

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Skenzich called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Nemanick with notice.

Staff Present: City Attorney Brunfelt, City Engineer Jammick, 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 Schutte second by Kutsi to approve the agenda. All approved.

No public input.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to approve the May 1, 2014 Gilbert Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting minutes. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to approve the May 13, 2014 Regular Council meeting minutes. All approved. Schutte abstained.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to deny the request by Pat White to purchase Lot 13 in the Lake-Ore-Be-Gone Development based on the recommendation of Planning and Zoning. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to authorize Attorney Brunfelt and Engineer Jammick to replat the four lots on the cul-de-sac in the Lake-Ore-Be-Gone Development into three lots. All approved.

The Gilbert Bar Owners Association made a request to hold a street dance Friday, July 4, 2014. Chief Techar stated that he has no issue with the street dance being held that date but, he will need to hire six people to provide traffic control per MN state statute at a rate of \$15.00 /hour. He said the police department will be able to provide coverage for both Gilbert and Biwabik for both street dances on July 4, 2014. There will be only one band on the west end of Broadway.

Motion by Skalko second by Mayor Skenzich to approve the request from the Gilbert Bar Owners Association to hold the Gilbert Street Dance on Friday, July 4, 2014. All approved.

The owners of the Alibi Bar are requesting to host a Mushball Tournament July 19-20, 2014. Chief Techar said there were no problems during the event in 2013 and it was very well run.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to authorize the Alibi Bar to host a Mushball Tournament July 19 – 20, 2014 with concession stand. All approved.

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Attorney Brunfelt reviewed the listing contract with Donovan Goblirsch Realty, Inc. and stated it is a standard listing contract. Attorney Brunfelt's concerns have to do with the city owned commercial parcels and he feels if the listing contract will include those there should be an actual list of the parcels covered by the contract.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve the listing agent contract with Donovan Goblirsch Realty, Inc. contingent that a supplemental listing of the commercial properties included to be listed. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to approve the Development Agreement between the City of Gilbert and Mesabi Bituminous for the 2014 Mesabi Bituminous Expansion. All approved.

Councilor Skalko thanked the City Crew for all the work at the cemetery. It looks good.

Councilor Skalko talked about citizens having fires in their backyards and asked the public to use common sense and respect their neighbors especially regarding smoke.

Mayor Skenzich and Councilor Skalko will be the committee to pursue the purchasing of remote meter readers, and new water meters.

Mayor Skenzich stated that we need to move forward on hiring someone to fill the office opening. And noted that Mary Olsen will be retiring and that someone will need to be hired to fill that position also.

Mayor Skenzich stated that the Fayal Water Agreement needs to be completed. Engineer Jamnick noted that it should mirror the current agreement between Fayal & Eveleth.

Members from Congressman's Nolan's Office will be in Gilbert on June 26, 2014.

Councilor Kutsi noted that the entrance sign on the west end needs to be cleaned-up, painted, brushed, etc. Mayor Skenzich suggested that Mike Sailer be contacted because he did a nice job with the sign on the other end.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to approve Resolution 2014-09, Resolution Authoring Conveyance of Real Estate to David and Sally Hirsch. Roll Call Aye, Schutte, Kutsi, Skenzich, Skalko. All approved.

Attorney Brunfelt reviewed the issue with the Anton and Betty Udovich property description. In 2006 Mr. & Mrs. Udovich purchased a parcel of property from the city of Gilbert. Part of what was conveyed was access to the cemetery. In 2007 a proposed solution was for the Udovichs to deed back to the city the small piece that was access to the cemetery and the city

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would provide a new deed which would include additional land in the SW corner to compensate for the land given up as access to the cemetery. This never occurred. The Udovichs then constructed their home. In 2012 they refinanced using the original parcel which was then covered by the mortgage. Because this is now covered by the mortgage, resolution of property line issue will be much more complicated especially because the mortgage company is located out of state. Other solution options were discussed.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to table the Udovich Property Description Correction. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve a two week extension until July 14, 2014 for Utility Systems of America with intermediate completion dates as proposed by Engineer Jamnick for the 2013 Infrastructure construction project. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to approve Utility Systems of America replacing up to 10 curb stops at a cost of \$950 each between Ohio and New Jersey Avenues during the construction. All approved.

One filter at the water treatment plant was taken out and the underdrain system is in good shape so will only need to replace some baffles and not the entire underdrain system.

City Engineer Jamnick will meet with the contractor about the cracks on Alaska Avenue.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to authorize moving forward repairing the OHV access road, for Mesabi Bituminous's quoted price of \$19,374, contingent on the IRRRB Grant monies. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to approve hiring Andrew Haken as a Patrol Officer for the Gilbert Police Department and to start at the after two year pay step as he comes in with experience. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to approve Chief Techar's request to hire 6 individuals at \$15.00/hour for traffic control per MN DOT requirements whenever a street dance is held. All approved.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar reported about problems with electrical substation. The load tap changer is causing problems and it is currently locked. He has a quoted price of approximately \$5,000 to replace the electrical portion of the regulator. It also leaks oil, there is a bad bushing on top. Power would have to be shut off for approximately 3 hours to repair. Discussed having the shut-down at night versus during the day, possibly 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to hire Greg Fautch as a summer seasonal employee for 2014. All approved.

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Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to approve repair of \$1,400 for the booster pump for Genoa water. All approved.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar reported that they are working on repairing the areas where all the water breaks occurred, they are still doing alley pick-up, and they are getting the remaining banners installed.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar reported that Sensus is willing to loan the City some meters for trial for 6 months. They will be installed in various locations throughout the City.

Library Director Miller reported that the summer reading program has begun. To encourage participation there will be a punch card for participants 12 years of age and older. Five punches will entitle a participant to qualify for a drawing for an iPad Mini. There are lots of events and they are all on the library website.

June 5, 2014 will be the first day for the Gilbert Farmers' Market.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve bills, including 3 additional invoices from Dale Schneider for police camera work, and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk. All approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to acknowledge the EFGSD Jt. Power Recreation Board Meeting of 4/9/14 and the correspondence from the Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Committee. All Approved.

Filings for Mayor and two council seats are open.

Motion by Skalko second by Kutsi to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. All approved.

Michael Skenzich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk