

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Kutsi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Kearney, Clerk-Treasurer Sakrison

The purpose of the Special City Council Meeting is to decide what is to be done with Kraig Sortedahl's building at 317 North Broadway Street.

Kraig Sortedahl was present at the meeting.

Mr. Sortedahl stated that he has gotten two bids for electrical, contacted the gas company for gas service, and the window trim kits have been ordered. He is currently unemployed and doesn't have much money coming in. He stated that his wife has an EIN and sells and trades on the internet. There was no business plan prior to construction and he does not have the finances to finish the building and it would be thousands of dollars to connect to water and sewer.

Councilor Bol stated that he understands hard times and wants to make a motion to grant an extension.

Mayor Kutsi stated that the building is being taxed as residential but Mr. Sortedahl applied for a commercial building permit. Mr. Sortedahl stated that the County came to inspect the building and that it is between the City and the County.

Councilor Pontinen told Mr. Sortedahl that it needs to be running as a business in order to be taxed as a business.

City Attorney Kearney stated it may qualify as a commercial building if it is used as storage for commercial purposes.

Mayor Kutsi feels that Mr. Sortedahl has not held up his part of the contract.

Mr. Sortedahl is not interested in selling the structure. He stated that he has over \$17,000 into the building at this time.

Mr. Sortedahl asked to come back in another 90 days. He stated the electrical will probably be done, the windows will be trimmed out, and the exterior will be finished, concrete will be poured. He stated the money isn't there to pay the bills. He isn't going to have anyone come and do the work if he cannot pay them.

Motion by Bol to give another 90 day extension.

City Attorney Kearney stated that he needs to research the storage possibility. He stated that Mr. Sortedahl has failed to have a business plan that will carry out the commercial code.

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Councilor Liimatta asked Mr. Sortedahl if he is getting any closer to having the office space roughed into the building. Mr. Sortedahl stated the office is one of the things that will be moving forward.

Councilor Skalko asked Mr. Sortedahl if he ever had the intention of putting in water and sewer. Mr. Sortedahl stated that he didn't plan on having water and sewer.

Motion by Bol to re-visit this in 60 days. No second.

Motion by Kutsi second by Liimatta to give Mr. Sortedahl 45 days to either have the building 100 percent in compliance: wiring, water, sewer, everything needed to have it meet the commercial code, and have a business in the building or remove the building. Bol feels that it is too steep. Skalko asked Mr. Sortedahl how much time it will take him. Mr. Sortedahl stated he can have the electrical done, the exterior complete, and the gas run in 45 days. He stated that sewer is out of the question. Mayor Kutsi called a roll call. Kutsi: aye. Liimatta: aye; Bol: nay; Skalko: aye; Pontinen: aye. Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Debra Sakrison, Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST

Rob Kutsi, Mayor