

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

Absent: Councilor Nemanick (w/Notice).

Staff Present: City Attorney Michael Kearney & City Attorney Bonnie Thayer, City Engineer Jamnick, Police Chief Ty 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 Schutte second by Skalko to approve the agenda. All approved.

No public input.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve the June 24, 2014 Regular Council meeting minutes. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to approve the following regarding Election Judges: All Approved.

The following people are willing to serve the Gilbert Community as Election Judges for the 2014 Elections:

- Steve Peterson, Head Election Judge
- Jeremy Liimatta, Head Election Judge
- Richard Seburnia, All day Election Judge
- Diana Wallert, All day Election Judge
- Jack Makela, All day Election Judge
- Norman Chaffee, All day Election Judge
- Lynda Mattson, A. M. Election Judge
- Tina Mattson, P.M. Election Judge
- David Hirsch, All day Election Judge
- Cheryl Softich, All day Election Judge
- Laurel Roering, All day Election Judge

Regular Election Judge pay \$10/hour plus mileage

Head Election Judge pay \$12/hour plus mileage

Absentee Ballot Committee: Steve Peterson, Jeremy Liimatta, Diana Wallert, Jack Makela, Debra Sakrison, Mary Olsen.

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Motion by Schutte second by Skalko to appoint Mike Sailer and Judy Kramlich to the Gilbert Planning & Zoning Commission to three year terms expiring January 31, 2017. All approved.

No action taken on the St. Louis County Classification of Tax Forfeited Land.

Councilor Skalko brought up the 4th of July street dance and would like discussions held on the cost of it, and the possibility of combining the street dance with the 3rd of July Parade. This year's street dance did not have a great turn-out.

City Attorney Thayer is working on the rental ordinance & has sent it out for review and has been working on the Udovich property description project.

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to approve payment of Payment Estimate No. 7 to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. for the Alaska Avenue/DeCare Site Improvements project in the amount of \$7,033.00. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Schutte to approve payment of Payment Estimate No. 4 to Utility Systems of America, Inc. for the 2013 Street/Infrastructure project in the amount of \$183,281.78. All approved.

City Engineer Jamnick reported that nine curb stops were replaced, the contractor is working on scheduling of the milling machine to be brought in, and the sod is being installed on Circle Drive. The contractor has done a poor job of scheduling for the water valve replacement.

Police Chief Ty Techar reported that the cost for the 2014 street dance traffic control was \$1,600, which was less than other years as he sent officers home, there were less than 100 people at the street dance.

Police Chief Ty Techar reported that this was the best 3rd/4th of July in all the years he has been in Gilbert. There were very few calls, but there was approximately \$2,500 in damage done to one of the squads when they were in Eveleth on a call at the corner of Jones Street & Grant Avenue at approximately 2:35 a.m..

Motion by Schutte second by Kutsi to advertise a \$500 reward for any information about who damaged the new squad. All approved.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar reported that clean-up went well after the 3rd of July festivities.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar reported he received a quote from a water tower cleaning company to clean the water tower, to take out the ladder and to repair the inside damage, he also recommended that they repair the roof of the water reservoir, quote was in the amount of \$38,800.

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Motion by Skalko second by Kutsi to approve hiring the Water Tower Clean and Coat, Inc. as per the recommendation of Public Works Operations Director Lautigar as noted above. All approved.

Librarian Miller reported on some of the programming taking place at the library over the summer. She has several activities scheduled. She also mentioned the library system has access to tickets to events sponsored by Minnesota Clean Water, Land & Legacy funding. If interested, stop by the library and request the tickets. Librarian Miller reported that the Farmers Market seems to be doing OK, and is slowly building.

Campground Directors John & Barbara Rautanen reported that the campground was full over the 4th of July weekend. The Crawl for the Cure will start July 16, 2014.

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

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar reported that someone has tampered with the temporary water on Michigan Avenue. He stated that if anyone is seen tampering with this temporary water please call the police.

Motion by Skalko second by Kutsi to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. All approved.

Michael Skenzich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk