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**CITY OF GILBERT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Police Chief Skelton, Working Foreman Kuitunen, Fire Chief Omersa, 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 Garrity to approve minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings of August 9, 2011. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Omersa to approve minutes of Library Board Meeting of July 6, 2011. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Omersa to approve minutes of Police Commission Meeting of July 12, 2011. All approved.

Hugo Mariucci, new station manager for the Eveleth/Fayal Cable access Channel 12, presented a video highlighting some of the events produced and telecast on Channel 12 over the last three months. Mariucci updated the Council on what is being done to improve and expand Channel 12 and requested the City of Gilbert re-join the Eveleth/Fayal Cable Commission and Channel 12. Mariucci quoted a money savings rate of \$75.00 per Council Meeting for taping and telecast on Channel 12 and added he would do it free until February 2012. The Council agreed to further discuss the proposition noting they are happy with the current service.

No public input.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve addition to the agenda to/and authorize Terah Rinerson to attend MRWA Water Operator Training in St. Cloud, September 14-16, 2011 at cost of \$125.00 plus \$32.00 for Operator Class C Exam. All approved.

Councilor Nemanick discussed blight issues with Police Chief Skelton.

Councilor Omersa expressed concern with garbage along the beach at Lake Ore-Be-Gone noting an incident where a girl's foot was cut by a broken bottle. Omersa stated the lifeguards are only there for certain hours and recommended a camera system like at the recycling center. Police Chief Skelton replied it would cost approximately \$5,000 for the camera system noting the camera at the recycling center was paid for through a grant from St. Louis County. Councilor Gentile stated he has noticed an improvement with the



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parking problems at the beach but noted there is still a problem with pets. Chief Skelton agreed and stated he has also received complaints about smoking allowed at the beach. Councilor Nemanick explained everybody has a right to enjoy the beach and requested people to police themselves and others to keep the area nice for all.

Motion by Gentile second by Garrity to authorize the Gilbert Police Squad to lead the funeral procession for the late ex-Chief of Police Tony Delzatto. All approved.

Motion by Omersa second by Nemanick to authorize the Police Chief to sell forfeited police vehicle through Do-Bid. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Omersa to approve payment of bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk (check no. 10684-10730). All approved.

City Clerk Darrow discussed the land swap with Rendrag of an area at the far end of the Lake Ore-Be-Gone Development in exchange for land to the east of Lake Ore-Be-Gone.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to reimburse Rendrag for half of the cost of a title search for the Lake Ore-Be-Gone land swap. Gilbert's share of the cost not to exceed \$5,000. All approved.

City Clerk Darrow stated the City received five submittals for City Attorney/Legal Services for beginning in 2012.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to conduct interviews on September 27, 2011 for legal services. Interviews will begin at 4:30 p.m. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to approve request from Devo's Sand Bar to allow drinks outside in adjacent lot to the bar on September 4, 2011 for a bean bag tournament. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Omersa to approve final Pay Estimate No. 5 for \$4,097.83 to Jola & Sopp Excavating for 2010 Sanitary Sewer Improvements project. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Nemanick to approve Change Order No. 1 for \$2,500 and Final Pay Estimated No. 5 for 21,691.14 to Mesabi Bituminous for Summit Street/Sherwood Forest Drive Improvements project. All approved.

City Clerk Darrow discussed the options and costs for fixing and/or replacing the loader.

Motion by Nemanick second by Gentile to have Titan Machinery replace the existing transmission and center pin on loader for cost of \$27,239. All approved.



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Motion by Garrity second by Omersa to approve contract with Wright Tree Service for the amount of \$2,227.44 to trim trees throughout the City of Gilbert during the fall of 2011. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to table union contracts. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Nemanick to approve proposed contract amendments as outlined in the Police Chief's memo. The Council authorizes City Staff and City Attorney to develop the final contract with the amended changes. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve resignation of Peace Officer Licari and authorize the hiring of a new Peace Officer. All approved. The City of Gilbert is grateful for the years of service and dedication of Peace Officer Licari.

Motion by Gentile second by Nemanick to approve the proposed Gilbert/Biwabik Police Service Contract for 2012 and 2013. All approved.

City Clerk Darrow stated the Water and Light Advisory Board met on August 17, 2011 to review the electric rate study and proposed energy rate increase. In 2010, the City lost \$102,893 on the electric enterprise fund due to a combination of true-up charges and on-going rate increases from Minnesota Power over the past several years. One of the findings of the 2010 audit was to review the existing rate and adopt an increase, as necessary. The City has not raised the electrical rate since October 1, 2008.

Motion by Garrity second by Nemanick to approve the rate increase for the electric enterprise fund effective October 2011 billing. Service charges will remain the same. The new rates are as follows:

Residential	.089 per KHW
Business	.102 per KHW
Municipal	.09 per KHW
Service Charge	No Changes

All approved.

Councilor Garrity recommended the City increase the salary for the Council, Mayor and Zoning Administrator by \$50.00 each. Councilor Nemanick stated he was not comfortable increasing his salary when the City is asking everyone to cut. Councilor Gentile noted it has been 23 years since the Council and Mayor received a wage increase.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to increase the monthly salary by \$50.00 for the Council, Mayor and Zoning Administrator effective January 1, 2012. Motion carried with Councilor Nemanick abstaining.

Discussion was held concerning items on the 2012 budget.



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City Clerk Darrow explained the proposed levy will be presented to the City Council on September 7, 2011 after refinements and/or additions to the budget are made.

Clerk Darrow updated the Council on grants the City of Gilbert will be applying for.

Motion by Nemanick second by Omersa to list the following items with Do Bid: old garbage truck, old water truck, old airplane tug and an old wood splitter. All approved.

Councilor Garrity updated the Council on the most recent mediation meeting with Fayal as required by the Court.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to authorize Attorney Jaclyn Corradi to research the City of Gilbert's options regarding cutting sewer service to Fayal. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Omersa to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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.