

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Attorney Brunfelt, City Engineer Jannick, 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 Kutsi second by Schutte to approve the agenda with addition of E. under new business. All approved.

No Public Input.

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to approve the January 28, 2014 Work Session Council meeting minutes. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve the January 28, 2014 Regular Council meeting minutes. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve the February 3, 2014 Special Council meeting minutes. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to Not Waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MN Statutes §466.04 for the Eveleth/Gilbert Joint Trails Board. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to approve the 2014 Fee and Utility Rate Schedule. All approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Nemanick to renew the Vineland Church rental contract for the Community Center space for another year with the rent being \$800/month. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to approve the Labor Agreement between the City of Gilbert and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Local Union No. 627 for January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to participate in the Vermilion Community College Community Service Work Study Intern Program for Water/Wastewater Plants. All approved.

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Mayor Skenzich brought up that there are many openings available on various boards. Notifications can be put on the city website, and possibly advertise in the Hometown Focus and on Channel 2. Motion by Schutte second by Nemanick to advertise in the Hometown Focus for openings on various boards. All approved.

Mayor Skenzich noted that a Representative from Rep. Nolan's office will be onsite on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Councilor Kutsi brought up that the Lopp Store, and other buildings, are still sitting vacant and something needs to be done. City Attorney Brunfelt will put together a list and do filings to get court orders to demolish the vacant buildings within the city. The land remains the property of the owner even if the city demolishes the building. Title could be transferred to the city in situations of condemnation. Some of the situations could get complicated trying to find absentee owners. The goal is to get the properties cleaned up to enhance the city.

Councilor Schutte wanted to remind residents to keep the areas where their meters are and where fire hydrants are clear of snow to help out meter readers and emergency crews.

City Engineer Jamnick reported that the lime feed pump should be delivered this week. And will move forward with getting quotes for the next phase.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar reported the following:

- The furnace went down in the sludge garage, that will be replaced and the cost will be split among the city of Gilbert, city of Eveleth and the city of Mt. Iron.
- The furnace will be replaced at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Pump was replaced last week at the reservoir was removed again because it was sticking, being looked at to see what is causing the problem.
- Genoa is having booster pump issues. Pressure gauges need to be replaced and are on order. Will be replaced with submersible gauges.
- Discussed frozen water line issues. Suggested that residents may want to run their water continuously, especially if they have had problems in the past. Residents are urged to call City Hall if they have any questions. It is cheaper for the water to be left running versus repairing a frozen water line. Water bills will be adjusted accordingly.
- Working with the state to remove snow off the south end of town. Hopefully next week this can be completed.

Library Director Miller recapped current happenings at the Gilbert Public Library. February is also Library Lovers Month. Friday, February 14, 2014 will be movie night for children seven years of age and older at the Gilbert Public Library.

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

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Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to acknowledge the minutes from the January 6, 2014 Library Board and January 29, 2014 Safety Committee Meeting. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. All approved.

Michael Skenzich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk