

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF PUBLIC TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Pro-Tem Kutsi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilors Skalko, Kutsi and Schutte.

Absent with Notice: Mayor Skenzich & Councilor Nemanick.

Staff Present: Library Director Miller and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

Public Hearing Opened.

City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison stated that the hearing was regarding the property taxes and that a budget was available for anyone to take a look at. Sakrison noted that the budget was cut, and costs went up that the city has no control over and those costs are reflected in the budget.

Councilor Schutte noted that a final resolution would be adopted at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, following this hearing.

Resident Lonnie Gulbranson stated that he compared his 2015 taxes to his 2010 taxes and his taxes increased by 80%, but his value has only gone up 29% and he wanted to know why.

City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison stated that the City of Gilbert establishes a tax that they need for operational purposes and that tax gets spread out among all of the properties in the taxing jurisdiction for the City of Gilbert, based on the property type.

Councilor Schutte noted that the state changed the way they calculate the "Homestead Tax Credit" and that may have an indirect effect on some of the tax issues.

City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison tried to explain the Minnesota real estate tax laws.

Resident Rudy Vertachnick believes he is the highest tax payer in the City of Gilbert. His property value went up \$45,000. He primarily complained about the valuation of the property.

Councilor Skalko explained that the county values the properties on how many bedrooms, bathrooms, fire places, etc. If they don't have access to the inside of your house, they do not know this information.

Councilor Schutte stated that the valuation of property issue should be brought up at the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting held in May.

No other public comments

Motion by Skalko second by Schutte to close the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. All approved.

Rob Kutsi, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk