, 2014. Jamnick also explained the Circle Drive plans include curb and gutter inside and outside throughout the circle to connect with Alaska Avenue. Jamnick also mentioned the current plans to implement diagonal parking on Ohio Avenue West just off Broadway to provide for additional parking by the fire hall.

Motion by Schutte, second by Kutsi to grant the request for a bingo permit to the Gilbert Campus Parent Teacher Organization. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick, second by Kutsi to adopt the PARTNERS Joint Powers resolution if participants can be recruited. All approved. Nemanick suggested the library might be of help in finding participants. Mayor Skenzich also volunteered to be the City of Gilbert representative on the board.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Schutte to participate in the Salvation Army HeatShare Program. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick, second by Skalko to adopt the rebate forms for the Conservation Improvement Program. All approved.

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Motion by Schutte, second by Kutsi to accept the notice of retirement for George (Leo) Shea effective September 27, 2013 and to begin the process of internally posting the position. All approved.

Motion by Schutte, second by Skalko to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Attorney Brunfelt to recognize the Zallar property as a legal non-conforming residential use in the commercial zone district in which it is located. All approved.

With Shea retiring, Nemanick raised the issue of comparison in cost and job performance between employees and contractors. He mentioned the city is spending money for poor work and cited the Summit Street sod project. Jamnick informed the council there is a one year warranty on the grass.

Skalko also raised issue with the Summit Street sod project stating it should be brought back to grade. Skalko also mentioned he was waiting for an estimate for brushing around the cemetery wall.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Skalko to offer the city maintained portion of the Genoa Trail to the ATV/OHV Board for the purpose of acquiring state funding. All approved.

Schutte raised issue with the condition of the main street stating that some areas are quite bad. Schutte also wanted to be sure the city was holding true to the agreement that was made with the Whistling Bird. Skenzich assured her enough money had been recovered in taxes to offset the outstanding utility bill.

Jamnick informed the council he is going through the punch list to wrap up the Alaska Avenue Project.

Chief Techar informed the council the department had sampled traffic for two days for six to eight hours each day. He stated that while some speeds were over the limit, there was nothing that was greatly excessive. He also mentioned a resident took part in the sampling. Techar stated in many instances traffic appears to be going faster than it really is.

Operations Director Lautigar presented his case for moving Trudy Salo into a full-time position. He stated in a recent evaluation Salo had actually worked the equivalent of 89% of full-time the last year. Lautigar said he would like her to acquire a Class B license and be able to use her as a floater stating the flexibility would be an asset. He also stated the union supports such action.

Motion by Schutte, second by Kutsi pending union approval with a memorandum of understanding waiving the internal posting and Salo acquiring a Class B license for the purpose of being utilized in a float position, to promote Trudy Salo to a full-time position. All approved.

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Lautigar informed the council he had a water conservation representative here to inspect the lines. Two hydrants, two water shut-offs and one valve were found to be leaking. He also stated he would like to have this done every two years.

Lautigar informed the council he has 18 single graves remaining for sale and the capability to add 50 more, however the council needs to budget for a cemetery expansion in 2014.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Schutte to add the fifty lots in the available south section. All approved.

Lautigar stated due to maintenance on the sub-station there would be intermittent power outages on Wednesday August 21 and a two hour outage on August 22, 2013.

Discussion followed on replacing the sidewalk adjoining Devo's Sand Bar. Lautigar stated it has been past practice for the property owner to pay for materials while the city provided the labor. Due to lack of manpower and time, Lautigar requested permission to have a contractor provide the labor at a cost of \$1,200.00. Councilor Nemanick expressed concerns due to the many bad sidewalks in town.

Motion by Skenzich, second by Skalko to replace the sidewalk adjoining Devo's Sand Bar with Devich paying the \$600.00 in materials, and the city paying the \$1,200.00 in labor. All approved.

Lautigar updated the council on the status of the lime lagoon. Lautigar stated there is \$50,000.00 budgeted for the removal and hauling of lime to acreage for agricultural purposes. He also stated this should be done every year to two years.

Motion by Schutte, second by Skalko for Lautigar to solicit quotes that encompass the project of removal and hauling of the lime. All approved.

Discussion followed on the Community Center heating issues and options. Skenzich stated with the cold weather approaching, the situation needs to be remedied. It was the consensus of the council to have Lautigar solicit costs to repair the existing radiators.

Library Director Miller informed the council the school and city libraries have begun working together. Miller also updated the council on programs and events at the library. Miller also mentioned the library will be having new carpet installed in early September.

Motion by Schutte, second by Skalko to take the Iron Range Tourism Ad item from the table. All approved.

Motion by Schutte, second by Skalko to renew the Iron Range Tourism Booklet Ad at a cost of \$560.00. All approved.

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Campground Director John Rautanen expressed his favor for the Good Sam membership stating if the city were to drop it they could not get it back.

Motion by Schutte, second by Kutsi to renew the campground's Good Sam membership at a cost of \$1,495.00 All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to schedule the work session for the audit review for August 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. All Approved.

Motion by Schutte, second by Kutsi to schedule a 2014 budget work session for August 27, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. All approved.

Mayor Skenzich suggested a committee be set up to review cost factors for work done by contractors versus employees.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Schutte to approve the bills and payroll. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Schutte to approve the safety committee minutes of June 21, 2013. All approved.

Motion by Schutte, second by Nemanick to approve the Planning & Zoning minutes of August 5, 2013 and the variance for Jon Filipovich. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick, second by Schutte to approve the Sortedahl permit as set forth by the Planning and Zoning Commission. All approved.

Donovan Goblirsch requested the city mark the Ore-be-Gone lots. Discussion followed on the possibility of marketing other city property as well. It was the consensus of the council to have City Engineer Jamnick mark the Ore-be Gone lots.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Skalko to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. All approved.

Attest:

Michael Skenzich, Mayor

City Clerk