

City of Gilbert
Regular Council Meeting
June 25, 2013
6:30 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Skenzich, Schutte, Kutsi, Skalko and Nemanick

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: City Attorney Brunfelt, City Engineer Jannick, Police Chief Techar, Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller, City Clerk Sakrison and Secretary Olsen.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Motion by Schutte, second by Kutsi to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 6, 2013. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Skalko to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2013 with the correction of the time for the July 2, 2013 public hearing being changed to 6:00 p.m. All approved.

Bernard Collins of the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce presented the Chamber's resolution regarding the Highway 53 re-route. Mayor Skenzich stated the City of Gilbert had not drafted their own resolution, but had supported the City of Virginia's resolution.

Motion by Schutte, second by Kutsi to accept the Laurentian Chamber's resolution regarding the Highway 53 re-route. All approved.

Donovan Goblirsch presented an offer of \$5,000.00 from Mary Lou Sixberry for Lot 8 in the Ore-be-Gone development. Sixberry would like to begin construction next spring with plans to put a Wisconsin home on the lot. Goblirsch stated Sixberry is aware of the covenants and will be attending the Planning & Zoning meeting on Monday, July 1, 2013.

Motion by Schutte, second by Kutsi to offer Lot 8 to Sixberry for the purchase price of \$7,000.00 as to be consistent with the previous lots sold. All approved.

With two different purchase agreements presented, Attorney Brunfelt recommended the council approve the agreement he drafted.

Motion by Schutte, second by Kutsi to approve the purchase agreement drafted by Attorney Brunfelt. All approved.

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Motion by Nemanick, second by Skalko to approve the request for a temporary on-sale liquor license for the Quad City Food Shelf for the Mushball tournament at the city ball fields. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Schutte to approve the request from the Fire Department for a beer license for July 3, 2013. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Schutte to approve the temporary on-sale liquor permits for the 4th of July activities. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick, second by Schutte to approve a contribution of \$1,500.00 to the 3rd of July Committee for parade activities. All Approved.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Skalko to approve the purchase of a four wheeler for the police department at an approximate cost of \$13,000.00 to be covered by grant funds. All approved.

Chief Techar explained the city would be trading in a 2002 Honda and 2007 - 800 Outlander with the balance to be paid through a DNR grant.

City Engineer Jannick stated the city received two bids for the Lime Lagoon Dike/Road Construction Project with the low bid coming in at \$32,000.00 from Jola & Sopp. Jannick also recommended tabling any action on this issue.

Motion by Schutte, second by Skalko to table acting on bids for the Lime Lagoon Dike/Road Construction project. All approved.

Councilor Skalko expressed a thank you to Judy Kramarich, Pat & Dick Panyan, and Leo & Yvonne Skrbec for their volunteer work in the city. Skalko stated Jack Yaklich would begin repairs to the cemetery wall shortly after July 4th. Skalko informed the council the Sparta rink clean up was progressing satisfactorily. Skalko also requested the city contact Ulland Brothers on the Highway 97 project to discuss dust control in the interest of the Sparta residents.

Councilor Kutsi reported gravel has been hauled in to the Joint ATV trail. He also reported the need to have signs replaced and alleys/routes sprayed. He stated the Trail Board members would volunteer their time to do the work and requested some assistance from the city.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Schutte to authorize the city to assist the Trail Board in the replacing of signs and spraying of routes. All approved.

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Mayor Skenzich informed the council Mike Gentile resigned from the Police Commission. Skenzich stated a letter of appreciation should be sent to Gentile for his years of service. Skenzich also nominated Greg Petrich for the vacant position.

Motion by Nemanick, second by Schutte to accept the resignation of Mike Gentile from the Police Commission, send a letter of appreciation to Gentile for his years of service and appoint Greg Petrich to the vacancy. All approved.

Engineer Jamnick updated the council on the Alaska Avenue project. He stated the rain has been a deterrent in resuming the work, but with the completion date quickly approaching he is expecting the work to be done soon.

Chief Techar requested permission to hire additional help during the 4th of July activities.

Motion by Schutte, second by Nemanick to allow Chief Techar to hire a dispatcher and four cadets for July 3rd, 4th and 6th to cover the Gilbert and Biwabik 4th of July activities. All approved.

Techar also updated the council on the parking situation at Ore-be-Gone and the blight situation.

Operations Director Lautigar informed the council the city has met the stipulations regarding the lime situation and been cleared by the MPCA. Lautigar also stated there was a problem in our substation and Minnesota Power confirmed it was the regulator. MP also recommended having the substation serviced and inspected. Lautigar reported he contacted Utilities Plus for a quote to service and inspect.

Librarian Miller reported library use is up 25% and program attendance has doubled. She also invited the public to attend the upcoming Northern Lights music festival at the library on July 1, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. and the archaeology program on July 11, 2013.

Mayor Skenzich welcomed new City Clerk-Treasurer Debra Sakrison.

Motion by Schutte, second by Skalko to approve the payment of bills and payroll. All approved.

Motion by Schutte, second by Kutsi to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. All approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk