

**CITY OF GILBERT**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

Absent: Councilor Skalko

Staff Present: City Attorney Corradi-Simon, City Attorney Brunfelt, Police Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller, Campground Caretakers John and Sue Rautanen, Interim-City Clerk Mackley and Administrative Secretary Devich.

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

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve the following additions to the agenda:

1. Approve payment of \$4,650.00 for renewal of comprehensive and excess liability insurance through LMCIT for Joint Powers Trail Board.
2. Updated Circle Drive Options for consideration.

All approved.

Motion by Kusti second by Schutte to approve the minutes of Special Council Meeting of May 21, 2013. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second Nemanick to approve the minutes of Regular Council Meeting of May 28, 2013 with recommended changes. Motioned passed with Councilor Schutte abstaining.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve the minutes of Special Council Meeting of May 29, 2013. Motion passed with Councilor Nemanick abstaining.

City Attorney Corradi-Simon stated she reviewed the Fayal Sewer Agreement again and besides the changes in dates everything is as previously agreed and gave the Council approval to adopt the agreement.

Motion by Nemanick second by Schutte to approve the Fayal Sewer Agreement. All approved.

Mayor Skenzich and the Council thanked Attorney Corradi-Simon for all her hard work in reaching an agreement with Fayal.

There was no public input.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to approve sale of Lot 1, Block 66, 2nd Addition to Gilbert to David Hirsch for the value listed on the St. Louis Co. tax rolls which is \$100 plus engineering and legal fees. All approved.

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City Engineer Jamnick explained the reason to vacate Hill Street between Block 62 and Block 66 is because there is not a reason to put a street in and a resident is interested in purchasing part of the land and the other part will become part of Kennedy Park.

City Attorney Brunfelt will prepare a conveyance document for Council approval at a later date.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve beginning the process of vacating Hill Street between Block 62 and Block 66. All approved.

City Clerk Mackley stated the revised agreement with ALLETE is amending the agreement the City currently has with the company. Mackley noted previously the City had to pay true-up costs but this time the City will have a credit coming in the August billing.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to approve revised agreement with ALLETE for market based electrical service. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to authorize City Mechanic to attend MTA MN Annual Vehicle Inspection Certification Class on Monday, June 17, 2013 for cost of \$180.00. All approved.

Councilor Kutsi questioned what the cost would be at the normal rate in reference to the request by the Crawl 4 the Cure since the City raised the rate. Rautanen's, the Campground Cartakers, stated the cost would be around \$3,000 but normally the campground would only be about 60-80% full during that time otherwise. Kutsi recommended increasing the total cost from \$1500 to \$1600 to account for the increase in fees this year.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to offer the Crawl 4 the Cure campsite discount of \$1600 for their stay. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to approve resolution receiving feasibility report and calling for public hearing for the Circle Drive, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey and Ohio projects, including the updated Circle Drive options. All Approved.

City Engineer Jamnick stated approving the resolution kick starts the process.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to set Public Hearing for July 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. All approved.

Mayor Skenzich and Clerk Mackley attended the Library Board Meeting last Monday to ask if the Board would be willing to give \$60,000 towards tuckpointing the Community Center. The Board agreed to commit up to \$60,000 from the Library fund to match the

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City funding for the project. Mackley reported the Storefront Loan Committee approved a loan to the City up to \$60,000 for the City share of the project at zero percent interest and to be paid within a five year period. Mackley noted there is still \$80,000 left in the fund for other businesses to borrow at the same zero percent rate if they qualify.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to call for bids on tuckpointing for the Community Center. All approved.

Councilor Schutte thanked the Library Board for helping to improve the Community Center.

Councilor Nemanick stated in addressing the letter sent by Ida Rukavina and AFSCME Union Local 627, I will never apologize for doing my job.

Motion by Nemanick second by Schutte to approve the MMUA Contract for Safety Program. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second Kutsi to appoint Terry Craven to the Campground Commission as recommended by the Mayor. All approved.

Attorney Brunfelt stated the insurance compensation package approved for the new City Clerk would pro rate the VEBA and it is staff recommendation to not pro rate it. Interim City Clerk Mackley agreed stated the City paying the \$2400 deductible is following the same guidelines as AFSCME and what the City did for the previous City Clerk. If the deductible is prorated the new City Clerk would be the only full-time employee required to pay part of the deductible.

Motion by Kutsi second Mayor Skenzich to correct the insurance compensation package for the new City Clerk to follow the same guidelines as AFSCME. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Skenzich, Councilors Kutsi, Schutte & Skalko in favor and Councilor Nemanick against.

Engineer Jamnick announced the meeting with the City of McKinley at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday at McKinley City Hall to discuss metering and billing Mcklinley for water.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to go to bids for lime pond removal. All approved.

Chief Techar stated the Blight Officers are working on the blight issues and if anyone has a certain address they would like to report please do so and it can be added to the list.

Chief Techar questioned regarding grass issues on vacant property, can the City Crew cut the grass and the cost be assessed against the taxes because there a a few houses where the grass needs to be taken care of. Nemanick questioned if volunteers could cut the grass and the City still assess. Attorney Brunfelt stated the City can assess for costs accrued for

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cutting the grass but not if volunteers are cutting it. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated they are only looking at taking care of two properties currently he believes that the summer help can take care of them without it being a problem. If there gets to be more properties the Council may want to look at an alternative plan.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated smoke testing was done for half of the City and in a couple areas in town like in Rock N Pines there are a few residents that the City will need to send letters to about getting their lines fixed. The City will have to finish testing the rest of town next year.

Director Lautigar stated he had received a call from the MPCA regarding the lime lagoon overflowing this spring. The City had been unaware of it because of the snow but he is working with the MPCA on how to fix it so it won't happen again. Lautigar noted the City may be receiving a fine.

Director Lautigar stated he is interested in bidding on a 2007 Hussler mower on an auction site and stated it would cost \$60,000 new. Council agreed to have Lautigar and the City Mechanic look at the mower.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to authorize Public Works Operations Director Lautigar to bid up to \$15,000 for the 2007 Hussler mower. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Schutte to approve replacing the flooring in the Library including under the bookcases with the cost to be charged to Library fund as approved by the Library Board. All approved.

Campground Caretakers Rautanens stated everything is moving along well except the weather has slowed things down.

Interim-City Clerk Mackley stated the \$150.00 from the sale of the glass display case from the Sparta Community Center was applied to the Library fund.

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

Council requested Lautigar have the panic bars inspected at both the Library and City Hall because they are not working correctly.

Library Director Miller requested donations of flowers for the flower pots at the Library.

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Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk