

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Present: Mayor Milos, Councilors Pontinen, Bol, Robich and Vertachnik.

Absent: None.

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

Staff Absent: None.

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

Motion by Vertachnik second by Pontinen to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU).

Motion by Pontinen second by Robich to approve the February 14, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. MCU.

Public Input:

Michael Klanbach, of MN DOT, gave updates on upcoming projects in Gilbert. See attached one page handout for updates on the Hwy 37 and Hwy 135 projects.

Resident Gary Morgan, who lives by the ballpark, has had some sewer issues. Excess water run-off is resulting in water backing up in his lower level toilet and bathroom. He has been working with Public Works Operations Director Lautigar. Mr. Morgan asked if the City can look into this issue. Lautigar explained the water flow issues in that area. Mr. Morgan stated that Lautigar has been responsive. Mayor Milos stated that this will be looked into and resolve this issue.

John Shega, of Aspire Insurance, gave a recap of what they have done for the City of Gilbert over the last few years. Introduced himself and his agency to the new council members. They are a very community focused business.

Staff Reports:

- Chief Techar: Agenda
- Public Works Operations Director Lautigar:
 - They are working on snow removal, widening out the roads & getting curbs exposed.
 - Reopened Rec. Ctr. after warm spell, but it will probably be done for the season soon.
 - McKinley is getting close to getting water online.
- Library Director Miller:
 - 3/6/17 – Library Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
 - Every Wednesday - Story Time at 2:00 p.m.
 - 3/9/17 – Name Tag Days
 - 3/10/17 – Anima Club from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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- 3/13/17 – Pinterest Project – Conversation Stones
- 3/15/17 – Legacy Program – 9:30 a.m. at the School (Nelle Shean) – MN Participation in WWI
- City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison: Agenda

Mayor, Council, Boards & Commissions Reports:

- Mayor Milos:
 - Mesabi Trail Coalition meeting was held and they are currently working on a trail from Biwabik to Gilbert. Also working on a trail from Hoyt Lakes to Duluth.
- Councilor Pontinen: Agenda
- Councilor Bol:
 - The Franklin Elementary PTA will be hosting their annual Bingo on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at the Range Recreation Center in Eveleth.

Motion by Bol to support the Franklin Elementary PTA with a donation of \$100. Motion failed due to lack of second. This item will be added to the agenda for the next regular Council Meeting.

- Councilor Robich: Agenda
- Councilor Vertachnik: Agenda
- City Attorney Lindsay:
 - Has reviewed the purchase agreement for the membrane contract with Ovivo. Some issues to review for guidance from the Council. Would like some time set aside prior to the next meeting to go over with the Council.
- City Engineer Jamnick:
 - Gave an update regarding the stipulation agreement with the MPCA and that (2) documents have been submitted. A meeting has been requested to review the documents, which are the I & I Plan, and the Wet Weather Storage Capacity Plan.

Old Business:

Emergency Operations Plan Update: Nothing new to report.

Nuisance Ordinance Update: Nothing new to report.

New Business:

Discussed the AEOA Purchase of Property. AEOA is interested in purchasing some property for the facility's expansion. Joe Gentile, Assistant Director of Arrowhead Transit, was present and explained that they want to put a new maintenance facility on the property. A committee will be formed to negotiate a price and put on the agenda for the next regular City Council meeting. Councilor Robich asked to see what the original agreement was in 1991. Mayor Milos will meet with Public Works Operations Director Lautigar.

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Marilyn Ocepek, Director of AEOA Senior Services, discussed AEOA Request for Support for Live Well at Home Program Grant. They are requesting \$10,000 from the City of Gilbert as a match toward cost of materials used in home repairs as a match to part of their grant request. The monies for these improvements to be made would be used in the Quad Cities area, as well as Biwabik, Aurora & Hoyt Lakes. Mayor Milos stated that this could be discussed at the next Work Session meeting and add to the agenda was a decision has been made either way.

Work Session to Review Insurance Issues will be set at a later time.

Motion by Mayor Milos second by Robich to table the approval of an Agreement Establishing Regional Safety Group to be known as the Mesabi Regional Safety Group and to Adopt Resolution 2016-08 Authorizing New Regional Safety Group. MCU.

Motion by Vertachnik second by Robich to authorize an officer to attend the ALICE Training Institute's Active Shooter Response Training in Hermantown June 13th & 14th, at a cost of \$595.00. MCU.

Motion by Pontinen second by Vertachnik to approve the attendance of Chief Techar to the 2017 Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association's Executive Training April 23rd thru 26th in St. Cloud, MN for a cost of \$385.00 plus lodging. MCU.

Re-appoint Planning Commission Members will be moved to the next agenda.

Motion by Robich second by Bol to form a committee to work on a snowplowing and snow removal policy for the City of Gilbert consisting of Councilor Pontinen, Mayor Milos, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, and Chief Techar. MCU.

Motion by Vertachnik second by Pontinen to set a City Council Work Session meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, for Stantec to give a report on the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade. MCU.

Motion by Vertachnik second by Pontinen to allow Trudy Salo and Councilor Pontinen to travel to Cumberland, WI, to visit the plant using membrane filters on March 1, 2017. This would be in a city vehicle and would incur overtime. 4 – Aye 1 - Nay MC.

Motion by Pontinen second by Robich to set a Work Session meeting to continue working on Rates and Fees and Council Liaison appointments for 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017. MCU.

Motion by Pontinen second by Vertachnik to acknowledge that the 2017 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization for Gilbert scheduled for April 13, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Gilbert City Hall. MCU.

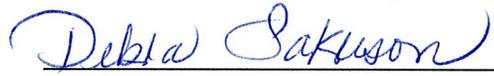
Motion by Pontinen second by Vertachnik to approve bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk. MCU.

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Motion by Robich second by Vertachnik to recess the City Council Meeting for a Closed Session Meeting pursuant to MN Statute §13D.05(3)(b) for attorney client privilege to develop strategy for threatened and imminent litigation. MCU.

Open meeting re-convened at 9:08 p.m.

Motion by Pontinen second by Robich to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. MCU



Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:



Dorothy Elizabeth Milos, Mayor