

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Skenzich called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Mayor Skenzich, Councilors Skalko and Schutte

Absent with Notice: Councilors Kutsi and Nemanick

Staff Present: City Attorney Michael Kearney, City Engineer Jamnick, Police Chief Ty Techar, and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

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

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

Taryn Greiner wanted to inform the public why she is no longer at the Library. She has transitioned into becoming a full-time stay at home mom. She loved her job at the Library and the community that she lives in. Mayor Skenzich and the councilors also thanked Taryn for the great job that she did while working at the Library.

John Shega, from Aspire Insurance Agency, wanted to acknowledge the great work of the public works crew for their clean-up the morning of the 4th of July, after the 3rd of July celebration. Citizens should be proud of the public works crew.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to approve the July 8, 2014 Regular Council meeting minutes. All approved.

Motion by Mayor Skenzich second by Schutte to approve the Surface Lease Agreement between RGGGS Land & Minerals and the City of Gilbert for August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015 for a cost of \$1,100. All Approved.

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to approve the 2015 Budget Proposal of the EFGSD Joint Powers Recreation Board. All approved.

Councilor Skalko wanted to thank Judy Kramlich, Yvonne Skrbec, Pat & Dick Panyan for the flowers on the Main Street in Gilbert.

Councilor Skalko also wanted to thank Tony Slavich, John Slavich, Jim Addy, Bill Addy and Terry Craven for working on the entrance sign on the west end of town.

Councilor Skalko noted that since Sparta is being vacated that maybe the city of Gilbert could work out an agreement with RGGGS to get sandy loam for use at the cemetery and restoring various project around the city.

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Mayor Skenzich wanted to thank the city crews that were out July 22, 2014 at 2:00 a.m. cleaning up due to the storm that went through, and helping out everyone that needed help, and that no one got hurt due to the storm.

Councilor Schutte also wanted to thank all of the emergency departments and city crew that came out and helped with the aftermath of the storm.

City Attorney Kearney reported about blighted properties. Mayor Skenzich noted that if we go to where the city owns the property, it will be a big expense to the city. Do we have it court ordered to allow demolition of the Lopp building because it is commercial? Then there could be other issues. Another building had a fire in it 7 – 8 years ago, and would be tax forfeited soon. Motion by Schutte to table any action to be taken at the next appropriate meeting once additional information is gathered.

City Engineer Jamnick reported that not much has happened up at Circle Drive the last few weeks. Blacktop will be put in for the driveways soon. Ohio & New Jersey Avenues are scheduled for paving on July 24, 2014. Alleys are going slow because of gas line in the middle and a lot of rock. There is at least two more weeks of work in the alley. Mayor Skenzich asked about checking on cracking curbs on Circle Drive. They will look at it after the meeting.

Police Chief Ty Techar reported about damage due to the storm July 22, 2014, two houses received a fair amount of damage and probably 7 – 8 garages damaged. An excess of 50 trees came down. He has been asked what to tell community members about disposal of branches and trees due to the storm. Residents can dispose of branches & trees in the field across from the campground and then city crews can remove.

Police Chief Ty Techar requested putting a camera at the beach. There have been a lot of thefts and assaults down by the beach. Also, requested painting “No Parking” areas by the beach.

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

Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to acknowledge the EFGSD Jt. Powers Rec. Board June 11, 2014 minutes and a Thank You received from the Iron Range Radio Control Club, Inc. All approved.

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

Michael Skenzich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk