

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

Absent: Councilor Bol (w/Notice)

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

Staff Absent: N/A

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

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve the agenda with the additions of 8.X – Resolution 2016-23 Approving State of MN Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Gilbert on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department, 8.Y – HRA Board of Commissioners, 8.Z – Request from Gilbert Ridge Rider Recreation Club for a donation and 8.AA – Offer to Purchase Property in Lake Ore Be Gone Plat. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU).

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve the November 22, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. MCU.

Public Input:

Beth Milos, Mayor-Elect, had concerns about agenda item 8.AA – Offer to Purchase Property in Lake Ore Be Gone Plat. She noted 3 items, 1 – the realtor is not aware of the offer, 2 – if this property is sold it will land lock another property, which is illegal, and 3 – she feels that selling the lots as one sale is a big mistake and not a good idea for the development of Gilbert. Milos wanted to share this information before they made their decision.

Mike Hultman, of the Eveleth Gilbert Youth Hockey Association, wanted to talk about fixing up the Skenzich Arena.

- The EGYHA wants to be sure that the Skenzich Arena is not closing. Mayor Kutsi noted that it has not been discussed to close the arena and is not aware of it being an issue.
- They would like to work with the City to fix up the unsafe conditions at the Arena and asked who the contact with the City would be. Mayor Kutsi stated the contact would be Public Works Operations Director Sam Lautigar.
- Hultman also brought up the invoice the City has sent them regarding the rink attendants. He noted that the EGYHA will not contribute towards rink attendants, but will help pay for things for the kids, as new boards, etc.
- Public Works Operations Director Lautigar noted that if new boards are put in a drainage system would need to be put in, as currently the ice has to be pushed out, with the loader & skid steer, which is hard on the boards, otherwise the whole area would flood as there currently is no drainage system.

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Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to have the City Staff work with the Eveleth Gilbert Youth Hockey Association to replace some of the boards at the Skenzich Arena. MCU.

Staff Reports:

- Chief Techar: Agenda
- Public Works Operations Director Lautigar:
 - Started flooding the outside rink late last week. And started flooding the inside rink today (12/13/16).
 - Councilor Pontinen asked why the main part of Sparta is being plowed.

Motion by Pontinen second by Liimatta to cease plowing the main road in Sparta. MCU.

- Library Director Miller:
 - 12/16/16 – Santa from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - 12/19/16 – Cookbook Club – Cookies
 - 12/23/16 & 12/26/16 – CLOSED
 - 12/28/16 – Movie Matinee – “Pete’s Dragon”
 - 12/30/16 – Yule Ball – 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. \$20/couple, or \$15/person

Mayor, Council, Boards & Commissions Reports:

- Mayor Kutsi:
 - Noted that the Seniors Christmas Party was recently held, and thanked Councilor Skalko for making candle holders and his wife Rachael for decorating the Christmas tree.
 - Thanked City Clerk Sakrison for all her work.
 - Thanked City Attorneys Kearney and Thayer for their work with the City the past few years.
 - Thanked City Engineer Jamnick for his work and for attending meetings at the State Capital in the interest of Gilbert.
 - Thanked Chief Techar for the great service the Gilbert Police Department does.
 - Thanked Public Works Operations Director Lautigar for the work he and his crew does for the City.
 - Thanked Library Director Miller for the great Library the City of Gilbert has.
 - Thanked Campground Managers John & Barb Rautanen for their great work at the campground.
 - Thanked the Gilbert Fire Department.
 - Thanked IT Steve Peterson.
 - Thanked Mary Olsen for her hard work.
- Councilor Pontinen: Agenda
- Councilor Skalko: Agenda
- Councilor Bol: Absent
- Councilor Liimatta:
 - Also thanked the City Staff for all their hard work. He thanked the Mayor and Councilor Skalko for giving him the opportunity to serve with them.
- City Attorney Kearney: Agenda
- City Engineer Jamnick: Agenda

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Old Business:

Emergency Operations Plan Update – Nothing new to report.

Nuisance Ordinance Update – Nothing new to report.

