

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Absent: Councilor Nemanick with notice

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

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

C. Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC INPUT - None

3. APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to approve the February 25, 2014 Regular City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to approve the corrected increase for the price of large garbage bags to \$13.00 for a roll of 10 bags effective March 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Pat White, a resident of the Ore-Be-Gone housing development, informed the City Council that he is interested in purchasing one of the lots adjacent to the lot he owns to construct a garage. He is requesting that the City Council waive the development covenant requiring construction of a house on any lot purchased. He would be willing to meet all of the other development covenants.

Erik Wedge, Planning and Zoning Administrator, reminded the City Council that Ore-Be-Gone is a special development district in the city's Code of Ordinances and double lots are not permitted by the ordinance. Therefore, the ordinance would have to be changed to allow a double lot.

Mayor Skenzich mentioned that the Planning Commission previously denied Mr. White's request and the City Council supported that action.

Attorney Brunfelt said if the ordinance is to be amended, this would go back to the Planning Commission. The ordinance is clear that double lots are not allowed, this is the law of the city of Gilbert.

There was discussion about the four lots on the crown of the cul-de-sac. Subdivision regulations would govern the procedure to re-plat those four lots into three lots. Councilor Kutsi requested to have the residents of the development involved in any process that moves forward.

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Erik Wedge commented that he does not think the current residents would be in favor of changing the covenants. Attorney Brunfelt said if the covenants are recorded as part of the plat, they cannot be changed.

C. Motion by Councilor Schutte to support Resolution 2014-04, Supporting the PolyMet Environmental Impact Study so the project can move forward, support by Councilor Kutsi. Motion carried unanimously. The Resolution will need to be delivered to the MN DNR by the end of the public comment period which closes at 4:30 pm on Thursday, March 13, 2014.

5. REPORTS

A. City Councilors

Mayor Skenzich moved to ban the use of portable electric heaters in all city properties due to the inefficiencies and the fire hazard. The state of Minnesota has banned their use in all stated owned properties for years. Motion was seconded by Skalko and carried unanimously.

B. City Attorney

C. City Engineer

Engineer Jamnick reported that he has submitted the response to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding the breach at the lime lagoon. He is starting to work on the 2014 projects.

D. Chief of Police

Chief Techar reported the interviews for the open officer position will be conducted Thursday, March 13, 2014. Due to Spring Break visitors to the area the call volume is up at Giant's Ridge.

He also asked the public to have patience with the snow removal. The cities' crews are working as quickly as they can to take care of clearing the snow. There is a lot of snow and only limited number of people available to remove it.

E. Operations Director

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar reported it has been a very busy month. There have been 25 frozen utility lines. Snow removal is on going and with the warmer temperatures water and slush have become a problem. The garbage truck the city approved to purchases does not accommodate the clamps for the big dumpsters.

Lautigar is requesting authorization to get quotes and to proceed with contracting for the grubbing and vegetation removal from the dike at the lime lagoon.

Councilor Schutte moved to authorize proceeding with the grubbing and vegetation removal from the dike at the lime lagoon. Motion was seconded by Kutsi and carried unanimously.

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Lautigar reported that the chlorine and fluoride feeds at the water plant are in the process of being updated and now waiting for pricing from In Control.

The booster pump at the water reservoir has been reinstalled and is working fine.

In Control will be installing the lime feed pump at the water treatment plant.

6. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to approve bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk.
Motion carried unanimously.

7. ADJOURN

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Skenzich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk