

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

Absent: None.

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

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

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to approve the agenda. All approved.

Jack Makela asked what the City Council's position is on the School Co-Location. Schutte responded that at the last regular City Council meeting the Council took action not to support, and it was approved unanimously.

Tom Gentilini, Eveleth/Gilbert School Board Member, gave a briefing on the School Co-Location. He wants the information to get out to the public so that they are informed before it moves forward. The Eveleth/Gilbert School District buildings recently had a study done and they are in great shape. If this move goes forward, the District would probably lose grades 7-12, and would have to close school buildings. Mayor Skenzich asked about what will be the cost to the communities, and Tom said that is not known at this time.

Dennis Lopp questioned why they had to pay for a new sewer service line when the problem wasn't on his property. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar explained that it was the line and not the city's main. Their payment was directly to the contractor and not the city of Gilbert. The home owner questioned if their site would be restored to previous condition, and Lautigar stated that the city will bring in some dirt and they will need to contact the contractor once the frost has come up to restore their lot. This situation took over a week to resolve.

Paul Plesha stated that he received a letter about new Banners for Broadway and he thought that was a good idea. He also stated that there are a lot of empty lots & businesses on the Main Street and that the City Council should be working on filling these spots. And he noted that the Main Street needs new tar.

Schutte stated that they have been on a letter campaign to MnDOT to get the Main Street repaved. Mayor Skenzich noted that MnDOT had been through two weeks prior and patched about half the holes.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve the April 3, 2014 Special Council meeting minutes. All approved.

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Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to approve the April 8, 2014 Regular Council meeting minutes. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to approve the re-appointment of Goblirsh term expiring 2015, Wedge term expiring 2016, and St. Lawrence term expiring 2016 of the Planning & Zoning Commission. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve funding the city of Gilbert's membership in the Minnesota Rural Water Association in the amount of \$235.00 for fiscal year May 2014 – May 2015. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Schutte to adjust the Energy Rebate amount for a furnace with an ECM Motor from \$20 to \$200 and to correct the rebate amount to the one party that has applied for that particular rebate. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to approve contracting with Paychex for the HR Solution On Site HR Support program for an implementation fee of \$3,900 and a per payroll cost of \$656.76. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve a donation to the Gilbert 3rd of July Committee that is equal to the amount donated in 2013. All approved. (note: \$-0- was contributed in 2013)

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to appoint Jacob Bradach as the Water/Wastewater Lead Operator for the City of Gilbert effective April 27, 2014, which would be the start of the next payroll period with compensation of \$25.31 per hour.

Nemanick stated that the POW flags at the west entrance are tangled in the trees. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar reported that they were looking at getting a new POW flag and this will be cleaned up.

Skalko gave a report on the Banners and that there is a lot of support in a short time.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to have May 19-23, 2014 to be Spring Clean-up week. This would be for leaves & branches (4' or less). All approved.

City Attorney Brunfelt talked about the Rental Ordinance and a staff person doing the inspections that would be required. He noted that the city of Eveleth is going through the same process also, and there could be an opportunity to share the position between Eveleth & Gilbert. He will explore this concept and report back.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to authorize City Engineer Jammick to work with Attorney Patchin for ROW/easement issues. All approved.

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Police Chief Techar reported that they are in the background process for two candidates, and will soon have a recommendation for hire.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to approve purchase of a 2014 ATV with a grant from the MN DNR. They also have a 2006 ATV that would be used as a trade-in to off-set the cost of the new ATV. All approved.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar reported that the brushing has been completed at the lime pond, it looks good and will need fencing put up. Nemanick asked about posting any warning signs around the pond. Attorney Brunfelt said to put up warning notices or keep-out signs to keep people away from the pond.

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to approve MN Power to replace poles for items #1, #2 & #3 as presented in an electronic mail message dated April 15, 2014 for an estimated cost of \$32,400 as supported by Public Works Operations Director Lautigar . All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve televising & cleaning sewer mains for approximately \$11,400 for 8,000 feet of pipe as required for insurance. All approved.

Library Director Miller reviewed up coming programing including two programs supported by MN Legacy funding and a special craft for Mother's Day.

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

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to acknowledge the Gilbert Library Board Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2014, the EFGSD Jt. Powers Recreation Board Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2014 and the 2013 Gilbert Public Library Annual Report. All Approved.

Kutsi noted that the Genoa ATV trail will be brushed in the near future and warned to watch out for equipment.

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. All approved.

Michael Skenzich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk