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**CITY OF GILBERT**  
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Oberstar called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Oberstar, Councilors Leoni, Robich, Pulles and Skenzich.

Absent: City Attorney Lindsay, City Engineer John Jannick, Police Chief Ty Techar, Campground Caretakers Barb and John Rautanen, Library Director Su Dabbas.

Staff Present: Public Works Director Sam Lautigar, Executive Administrative Clerk Paulsen, and Deputy Clerk Gulan.

1.) Laurentian Chamber presentation on Broadband Opportunities.

- Ms. Olivanti, business development committee at Laurentian Chamber of Commerce and small business consultant, and Melissa Cox, President of Laurentian Chamber of Commerce, discussed possibility of joint feasibility study with Eveleth, Virginia, Gilbert and Mt. Iron.
- Discussed Blandin Broadband to pursue \$25,000 feasibility study grant with dollar for dollar community matching funds, and \$150,000 Access & Technology Grants to improve technology and access.
- Benefits of Gilbert participation discussed regarding internet access and speed.
- Blandin Grant request for feasibility study and funding to be submitted by September, 2019.
- Virginia is fiscal agent for this joint study. \$6500.00 funding needed prior to submission of grant request.
- Mayor Oberstar: feasibility study will be placed on the August 13, 2019 City Council agenda and participation will be determined at that time.

2.) SEH presentation on Water Plant.

- Mike Larson from SEH Virginia office presented.
- Quotes, amendment for original scope of service and urgency discussed.
- 2 quotes for safety upgrades presented from Shank Constructors and Magney Construction.
- Larson recommended the low quote submitted by Shank Constructors.
- WTP Construction progress update.
- Funding options for inspection discussed.

Motion by Robich, second by Pulles for Clerk Paulsen, Mike Larson/SEH, and Public Works Director Sam Lautigar to pursue funding and present information at August 13, 2019 City Council meeting.  
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3.) Request for Ball Field Services

- Ball Field Request presenter not in attendance.

4.) McKinley Request for service

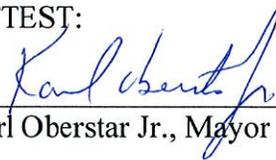
- McKinley request for services not discussed. Move to additional agenda item at regular council meeting July 9, 2019.

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Motion by Pulles, second by Robich to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. MCU

ATTEST:

  
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Karl Oberstar Jr., Mayor

  
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James Paulsen, Executive Administrative Clerk