

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Kearney, City Engineer Jamnick, Police Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Campground Managers John and Barb Rautanen, and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

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

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input:

Donovan Goblirsch discussed a report that he received from John Briski of Northstar Specialized Services. They purchased Lot 1 in Kansas Plat and had a soil test done. It was found that there is four to nine feet of organic debris that needs to be removed to be able to build a slab on grade structure without a basement. The cost to do this is approximately \$35,000. IRRRB has been sent a letter regarding a possible grant. Mr. Goblirsch suggested doing a possible transfer of lots with the City. Mayor Kutsi stated that he spoke with the IRRRB about funding to clean up the lot. He wants to look at possibly doing a soil boring on another lot, and if it is good and they guarantee to build, that they can look at possibly swapping lots. Councilor Bol inquired if the lot would be structurally feasible to put a smaller structure on. Mr. Goblirsch stated that a structure with a basement would be okay. Lautigar stated that it is going to cost about \$12,000 to run electrical to the site. Jamnick suggested doing spot digging on the lots to see if they hit clay. Lautigar will do some testing and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the June 23, 2015 Special City Council Meeting Minutes and the June 23, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

City Engineer Jamnick discussed Pay Estimate #8 to Utility Systems of America. He stated that we are still holding \$56,600 retainage. He stated that there are some sodding issues and a couple other items that still need to be taken care of. Motion by Skalko second by Kutsi to approve Pay Estimate #8 in the amount of \$36,928.23 to Utility Systems of America. Motion carried.

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to approve the City of Gilbert helping Mike Peterson to acquire a curb cut on MN State Highway 37 at 310 N Broadway. Motion carried.

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Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko approving Resolution 2015-11 Accepting Donation from the Gilbert Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$500 for the Gilbert Fire Department. Motion carried.

Chief Techar requested approval of an emergency hire of a part-time officer at \$19.20 per hour for 67 shifts. He stated that they are down four officers right now with one to return this week. He stated they are paying out a lot in overtime. He stated that the Police Commission has already approved hiring Tanner Banks for the position, contingent upon a psychological evaluation and physical. Motion by Bol second by Liimatta to approve the emergency request to hire a part-time officer. Motion carried.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve closing the Gilbert City Office at 4:00 p.m. on five occasions so office staff can complete training with Payment Service Network. Motion carried.

Mayor Kutsi discussed that Eveleth-Fayal-Gilbert School District Joint Powers Recreation Board is requesting another representative to be appointed to the Rec Board.

Mayor Kutsi discussed that the City of Gilbert has a Master Contract with MN Power for maintenance of the electrical system. The pole inspection is anticipated to cost approximately \$12,000. Motion by Skalko second by Bol to approve the Scope of Work for pole inspection and treatment and line inspection. Motion carried.

Councilor Pontinen inquired about the street lights on Summit Street. Lautigar stated that there is a problem with the underground. MN Power is working on it. Chief Techar stated that he will have his night crew go around and mark all the light poles that are out and get a list to Lautigar.

Councilor Skalko inquired if the slope in the cemetery could be made into a memorial area where trees can be purchased and planted in memory of someone. He stated that Lautigar could direct where the planting could go. He stated that a tree has been planted in memory of Officer Bradach's child, Ivy, and he would like other people in the community to be able to have a memorial tree planted as well. He wished the best to Officer Bradach and his family. He thanked the Panyans and the Skrbecs for planting flowers, and the 3rd of July Committee for their work.

Mayor Kutsi thanked the 3rd of July Committee, Public Works, and the Police Department for all the work they did over the holiday.

Mayor Kutsi discussed the cliff diving on Lake Ore-Be-Gone. He stated that he talked to Aspire Insurance and they feel we should add additional signage for no trespassing and no cliff jumping to limit the City's liability. He feels that we need to issue citations to further limit the liability. Kearney advised to check with LMCIT regarding signage. Motion by Kutsi second by Bol to

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have Lautigar work with LMCIT and Insurance Agent Shega on signs and liability issues. Motion carried.

Councilor Bol inquired about the mail delivery issue due to parked cars. Techar stated he will look into it. Bol thanked the department for all the effort they put in over the holiday.

Councilor Liimatta discussed dust control for the four-wheel trail. Lautigar stated that calcium chloride can be put on the trail for around \$1500. Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to have Lautigar get quotes for dust control on the four-wheel trail. Motion carried.

Engineer Jannick discussed that the lower Florida and McKinley water line project is in order and going out for bids due August 7, 2015.

Chief Techar discussed that the Police Commission approved Officer Andrew Haken to be promoted from Probationary Patrol Officer to Full-time Patrol Officer. Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to promote Officer Haken to Full-time Police Officer. Motion carried.

Chief Techar discussed issues with the Ore-Be-Gone beach. He stated they have had some complaints of jet skis in the swimming area. He is requesting permission to apply to make the swimming area at Lake Ore-Be-Gone an official public beach. He would like to place buoys at 140 feet to keep boats away from the swimming area. He would like to check with the Recreation Board about covering the costs. Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve applying for a permit to make an official beach at Lake Ore-Be-Gone. Motion carried.

Chief Techar stated that the 4th of July went very well.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated that he got a price to fix the rock wall in the cemetery for between \$30,000 - \$37,000. He would like to look at budgeting it for next year. Pontinen inquired about eliminating the rock and going with a straight wall. Lautigar stated that he can get a price on it.

Mayor Kutsi inquired if the sidewalk can be repaired in front of the Post Office. Lautigar stated that he has some patching material that can be used to repair it.

Campground Manager John Rautanen stated that St. Louis County will allow the City to get in on the bid for calcium chloride.

Campground Manager John Rautanen stated that Crawl 4 the Cure is starting July 16th.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve payment of bills and payroll. Motion carried.

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Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the June 10, 2015 EFGSD Joint Powers Recreation Board Meeting Minutes and the June 30, 2015 Campground Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Skalko second by Kutsi to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Debra Sakrison, Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST

Rob Kutsi, Mayor