

**CITY OF GILBERT**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Present: Mayor Skenzich, Councilors Nemanick, Skalko, Kutsi and Shutte.

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Brunfelt, City Engineer Jamnick, Police Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

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

Motion by Shutte second by Skalko to approve the agenda. All approved.

Leo Skrbec will organize a citizen's committee to get new banners for the light poles on Main Street. This was also done 9 years ago, and the banners purchased at that time have faded and are no longer usable. They would do fundraising to pay for the new banners. The council asked that he get a quote before any decision is made for the city to "front" the money for this project.

Nemanick & Kutsi attended a meeting with the Roller Underground representatives. Motion by Nemanick second by Shutte to approve \$200/bout and 10% of the gate fee for facility use. Brunfelt noted that an agreement will need a facility use agreement written up, and the liability insurance will be reviewed to see if Roller Underground needs to provide any additional insurance. The Roller Underground group is in charge of finding a liquor vendor for their bouts and that liquor vendor would have to get a temporary liquor license transfer. All approved.

Motion by Shutte second by Nemanick to approve the December 10, 2013 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing meeting minutes. All approved.

Motion by Shutte second by Kutsi to approve amending Resolution 2013-19 – to include the designation end point of the Scenic Byway to be Highway 97. All approved.

Motion by Shutte second by Skalko to approve the December 10, 2013 Regular City Council meeting minutes amended with the Scenic Byway designation above. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi, second by Skalko to approve the December 18, 2013 Special City Council meeting minutes. All approved. Shutte abstained.

Motion by Kutsi second by Shutte to accept Resolution 2014-01 – Conveyance of Real Estate to Cook Associates. City Attorney Brunfelt recommends passing the resolution with the condition that the legal description is included with the 66' easement included. All approved.

Motion by Shutte second by Skalko to accept Resolution 2014-02 – Resolution for Official Appointments. All approved.

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Motion by Shutte second by Kutsi to approve payment to St. Louis County for tax forfeited property. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Shutte to approve request from the Quad City Food Shelf to authorize the proposed improvements to the building occupied by the Quad City Food Shelf, to be funded by the Quad City Food Shelf organization. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Shutte to approve signing the License #G-1 – Skating Rink, Community Building and Pipeline Easement for 2014 with Eveleth Fee Office, Inc. and authorize payment of license. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Skalko to cancel renewal of License #G-3 for the picnic site “boat access only” with Eveleth Fee Office, Inc. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Shutte to approve payment of 2014 Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) membership dues. All approved.

Motion by Shutte second by Skalko to approve payment of 2014 Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) membership dues. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to approve request for funding for the Iron Range Youth in Action in support of sending 2 students to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Leaders Convention: Make a Difference. All approved.

Motion by Shutte second by Kutsi to approve acknowledgement of amendment to Lease with RGGs Land & Minerals, Ltd, extending the term of the Surface Lease 13474 until January 31, 2019. All approved.

Motion by Shutte second by Kutsi to approve Jack Bradach’s attendance at the 2014 MRWA Technical Conference to be held March 4 – 6, 2014, in St. Cloud, MN and to authorize associated meals, lodging & transportation costs. All approved.

Motion by Shutte second by Nemanick to approve Terah Rinerson’s attendance at the Exam Prep Refresher Session for continuing education at the MRWA’s 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Water & Wastewater Technical Conference on March 5, 2014 and one night’s lodging, meals & transportation. All approved.

Mayor Skenzich discussed Special Homeowner’s Homestead Credit Refunds, information put out by MN Dept. of Revenue. To qualify for this special refund, the following must be true:

- You have owned & lived in the same home on both January 2, 2013 & January 2, 2014.
- The net property tax on your homestead increased by more than 12% from 2013 to 2014.
- The increase was at least \$100 and wasn’t due to improvements you made to the property.

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Shutte requested that a link to this information be put on the city's website.

Mayor Skenzich attended a meeting that discussed the Highway 53 reroute, and to get to Gilbert there will be a stop sign only, no lights. There will be no overpass or underpass. Every vehicle will have to stop at this stop sign and cross two lanes of north bound traffic to come to Gilbert and points east on Hwy 135. Mayor Skenzich is going to get ahold of area Mayors to attend meetings at MnDOT to start discussing the congestion and safety of this situation. Encourage people to get ahold of legislative representatives.

Mayor Skenzich noted that there is a PolyMet EIS public comment meeting that is going to be Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the DECC in Duluth. City Attorney Brunfelt stated that there is an online comment site available through the MN DNR website for public comment and guidelines are available for this project. He has the guide sheet and will get it to City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison for people to look at.

Kutsi is working on the rental ordinance with Police Chief Techar.

Engineer Jannick had an update on the lime lagoon. The plan for this will be put together and submitted to the state by the end of the month.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to approve request by Police Chief Techar to purchase a 2014 Dodge Charger. All approved.

Motion by Shutte second by Skalko to accept resignation of Hal Henning, effective January 18, 2014. All approved.

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

Motion by Shutte second by Kutsi to acknowledge the minutes from the 11/4/13 Planning Commission, 11/12/13 Police Commission, 11/21/13 Eveleth/Gilbert Genoa Trail Board, 12/2/13 Library Board, 11/13/13 EFGSD Joint Powers Recreation Board & 12/11/13 EFGSD Joint Powers Recreation Board meetings. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. All approved.

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Michael Skenzich, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debra Sakrison, City Clerk