

City of Gilbert
Minutes of City Council Working Session
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
Council Chambers

Mayor Oberstar called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Councilors Robich, Leoni, Skenzich, Mayor Oberstar, City Engineer John Jamnick, Operations Director Sam Lautigar, Deputy Clerk Gulan, Executive Administrative Clerk Paulsen
Absent with Notice: Councilor Pulles

Call to order at 5:15 P.M.

A. Cemetery Expansion

- Cemetery Advisory Board recommends setting preliminary boundaries.
- John Jamnick: Plan to be determined.
- Access road to be placed per easement on map.
- Terrace the expansion, best option.
- Existing roads not usable and cannot be widened or resurfaced.
- Blacktop when project completed.
- Bob Pontinen - Gilbert citizen, funding, demolition,
- Mayor recommends Cemetery expansion included in bond funding with other projects.
- Leo Skrbec - Gilbert citizen, acreage plot discussion.

B. MN Power Substation

- Joe Peterson, senior engineer/project. Presents design options, decisions necessary for final selection.
- 3 design options presented. Option 2 recommended by MN Power as appropriate for needs and value for the City of Gilbert.
- Future expansion of design possible. Transformer, voltage, conversion discussion.
- Increase from \$600,000 preliminary estimate cost to \$742,000 due to final component costs determined.
- Full service completed in November.
- Most parts are made in America. Mayor requests parts American-made where possible.
- Payment plan and project invoicing options discussed.
- Water & Light Board recommends option 2. Mayor, Leoni, Robich, Skenzich support option 2. Option 2 similar to what City of Gilbert currently has.
- Leo Skrbec. Gilbert citizen/Water & Light Board member: start date concern stated.
- Mobile unit use during the final stages as second substation backup.

C. Funding

1. Hwy 37 Phase 1 & 2

- Doug Kerfeld: Consent Waiver discussion.
- ICO has agreed verbally that it is OK for MNDot and City of Gilbert to remove the one driveway needed to accommodate an ADA bumpout.
- Skenzich, Robich, Mayor in agreement to waive public hearing. Leoni expresses concerns about waiving hearing.
- MN Dot acquisition offers for Broadway 5-10 foot temporary easement.
- Assemble complete plan: 135 to Nebraska this 2020 season. Nebraska to Alaska the 2021 season.
- MN Dot will report back to council next month with construction agreement.

2. Water Tank Refurbishment

- JPJ funding update. City funding portion approximately \$900,000
- Discussion: Enterprise fund and supplementing some areas of capital improvement costs.
- Discussion: 20 year repayment at approximately \$15-\$20 per household.
- Mayor recommendation electric fund to supplement some of the costs.
- Clerk: discusses monthly repayment cost options and expresses need for funding to be in place soon.

3. Water & Electric Meters

- Council discussion: Water meters on capital bond; Electric meters paid by the Electric fund.

Any other additional issues or concerns.

Adjourn

Motion by Skenzich, second by Leoni to adjourn meeting at 5:59 P.M. MCU

ATTEST:



Karl Oberstar Jr., Mayor



James Paulsen, Executive Administrative Clerk