

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Skenzich called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Present: Mayor Skenzich, Councilors Kutsi and Nemanick.

Absent: Councilors Schutte and Skalko (both with notice).

Staff Present: City Attorney Brunfelt, City Engineer Jammick, Police Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller, Campground Directors John & Barbara Rautanen and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

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

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to approve the agenda. All approved.

Bob Pontinen, Citizens for Rural Taxation, read a letter requesting a Rural Tax District be formed for "fair taxation for all citizens". He stated that rural tax payers do not get all the "city services" and should not have to pay for them. They would like to have a committee formed, an ordinance made, and they do not want any legal representation for either side.

Mayor Skenzich discussed the previous legal action when a group of citizens filed to detach from the city of Gilbert in an effort to become part of the town of Fayal. The petitioners did not prevail. So Mayor Skenzich is wondering how he can tell the rest of the citizens of the city of Gilbert that if this rural taxing district were to come about their taxes would all have to increase in order for the parties in the rural taxing district to realize a decrease in their taxes. Councilor Nemanick stated that city services don't have anything to do with appraised value.

Motion by Mayor Skenzich second by Kutsi to have an open discussion with the Citizens for Rural Taxation, with no guarantee that any action would take place. The Citizens for Rural Taxation would need to appoint one person to represent the group. All approved.

Karl Oberstar came on behalf of someone not present, he defended all 1st Responders and wants the council to look into action & restore this person that was kicked off the 1st Responders for being a "Good Samaritan".

Karl Oberstar noted that at the top of Florida Avenue (between the 500 & 600 block), there is an apron coming into Summit View that is full of potholes.

Mayor Skenzich stated that the city will not get involved in the governance of the 1st Responders as that is the responsibility of the 1st Responders, and the person removed was also told this.

Motion by Kutsi second by Nemanick to approve the April 22, 2014 Regular Council meeting minutes. All approved.

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Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to approve Resolution 2014-07 Accepting the Grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the Office of the Commissioner of the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board under MN Statute §298.22 and Pursuant to IRRRB Resolution No. 14-056 for the Mesabi Bituminous project and to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant. All approved.

Mesabi Bituminous plans to expand the office building, to add eleven jobs and to improve the entrance road from the Hwy 135 side by widening it and improving the drainage. The MN DNR will be fixing the OHV Park access road in 2015.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to support Su Dabbas' request regarding establishing a Farmer's Market to be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Community Center and to charge a maximum of \$75/month for use of space. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Nemanick to approve Purchase Agreement for Sale of Lot Fifteen, Block One in the Plat of Lake Ore Be Gone subject to previous easements and restrictions of record, if any; and to mineral rights and reservations of record, in any for a purchase price of \$7,000. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Mayor Skenzick to adjust the off peak electric rate to 68.9655% of the residential electric rate to \$0.0614 and to authorize the future adjustment of this rate when residential electric rates are adjusted. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to approve Resolution 2014-08 granting a premises permit at the Gilbert VFW to the Virginia Elks #1003. All approved.

Attorney Brunfelt passed out a Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to David & Sally Hirsch now that the state of MN has vacated the property so it can be conveyed to the Hirschs. It was assumed that it was a city parcel, was unknown that it was tax forfeited and is not a city parcel.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to table any action to be taken on the Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to David & Sally Hirsch. All approved.

Attorney Brunfelt will be meeting with Erik Wedge soon to discuss the Rental Ordinance and will have a draft for the City Council's review.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to approve water filters media replacement and repairs to baffles, piping and air bubblers at the water treatment plant. All approved.

City Engineer Jarnick stated that there will be a construction meeting held on May 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. with USA about the Circle Drive project, as well as other projects. (Meeting was changed to Monday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m.)

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Nemanick asked about some cracks on Alaska Avenue and what will happen when hauling starts. City Engineer Jammick stated that he will look into, but that it is still under warranty and holds retainage.

Police Chief Techar stated that he is for a Rental Ordinance to be put in place. His research shows that 8% of the properties in Gilbert are rental properties and they make up 58% of the disturbance calls.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated that residents should stop running their water, and anything after May's reading will be back to the full rate.

Motion by Kutsi second by Mayor Skenzich to approve hiring Brian Sandstrom, Jake Heitzman, Matt Erchul and Joey Marolt as summer help. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Nemanick to approve purchase of a gas powered hedge trimmer from Grande's Ace Hardware for \$240. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Nemanick to approve In-Control's proposal of \$7,810, dated 5/7/14, programming for chemical feeds at the water plant. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to approve In-Control's proposal of \$7,570, to allow alarms at sewer plant to be read on computer screens so they can be accessed remotely and the purchase of WIN-911 software for \$1,250, this will be safer for operators to know what is going on at both plants. All approved.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated that alley pick-up will be May 19 – 23, 2014.

Library Director Miller recapped some of the upcoming programs to be held at the library. May 24, 2014 will be the last Saturday the library will be open until September.

Campground Director Rautanen stated that the campground is open for business.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to approve a new entrance door, window and new signage for the campground office building. Total cost of this project for materials shall not exceed \$1,500. All approved.

Mayor Skenzich noted that the frost has raised havoc with the shower building, and that it will need to be heated over the winter or the building will not survive for long.

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

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Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to acknowledge the Gilbert Library Board Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2014 and the Safety Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2014. All Approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Mayor Skenzich to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. All approved.

Michael Skenzich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk