

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 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, City Engineer Jamnick, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, City Clerk Sakrison and Administrative Secretary Devich.

Also Present: Mayor Louis Russo and Councilor Charlie Baribeau of the City of Virginia and Bernard Collins of the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce

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

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

Zoning Administrator Wedge stated the City received the following bids for the Gilbert Library & Community Center Tuckpointing Project:

1. Building Restoration Corporation	\$158,368.00
2. A. J. Spanjers Co., Inc.	\$175,000.00
3. Stretar Masonry	\$255,880.00
4. Harbor City Masonry	\$271,990.00
5. Advanced Masonry Restoration	\$280,000.00

Wedge along with DSGW recommended awarding the project to the low bidder, Building Restoration Corporation, for their base bid price of \$158,368.00. Wedge noted with the understanding that there is only \$120,000 available in funding and if additional funds cannot be committed to the project DSGW has recommended the deduct alternate #1 be accepted and a contract be awarded to Restoration Corporation for \$74,832.00. Wedge explained that would cover the cost to tuck point the area of the community center where the Library is located. Lengthy discussion followed with the Council agreeing the City would fund another \$20,000 towards the tuck pointing project and Mayor Skenzich and City Clerk Sakrison stated they would attend the next Library Board meeting to request another \$20,000 in funding from the Library Board.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to award the project to the low bidder, Building Restoration Corporation, for their base bid price of \$158,368.00 if funding all of it is possible otherwise to accept the deduct alternate #1 for \$74,832.00. All approved.

City of Virginia Mayor Russo introduced Virginia Councilor Charlie Baribeau and stated Baribeau has driven all of the alternate routes for Highway 53 and is on the Impact 53 Committee. Baribeau presented the Council with the Impact 53 Committee Summary of Issues packet. Baribeau stated the main points of concern for eliminating the proposed Westerly Route are Health & Safety, Education, and the Economy not just for the City of

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Virginia but for the area as a whole. Baribeau stated he is requesting the City of Gilbert not only send a tough resolution against the Westerly Route but also put together a fact sheet of what it will cost the City and residents of Gilbert if the Westerly Route is built for example how it may affect the real estate values. Further discussion followed with the City agreeing to send the information requested.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to approve the minutes of Special Assessment Hearing of July 2, 2013. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to approve the minutes of Regular Council Meeting of July 9, 2013. Motion carried with Mayor Skenzich abstaining.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to approve Partial Payment No. 5 to Mesabi Bituminous Inc., for \$104,359.92 for the Alaska Avenue/DeCare Site Improvements Project as recommended by City Engineer Jamnick. All approved.

Bernie Collins of the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce stated in the past years the City of Virginia has fully funded the Mineview in the Sky Visitor Center but this year the City of Virginia has requested the Chamber seek funding from the Quad Cities. City Attorney Brunfelt stated he would question if funding the Mineview in the Sky would be a direct benefit to the residents of the City of Gilbert since it is taxpayer money. Councilor Schutte agreed noting she would not expect the surrounding cities to assist in paying for Sherwood Forest Campground expenses.

Motion by Nemanick second by Schutte to deny the request for funding from the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce for the Mineview in the Sky Visitor Center. All approved.

Attorney Brunfelt stated the next request for funding would also question the direct benefit to the residents of the City of Gilbert.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to deny the funding request from the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to table the Iron Range Tourism Bureau Brochure advertising. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Skalko to approve membership renewal in the Minnesota Rural Water Association for \$225.00. All approved.

Council discussed the quotes received from the Mesabi Daily News, Hometown Focus and the East Range Shopper for publishing required legal notices and advertising. Mayor Skenzich expressed concern with the Hometown Focus being a weekly paper versus a

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daily paper. Councilor Schutte stated the City also has access to the paper's website, public service announcements on the cable channel and radio.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to designate the Hometown Focus as the City of Gilbert's Official Newspaper. All approved.

