

**CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Present: Mayor Skenzich, Councilors Kutsi, Nemanick, Schutte and Skalko.

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Brunfelt, Police Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller, Interim-City Clerk Mackley and Administrative Secretary Devich.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve the minutes of Regular Council Meeting of April 9, 2013. All approved.

There was no public input.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to approve State Aid for Local Transportation Resolution Approving County Project within Municipal Corporate Limits. All approved.

Council discussed how the westerly route to realign US Highway 53 would negatively affect Gilbert residents, businesses, and our neighbors.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to approve resolution in support of the City of Virginia in opposition of the westerly route to realign US Highway 53. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to authorize Water/Wastewater Employees to attend 2013 Wastewater Laboratory Workshops in St. Peter on June 27, 2013 and Grand Rapids on July 25, 2013. All approved.

Councilor Skalko noted there is an interested party in the lots behind the old bubble building/Skenzich arena. City Clerk Mackley responded it could be hard to sell those lots because they may be zoned public recreation.

Councilor Kutsi questioned if there will be a Spring Clean-up this year. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated it will be hard with there not being a spring but maybe once the summer help starts working. Council agreed to discuss it at the next meeting.

Councilor Schutte stated Broadway Street is going to need some intensive repairing, more than patching. The City needs to send a letter to the State requesting the work be done. Lautigar agreed noting some curbs and sidewalks should also be repaired if the road is going to be worked on. Skenzich agreed to work on a letter to send to the state.

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Police Chief Techar announced there will be an officer in each community to work blight this year and noted Officer Trucano will be working Gilbert.

Techar stated his probationary contract as Police Chief ends April 30, 2013 and he would like to continue working as the City of Gilbert's Police Chief but the City Council has the final decision on it. Techar noted he has the full support of the Police Commission.

Motion by Nemanick second by Schutte to appoint Ty Techar as the permanent Police Chief of the City of Gilbert. All approved. The Council commented on the great job Techar is doing for both Gilbert and Biwabik.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated he had nine college aged applicants for the summer laborer job.

Motion by Kutsi second by Nemanick to hire the following for summer casual laborer: Cory Clapsaddle, Kaylen Erchul, Mathew Erchul, Greg Fautch and Monty Heitzman. All approved.

Lautigar noted J&D Services cleaned the lift stations.

Library Director Miller announced it was "World Book Night", a day to celebrate literacy and handed out free books to everyone as part of the promotion.

Mayor Skenzich announced the 2013 Ranger Open will be at the Albertville Cedar Creek Golf Course on Saturday, July 20, 2013 and for more information go to the AEOA website.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk. All approved.

Interim-City Clerk Mackley noted the Special Council Meeting set for Tuesday, April 30, 2013 to meet with the residents of Circle Drive to discuss option for improvements on Circle Drive and get updates on the Delta Dental project. Mackley stated the City has received nine applications to date for the City Clerk position. Council discussed how they would like to review the applications. Attorney Brunfelt recommended a committee of two council members and the city clerk review the applications. Mayor Skenzich, Councilor Skalko and Clerk Mackley agreed to form a committee to review the city clerk applications.

Mackley stated he received a notice from the pay equity division that Gilbert is not in compliance and has until July to make corrections to the pay equity report that was previously submitted. Mackley noted Louis Russo has previously done pay equity reports. Mackley was concerned about possible stiff penalties so he would like to work with Louis Russo on corrections to the report.

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Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to enter into a closed session at 6:52 p.m. for attorney-client privilege regarding the detachment hearing case.

Mayor Skenzich re-opened the Regular Council Meeting of April 23, 2013 at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Mayor Skenzich, Councilors Kutsi, Nemanick, Schutte and Skalko.

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Brunfelt, Police Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller, Interim-City Clerk Mackley and Administrative Secretary Devich.

Council acknowledged receipt of the minutes of EFGSD Joint Powers Recreation Board Meeting of April 10, 2013.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. All approved.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk