

**CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

Absent: Councilor Omersa

Staff Present: City Attorney Lindsay, City Attorney Corradi, City Engineer Jamnick, 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 Garrity second by Nemanick to approve the following addition to the agenda:

1. Approve payment of \$4,480.50 to the Range Recreation Civic Center for the 2012 annual support.

All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Nemanick to approve minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings of September 7 and September 23, 2011. All approved.

Councilor Nemanick requested businesses that receive special permission to allow liquor outside should be required to clean up the property the next day. Council agreed to add the stipulation for future requests.

City Engineer Jamnick updated the Council on the progress of the Water Plant and other projects.

Fire Chief Omersa announced the Fire Department flushed fire hydrants and reported any problem hydrants to the Public Works Department. Omersa also mentioned the Fire Department received a \$2,000 matching grant from the State and will be requesting approval in the near future.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to authorize the City Engineer to continue moving forward with a study on the need for a second substation by the Holiday. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Nemanick to approve payment of bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk (check no. 10801-10853). All approved.

Council agreed to move discussion on Fayal Township at the end of the meeting.

Mary Holliday stated she was attending the meeting for Tom Gardner, President of RENDRAG. Holliday presented information on the property exchange. Holliday stated RENDRAG would like a commitment from the City of Gilbert on the proposed property exchange before spending more time and money. Holliday explained RENDRAG has done a

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lot of title work and would continue to pay for the work unless a red flag might require costs from the City. Lengthy discussion followed on the proposed property exchange.

Motion by Garrity second by Nemanick table action on the proposed property exchange and to continue as previously approved to reimburse Rendrag for half of the cost of a title search. (Gilbert's share of the cost not too exceed \$5,000.) All approved.

City Clerk Darrow explained one of the findings of the 2010 audit was to update the City investment policy. The policy conforms to the policy statement presented by the League of Minnesota Cities.

Motion by Nemanick second by Garrity to approve the Investment Policy of the City of Gilbert. This policy will replace the existing investment policy of the City of Gilbert. All approved.

City Clerk Darrow stated the IRRRB Public Works Grant is due October 17th and noted City Engineer Jamnick and he met with Dick Walsch to discuss projects. Darrow stated he also met with Northland Securities on bond scenarios with Mayor Bellerud and Councilor Garrity.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to authorize the City Clerk to start the bond rating process for the City of Gilbert at cost of \$7,500.00. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Nemanick to have Sam Lautigar become the City's Operating Supervisor effective October 1, 2011 and increase his pay to the Working Foreman pay rate and to continue Ken Kuitunen's pay rate at the Working Foreman pay rate until his retirement because he will be assisting the City with mapping and such. All approved.

City Clerk Darrow stated the City staff is proposing the elimination of the Cemetery Sexton position. The position would be shifted to a maintenance worker position and would not cause the termination of any employee but rather allow for a wider range of responsibilities for the maintenance worker position.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to begin the process of eliminating the Cemetery Sexton position and authorize the City Clerk to work with the bargaining unit to set forth the process. All approved.

Brief discussion followed on possibly purchasing video equipment for at Lake Ore-Be-Gone through police forfeiture funds, a grant and Inland Mining Co. No action was taken.

Councilor Nemanick suggested the City promote more than just the Campground and OHV Park in the advertisement for the Iron Range Visitor's Guide.

Motion by Nemanick second by Gentile to approve the 2012 Iron Range Visitor's Guide ad at a cost not too exceed \$1,180.00. All approved.

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Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to authorize \$1,000 of police forfeiture funds for security camera measures. All approved.

City Clerk Darrow updated the council on monies received for equipment sold by Do-Bid Auctions.

Motion by Gentile second by Garrity to support the Gilbert Public Library in adopting a platoon. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Nemanick to approve payment of \$4,480.50 to the Range Recreation Civic Center for the 2012 annual support. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Gentile to recess the Regular Council Meeting for the Closed Meeting for discussion on the trial with Fayal Township. All approved.

Motion by Garrity second by Nemanick to reconvene the Regular Council Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Omersa

Staff Present: City Attorney Corradi, City Engineer Jamnick, City Clerk Darrow and Confidential Secretary Devich.

Motion by Garrity second by Gentile to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 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.