

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Attorney Kearney, City Engineer Jamnick, Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Fire Chief Skenzich and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

Staff Absent: Library Director Miller (w/Notice)

Mayor Kutsi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU).

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the September 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes. MCU.

Public Input:

Carey Peterson stated that he had spoken with the MN Deer Hunters Association President and he shared verbiage that the City of Hibbing uses for their ordinance. Also discussed that the City of Virginia's ordinance is almost identical to the City of Gilbert and the City of Mt. Iron had some exceptions to their ordinance.

Staff Reports:

- Chief Techar:
 - They received a \$12,000 DNR grant to be used for ATV enforcement for overtime & equipment. This is shared with the St. Louis County Sheriff's office. The ATV crashes are down, last summer there were only 12 – 13 crashes, highest was 72 crashes in a year but that was when the park first opened. The extra enforcement helps. Approximately 80% of the crashes are in the park.
- Public Works Operations Director Lautigar:
 - Thanked Ben Harenen, Eagle Boy Scout, who needed to do an Eagle Scout project, so he built (10) picnic tables for the campground and painted the exterior of the recreation center the 2nd weekend in September.
 - Fall clean-up will be October 31, 2016 to November 4, 2016.
- Fire Chief Skenzich gave an update for the year:
 - Received wildland helmets & gloves and (7) new waterpacks from donations.
 - MN DNR \$5,000 matching grant was approved at the last council meeting.
 - The department put in for a \$2,000 grant from MN Energy for a set of turn-out gear. Grant was approved.
 - MN Board of Fire Fighting Training & Education reimburses for training of up to \$4,000 for upcoming year.

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- There are some additional grants out there and they are getting information together to apply for them.

Mayor, Council, Boards & Commissions Reports:

- Mayor Kutsi wanted to thank the Police & Fire Departments for jobs well done. Also received an email from RAMS regarding endorsing candidates. He felt that the taxpayers' money should not go towards endorsing any candidate.
- City Engineer Jamnick updated on the CDBG application cycle is up again. Applications are due October 17. Would be looking at applying for the equalization basin. Looking for authorization to put in the pre-application.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to authorize City Engineer Jamnick to move forward with the CDBG pre-application. MCU.

Old Business:

Emergency Operations Plan Update – Nothing new to report.

Nuisance Ordinance Update – Nothing new to report

New Business:

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 5 for the T.H. 135 Water Main/Lower Florida Infrastructure project for \$55,150.05 to Bougalis Construction, upon receipt of certified payrolls. MCU.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar discussed replacement pump for overflow basin tank. A quote was received, but Lautigar would like to do this work in conjunction with the new EQ basin. Additional research will be done to be sure that this would be the correct pump needed. This will be put back on the agenda at a later date, if needed. No action needed at this time.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the quote from Glass & Door, Inc. in the amount of \$4,106.00 for the door for the Community Center. MCU.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar discussed the safety issue at waste water treatment facility regarding the cleaning of the pump and placing back onto the rails. Ron LaFond & City Engineer Jamnick will be looking into this and making a recommendation for improvement and it will be brought back to the Council at that time.

Motion by Skalko second by Bol to support the exploration via discussions of operating options to be facilitated by the City of Eveleth for the Fire Departments of Gilbert, Eveleth and Fayal. MCU.

Motion by Pontinen second by Bol to authorize Planning & Zoning request for the City of Gilbert to survey Parcel code 060-0010-2060 Plat Gilbert Lot 0000 Block 10, located at 102

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North Broadway to determine property lines for the purpose of establishing setback requirements from the alley right-of-way. Motion Carried 4 - 1.

Motion by Bol second by Liimatta to authorize JPJ Engineering to conduct survey as requested by Planning & Zoning. MCU.

Motion by Bol second by Liimatta to approve the Gilbert Community Church request to rent the Community Center kitchen & dining room for a reduced rate of \$100/day for both. MCU.

Motion by Mayor Kutsi to accept change to Chapter 30 Article 130.01 – Dangerous Weapons aka Hunting in Gilbert as per proposed Ordinance 2016-02. Motion was rescinded.

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to accept change to Chapter 30 Article 130.01 – Dangerous Weapons aka Hunting in Gilbert as per proposed Ordinance 2016-02, with the revision of 500 feet from any structure for use of bow and arrow. Pontinen – Nay; Skalko – Aye; Mayor Kutsi – Aye; Bol – Aye; Liimatta – Aye. Motion Carried 4-1.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to pass Resolution 2016-16 – Certifying the Proposed 2016 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2017 for \$1,136,822 and to set the Public Hearing to discuss the 2017 budget for 6:30 p.m. on December 5, 2016. MCU.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk. Pontinen – Nay; Skalko – Aye; Mayor Kutsi – Aye; Bol – Aye; Liimatta – Aye. Motion Carried 4-1.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to acknowledge the EFGSD Jt. Powers Recreation Board Minutes of August 10, 2016 and Gilbert Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes of September 12, 2016. MCU.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. MCU


Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:


Robert Kutsi, Mayor