

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Milos called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Bol.

Staff Present: City Engineer John Jamnick and City Clerk/Treasurer Debra Sakrison.

Discussion about inflow and infiltration.

Drawing for AEOA building retained easement for the sewer line.

CDBG funding would be for the city mains etcetera, not the homeowners. Projects funded with CDBG grant cannot assess property owners.

Jamnick stated he did an assessment policy for the city approximately twenty years ago.

Discussion about assessing and not assessing.

Plan to notify public that the city will be enforcing Unlawful Discharge Ordinance Chapter 53.04 (B)(7), unlawful to discharge "roof water, ground water or any other natural precipitation."

Who will inspect and who will pay for the inspections? What if a resident doesn't grant access to the home?

City storm sewers should be done at the same time as MN DOT work.

Reviewed Ely and Mt. Iron ordinances.

3:30 p.m. Minnesota Power Meeting with Eric Clemente, Jason Risdall and Luke Peterson from Minnesota Power present.

Risdall gave an overview of Allete's long history with Gilbert. Minnesota Power has 16 wholesale contracts with municipals in addition to retail sales. Nexus of wind generation from North Dakota and hydro generation from Manitoba.

Minnesota Power's strategy is moving to 2/3 renewable energy and 1/3 coal. There is a higher cost for solar, it is 1½% of retail, and this excludes industrial customers.

In an emergency Minnesota Power could help with a mobile substation.

Gilbert should move forward with a new substation. New technology improvements means building a new substation less costly than previously estimated.

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Minnesota Power discussed acquiring the net assets of the electric system.

The city request to get financial data for the substation upgrade option with poles and wires.

The city can contract with any contractor the city chooses.

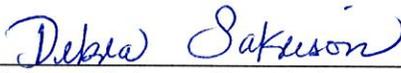
Risdall, Minnesota Power pays Gilbert for book value of distribution, if Minnesota Power builds the substation they would bill Gilbert monthly for distribution and maintenance. Minnesota Power assets “monetizing system.” A 10 year agreement is standard.

Minnesota Power would work directly with the city to determine capital work going forward.

The Meter Program would be the same concept with a monthly rental.

Malevich – variance was reviewed.

Motion by Robich, second by Milos to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. MCU



Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:



D. Elizabeth Milos, Mayor