

CITY OF GILBERT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Kutsi called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Kearney, City Engineer Jammick, Police Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

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

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

Public Input: None

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the July 14, 2015 Special City Council Meeting Minutes and the July 14, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to adopt Resolution 2015-12 Accepting Donation of \$800.00 for the Gilbert First Responders from Fire/Rescue Communications of NE MN. Motion carried.

Lautigar discussed dust control on the OHV and ATV trails. He received a price from Envirotec for \$1,800 and a second company that he contacted is not able to fit their trailer down the trails so they are unable to do it. He stated that the Trails Board would pay half, which covers their portion of the trail, the campground would pay one quarter, and the City would pay one quarter. Councilor Pontinen stated that no dust would be created if people went the speed limit. Lautigar stated that the Police cannot control the trail at all times. Pontinen discussed putting wood chips on the trail. Kutsi stated that the trail must have certain materials as the base. Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to do dust control provided by Envirotec for a price of \$1800. Motion carried.

Lautigar discussed the Rock N Pines lift station panel. The pumps have been replaced and now the electrical panel needs work. The panel will be moved to a better location. He received two quotes and recommends going with Minnesota Pump Works for \$12,646.15. Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to proceed with the work on the Rock N Pines lift station. Motion carried.

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to support the City of Proctor's pursuit of a National Hockey League franchise. Discussion about the arena. Motion carried.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve the request of support for the ISD 2154 initiative for manual arts. Motion carried.

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Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve the resignation of Teresa Jandrey from the Joint Recreation Board effective August 1, 2015. Mayor Kutsi thanked Teresa for her service. Motion carried.

Mayor Kutsi discussed MN DNR work on the trail easement. He stated that the holdup is on the State's and mining company's side. He stated that the trail will hopefully be completed within 90 days.

Engineer Jammick discussed that there is still some sodding left on alleys. He stated that the bids for the MN Hwy 135/Lower Florida infrastructure project are due August 6, 2015. The Council will have bids for action at the next council meeting.

Mayor Kutsi discussed the IRRRB grant for the Mesabi Bituminous project. He stated that we received a letter on December 28<sup>th</sup> extending our grant. The city was notified in July that the grant had been cancelled. He stated that we are \$250,000 short on the project. He stated that he spoke with Steve Peterson at IRRRB. A meeting has been scheduled with IRRRB personnel to try to resolve the issue.

Chief Techar discussed that there were 91 calls in the last 5 days, of which 24 calls were about the beach. There have been thefts from automobiles, underage consumptions, and disorderly conducts. The word has spread about the cliff jumping on Facebook. He stated that we need to put an extra officer on and resources are spread too thin. There were 160 individuals on the cliffs on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Bol discussed having lockers similar to amusement parks, cameras, and to stiffen fines. Mayor Kutsi asked if we can write trespassing tickets. Chief Techar stated that cliff jumping was prohibited up until 5 years ago. Councilor Bol asked if the City can adjust the citation fine. He feels that a steep fine schedule may encourage responsible behavior. He asked if a billboard showing incarceration would be effective. Chief Techar stated that an officer will be down there over the weekend. He stated that we cannot get a signal with a camera and even if they caught things on camera, people are from out of the area and the police don't know who they are. Steve Peterson asked about charging for parking. Attorney Kearney stated that the issue will be discussed further in the meeting with Insurance Agent Shega tomorrow.

Councilor Liimatta left at 7:15 p.m.

Chief Techar stated that parking has become an issue since the beach has been redone. Lautigar discussed expanding parking, having it professionally blacktopped and striped. He stated that City equipment could not move the rock. Chief Techar discussed hiring a couple community service officers for 8 hours per day for the summer season, which would cost around \$9,000.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar discussed various projects that they have been working on.

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Library Director Miller discussed the various programs that have been going on this month.

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

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried.

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Debra Sakrison, Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST

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Rob Kutsi, Mayor