New Business:

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve Change Order No. 2 for Project No. 12-568 at the East Industrial Park for a DEDUCT of \$8,067.26. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve Final Pay Estimate to Mesabi Bituminous for Project 12-568 in the amount of \$12,853.79. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve the quote of \$1,637.50 from Titan Machinery to repair the backhoe. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to authorize the Fire Department purchase of wildland turnout gear and two sets of structural turn out gear. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve an Interim Water Agreement with the City of McKinley, not to exceed six months, to provide bulk water at the charge of \$6.75/1000 gallons and a \$100/month charge for meter and maintenance costs. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve Resolution 2016-22 – Resolution Approving 2016 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2017. Roll Call. Pontinen – Aye, Skalko – Aye, Kutsi – Aye, Liimatta – Aye. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve the 2017 Budget for Adoption by Department for the City Operations support by the Net Tax Capacity Levy with Revenues of \$2,748,191 and Expenditures of \$2,765,080 for Funds 101 General Fund, 211 Library Fund, and 301 Debt Service Fund. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to designate Fund Balance for 101-43000-500 \$30,000 and any additional department total less than budgeted for Department 101-43000, 101-49000-500 \$20,000 for Capital Outlay. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve the transfer of \$25,000 from the Water Fund and \$25,000 from the Sewer Fund to the Electric Fund as the third payment for the 2013 transfer. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi 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 Fitzcorp DBA The Wandering Pines – On Sale and Sunday Liquor. MCU.

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Motion by Mayor Kutsi second by Liimatta to have the COBRA participants pay the VEBA contributions.

- Discussion: Councilor Pontinen passed out a letter he received from the Health Insurance Rep - Mick Giblin, which he read aloud. City Attorney Kearney recommended tabling and seek the employment law.
- Motion rescinded.

Motion by Mayor Kutsi second by Liimatta to table action regarding who pays the VEBA contribution for COBRA participants to the next council meeting. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to accept the resignation of Gilbert Part-Time Police Officer Tanner Banks effective immediately. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to hire Anthony Nemanick as a Gilbert First Responder pursuant to his licensure from the State of MN as a First Responder and his passing a background check. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to authorize the registration and travel expenses for the newly elected Mayor and City Councilors to attend the LMC New Elected City Official training. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to accept the roster of Fire Department Officers as elected by the Fire Department on December 2, 2016. MCU.

Chief:	Jeremy Skenzich
Assistant Chief:	Marc Kwiatkowski
Captain:	Mark Heitzman
Safety Officer:	Todd Devich
Secretary:	Dean Spragg
Treasurer:	David Marolt
Trustees:	Anthony Nemanick, Mike Thelen and Josh Erickson

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to authorize \$1,250 for DARE Training for Officer Trucano and to name her as the DARE Officer. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to accept the donation of anti-slip footwear to all of the Gilbert Police Department from Cliffs Natural Resources. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to approve the Gilbert Police Department's request to join the Lake Superior Drug and Violent Crime Task Force. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve the Labor Agreement Between the City of Gilbert and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Local Union No. 627 for a period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. MCU.

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Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for Police Services with the City of Biwabik with an indefinite term and a 2017 contract amount of \$338,103. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to acknowledge the November 2016 Financial Statements. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to authorize payment of any bills and payroll, subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk, due prior to the First City Council meeting in January because there will not be a second City Council meeting in December. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to approve Resolution 2016-23 Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Gilbert on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve HRA Board of Commissioners removal of Edward Schneider, Sr. on the board and appointment of Gail Mahovlich to fill the unexpired term until May 8, 2017. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve a request from Gilbert Ridge Rider Recreation Club for a donation of \$350 towards the wagon rides at the annual Children's Christmas Party. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to accept offer from Mike Sailer to purchase Blocks 2 – 4 Lake Ore Be Gone Plat for \$30,000 with the understanding that he would be responsible for putting in extensions of water and sanitary sewer.

- Discussion: Mayor Kutsi noted that by selling this property it would take care of the problem of the sloping of the pit which would cost a lot of money. Councilor Pontinen wants the offer tabled until the next Council has time to look at it.
- Roll Call: Liimatta – Aye, Kutsi – Aye, Skalko – Aye; Pontinen – Nay. Motion fails 3 – 1 as to transfer property a 4/5 vote is needed.

Motion by Pontinen second by Liimatta to table the offer to purchase property in Lake Ore Be Gone Plat. MCU.

Mike Sailer spoke regarding the offer to purchase the property in Lake Ore Be Gone Plat and that he would put in this own utilities, water, sewer, electric lift station. He rescinded his offer. City Attorney Kearney requested that he put that in writing to the City.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to approve bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk. Carried 3 – 1.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to acknowledge the Gilbert Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes of September 19, 2016 & October 3, 2016. MCU.

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Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to acknowledge the Gilbert Public Library Board Minutes of November 7, 2016. MCU.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to acknowledge EFGSD Joint Powers Recreation Board Minutes of November 9, 2016. MCU.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Robert Kutsi, Mayor