

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016
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 Bol to approve the agenda. All approved.

Public Input:

Jessica Sandnas asked about public input and moving it to a different time during the meetings. City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison stated that she done some research on the League of MN Cities website and spoke to their research dept., as well as spoke to Attorney Kearney, she just hadn't put anything in writing yet, but will soon, and it will be discussed with the Council. Mayor Kutsi noted that the City Charter states the Council determines the order of the meeting. Attorney Kearney also stated that it is in the City Charter. Attorney Kearney also noted that it is not normal for the Public to give input after each item on the agenda, their time is at the beginning of the meeting, and if after the meeting they still have concerns they can bring it up at the next Council Meeting.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve January 12, 2016 Regular City Council Minutes. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve rescheduling the Gilbert City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016 to Monday, August 8, 2016 due to the Primary Election. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the Memorandum of Understanding from JPJ Engineering for engineering services. Approved 4 - 1.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve payment to Mesabi Bituminous of \$20,000 as the second installment of the forgivable loan as described in Section Four of the Development Agreement. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve License #G-1 with Eveleth Fee Office for 2016 in the amount of \$130. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to approve the draft Computer Service Agreement between the City of Gilbert and the Eveleth Police Department as presented. Approved.

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Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve contributing \$100 to the Iron Range Youth in Action to support the 21st Annual Young Leaders Conference. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve Jack Bradach's request to attend Minnesota Rural Water Technical Conference in St. Cloud, MN, March 1-3, 2016, and to authorize the payment of the conference registration fee, lodging, meals and travel. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the payment of the 2016 dues to Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association in the amount of \$1,740.00, to be paid from the Electric Fund. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve Resolution 2016-02, Authorizing Flaherty & Hood, P.A., to file a petition on its behalf for amendment to Minnesota Rules 7050.0150, .0220, and .0222 to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.091. Approved.

Mayor Kutsi attended a meeting with MPCA regarding sulfate requirements, the history of the standards are based on a faulty study. Discussion by our Representatives was quite heated. No industry in MN would meet this standard.

City Engineer Jamnick gave project updates. They went to the CDBG last week, a \$120,000 grant was approved for the Genoa Sewer project, it was less than what was requested, but based on the monies that St. Louis County had. The IRRRB is looking for "shovel ready" projects, and Gilbert submitted four projects.

Councilor Pontinen asked City Engineer Jamnick about getting an estimate for engineering to be done for the plats up by the Holiday Gas Station. Jamnick stated that no estimate is going to be given until after the attorney finishes the title work so they know how many lots it could be.

Mayor Kutsi also noted that he had spoken with Senator Tomassoni & Representative Metsa regarding the sanitary sewer consolidation study.

Chief Techar recapped work on burglaries to businesses on Main Street over the past weekend, as well as in Biwabik. They have three suspects identified and have recovered the majority of the property. It is an ongoing investigation, no formal charges have been filed yet.

Library Director Miller

- Thursday, February 4 – "Harry Potter Book Night" (this is an international event) – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 8 – Pinterest Scratch off Valentines – 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 9 – Chad Lewis – talk on MN Gangsters (Legacy Program) – 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 12 – Anima & Monga Club - 5:00 p.m.

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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; Liimatta – Aye.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to acknowledge response from Auditor regarding Citizen Complaint. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to acknowledge the EFGSD Joint Powers Rec Board Minutes of December 9, 2015 and the Notice from Mediacom regarding additional channel listing. Approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Bol to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Robert Kutsi, Mayor