Councilor Skalko stated Jack Yacklich has explained to him that part of the problem with the cemetery wall is the vegetation around the perimeter outside of the wall and brushing it away from the wall would extend the number of years it will stand. Council discussed contacting property owners for the areas not owned by the City but agreed to have the outside perimeter brushed.

Skalko also noted Leo Skrbec expressed his concern with the Gilbert banners not being put up this year. Skalko stated he had spoke with Public Works Operations Director Lautigar and not only was the weather not cooperative this spring but the banners are not in good shape anymore, some can no longer be put up. Mayor Skenzich noted Skrbec and a small group of interested people were involved in raising money to purchase the banners with the City's help a number of years ago.

Mayor Skenzich announced the DNR has agreed to take care of the dust control this summer on the ATV trail so there should be no more problems with dust in town. Skenzich requested City Engineer Jamnick to provide a legal description of ATV Trail from the Ore-Be-Gone Drive to the OHV Park.

City Attorney Brunfelt stated the City has been through multiple drafts of the purchase agreement with Mary Lou Sixberry but the final draft has reasonable and appropriate changes to meet both the City and the purchaser's requirements. The sale of land is for \$7,000 plus the cost of the recording fee and warranty fee. Mayor Skenzich stated he had an issue with the garage not being sheet rocked when that was part of the covenants. Donovan Goblirsch assured the Council the garage would be sheet rocked just not immediately; it will be done during the wintertime.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to approve the purchase agreement with Mary Lou Sixberry for Lot 8, Block 1, Ore-Be-Gone for \$7,000 plus the cost of the recording fee and warranty fee and authorize signatures. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to approve Resolution 2013-09 authorizing conveyance of property to Mary Lou Sixberry. All approved.

Mayor Skenzich expressed his desire that the restrictive covenants not be negotiated with every purchase of property.

Discussion followed concerning City Attorney Corradi and it was noted she is still working with Fayal on finalizing the sewer agreement.

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City Engineer Jamnick stated the City will be receiving bids for the Street Project which includes Circle Drive (Option #4), New Jersey Avenue from Broadway to Summit Street, Ohio Avenue from Broadway to Summit Street, First Court from New Jersey Avenue to Ohio Avenue and the alley between Michigan and Minnesota Avenues between Summit Street and Fourth Court on August 8, 2013.

Engineer Jamnick stated he is working with the State to get the permits to excavate the lime from the lime lagoon. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar noted he has a number of farms in the area that can use the lime.

Operations Director Lautigar stated he is working with Engineer Jamnick on finding a computer programmer for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. Lautigar explained they did find a company, Utilities Plus, but the software is expensive. The Council requested Lautigar get a proposal in writing for review.

Director Lautigar explained they put in new piping at the Water Treatment Plant but the condensation on the pipes is so bad the floor is wet all the time and the humidity is high. Lautigar recommended having the pipes insulated stating it will not only help with the humidity but will protect the pipes.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to approve expenditure of \$4,500 to Northland Mechanical for insulating the pipes at the Water Treatment Plant as recommended by the Public Works Operations Director. All approved.

Director Lautigar stated he received a proposal from Dakota Pump & Control, Inc. for the annual work on the lift stations plus the work needed to fix the pump. Engineer Jamnick agreed the Energy Bond money could be used for this when questioned by the Mayor.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to accept proposal from Dakota Pump & Control, Inc. for \$6,605.73 for the annual work on the lift stations plus the work needed to fix the pump as recommended by the Public Works Operations Director and City Engineer. All approved.

City Clerk Sakrison expressed her appreciation with the patience everyone has had with her adjusting to the new job.

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

Motion by Schutte second by Jamnick to acknowledge minutes of Genoa Joint Trail Board Meeting June 20, 2013 and minutes of EFGSD Joint Powers Rec Board Meeting July 10, 2013. All approved.

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Mayor Skenzich announced Representative Nolan's staff will be at the Gilbert City Hall Council Chambers on August 13, 2013 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to answer questions.

Councilor Nemanick stated Gilbert is still looking for another representative for the EFGSD Joint Powers Rec Board as we only have one right now. If anyone is interested please contact Gilbert City Hall or Craig Homola.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk