

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015
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 Michael Kearney, City Engineer Jammick, 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 Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the agenda. All approved.

No public input.

Motion by Skalko second by Pontinen to refer the citizen complaint that was filed regarding taxation and audit issues to Walker, Giroux and Hahne, LLC for an investigative analysis and report addressing whether said complaint has merit. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve Pay Estimate #3 in the amount of \$17,022.72 and Pay Estimate #4 – Final in the amount of \$6,718.40 to Range Cornice and Roofing for the Gilbert City Hall Roofing project. Approved.

Motion by Bol second by Liimatta to adopt Resolution 2015-21 Opposing Extension of Disastrous Trade Policies. Councilor Bol stated that it is extremely important to support Resolution 2015-21 because manufacturing is disappearing from the United States. Approved.

Motion by Pontinen second by Skalko to adopt Resolution 2015-22 Accepting the Grant from Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board for the Industrial Park. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to adopt Resolution 2015-23 Supporting Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency Facility Expansion (AEOA) in Gilbert, MN. Approved.

Jack Larson, Director of Transit of AEOA noted that when the building was originally built it held 40 buses, it currently services 90 buses and they would like to stay in Gilbert. They appreciate being able to stay in Gilbert. Once the resolution passes the process of expanding the facility will begin. This will be a separate building. Councilor Pontinen asked if there would be any expense to the city. There is no expense to the city that Larson is aware of.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve liquor, club and tobacco licenses and to issue same provided all license paperwork is completed, property taxes are paid and license fees have been paid to the following: Approved.

- DEVCO, Inc. DBA Devo's Sand Bar – Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor
- J.M.L. Inc. DBA Jim's Seldom Inn – Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor

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- Mudder's LLC DBA Yo'r Mudders Place – Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor
- Nick's Bar, Inc. DBA Nick's – Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor
- VFW 4456 DBA George & Mark Klobuchar Post –On Sale Club and Sunday Liquor
- Range Restaurant, Inc. DBA The Whistling Bird –On Sale and Sunday Liquor
- Liimatta Pershern LLC DBA The Dugout – Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor
- Teri Lynn Gordon DBA Gladiator Bar –On Sale Liquor
- Louise Belanger DBA The Alibi – Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor
- Woody's Knotty Pine Liquor Inc. DBA Woody's Knotty Pine Liquor Store – Off Sale Liquor Store and Tobacco
- Holiday Station Stores – Tobacco

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve the Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo for the Gilbert Knights of Columbus Council 5031 for 3/20/16, 4/17/16, 9/25/16 and 10/23/16 at St. Joseph's Church located at 515 Summit Street, Gilbert, MN. Approved

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to set a Special City Council Meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. to discuss the cliffs at Ore-Be-Gone. Approved

Motion by Skalko second by Bol to accept proposal for Residential Garbage Pick-up from Tomahawk Ford, Inc. for three years to December 31, 2018. Approved

Motion by Bol second by Liimatta to try and get a three (3) year contract with the Mesabi Humane Society for \$5,000/year. Approved

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to approve Deb Sakrison to attend the MN Clerk & Finance Officers Association Training for Liquor Licensing on December 18, 2015 in Grand Rapids, MN. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve hiring Daulton Everson & Vern Ryberg as rink attendants for the 2015-16 skating season at a rate of \$12/hour. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to pay for the sleigh rides for the Annual Christmas Party for the children put on by the Gilbert Ridge Rider Recreation Club and the Gilbert VFW. Approved.

Councilor Bol discussed the possibilities of conducting fundraising activities to support the Community Center and/or Library. There are many items that need to be repaired or updated at the Community Center soon so that the facility can still be used. He suggested holding a dance, possibly New Year's Eve, to raise some money to get this process started.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to direct Councilor Bol to pursue the possibility of a youth dance on 12/31/15. Approved.

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Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to take the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone Broadway Street from a Commercial District to Mixed Use Zone District. Approved.

Councilor Pontinen spoke about the NBC's Curling Night in America at Range Recreation Civic Center. He gave a history of the facility. This event is from December 3 – 5, there are teams from Scotland, China, Japan and the U.S. competing. It is free admission to watch.

Councilor Skalko said Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Kutsi spoke to Rep. Nolan's aid about setting up a meeting with the Representatives & Senators to discuss the sewer plant.

Engineer Jammick noted that the 1st lift of paving was completed on lower Florida, the remaining will be completed in the Spring, flatwork has been completed. The contractor is getting new pipe for the Hwy 135 project for additional crossings, will continue working weather permitting. Councilor Bol asked what happened with the pipe incident. Jammick stated that the contractor was just as surprised as anyone of where it came from. Councilor Pontinen felt that the JPJ inspector should have caught the mistake with the piping.

Mayor Kutsi asked that the city should purchase American made products whenever possible, even on projects other than publically bid.

Chief Techar updated that they apprehended youth who painted graffiti at the arena and a few other city buildings, once charges are filed they will submit restitution for wages and time spent to clean that up. They also identified the suspect for all the burglaries in the Biwabik area. He asked that the general public to be on the look-out for any additional graffiti and burglaries and to let the police know if they see anything.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated that they have been taking advantage of the extra nice weather.

Library Director Miller:

- November 26 & 27 - Closed for Thanksgiving.
- December 4, 2015 - Santa from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Pinterest Project – Rustic Pellet Signs - Full
- December 10, 2015 – Christmas Tea from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Kutsi noted that City Hall will be closed November 26 & 27.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk. Approved 4 - 1. Roll Call: Pontinen – Nay, Skalko – Aye, Kutsi – Aye, Bol – Aye, and Liimatta – Aye.

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Mayor Kutsi noted that the R.A.M.S. 2015 Annual Meeting will be held on January 7, 2016 at the Mt. Iron Community Center. He also reminded all of the Curl Mesabi Event that Councilor Pontinen previously brought up.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to acknowledge the EFGSD Rec Board Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2015. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Robert Kutsi, Mayor