

**CITY OF GILBERT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

Absent with notice: Councilor Schutte.

Staff Present: City Attorney Michael Kearney, City Engineer Jamnick, Campground Caretakers John & Barbara Rautanen and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

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

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

No Public Input.

Motion by Skalko second by Mayor Skenzich to approve the July 22, 2014 Regular Council meeting minutes, Kutsi and Nemanick abstained. Two ayes, no majority, motion failed.

Amanda Duerr, Coalition of Greater MN Cities, gave a presentation on the Legislative Session. She spoke about LGA (Local Government Aid), sales tax exemption, economic development programs – including broadband programs, Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant – funded by the bonding bill and administered by DEED (\$6.2 million available), Statewide Transportation Investment – may go through next year. The CGMC Fall Conference is coming up and that is where policy positions will be set. Mayor Skenzich asked about how LGA is distributed or figured out. Amanda stated that the tax base is part of the formula for figuring that out.

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Gilbert and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. Local #15, effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016. All Approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Kutsi to approve Resolution No. 2014-12 – Setting a Public Hearing on a Street Vacation for September 9, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Skalko to adopt Resolution 2014-13 Accepting the \$1000 donation from Walmart on behalf of the Gilbert Fire Department. Funds to be used for fire hose and personal protective equipment. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Mayor Skenzich to approve Resolution 2014-14 Authorizing the City of Gilbert to Make Application to and to Accept funds from Iron Range Resources FY 15 Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program. All approved.

Motion by Nemanick second by Skalko to approve sending Trudy Salo to the Land Application of Biosolids Basic training session in St. Cloud, September 16 – 18, 2014, registration is \$300, lodging September 15 – 17, meals & mileage. All approved.

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Motion by Mayor Skenzich second by Kutsi to set a budget work session for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2014. All approved.

Mayor Skenzich stated that the burned building on Indiana Avenue will qualify for an IRRRB Grant for Residential Demolition. It will be measured up and a lien assessed to the property taxes. The Lopp Store also qualifies to be taken down, this one is under commercial, it is 1/3 city and 2/3 IRRRB, and a lien put towards taxes. Attorney Kearney stated that if it is tax forfeited the city may not recoup anything. Councilor Nemanick stated that the IRRRB should fund the demolition at 100% because tax payers should not have to fund the demolition. The city doesn't have any options.

Motion by Mayor Skenzich second by Nemanick to add the lower Indiana Avenue building (house that burned), the Sparta Community Center & Rink to the IRRRB Grant Resolution. All approved.

City Engineer Jamnick gave an update on the 2013 project. Pipework is completed. The driveways will be pressure washed. Sod is being placed on New Jersey & Ohio Avenues. Clean-up work on Circle Drive. Paving will be completed this year also.

Motion by Mayor Skenzich second by Kutsi to schedule the final assessment hearing for 5:30 p.m. on September 23, 2014.

Campground Caretaker John Rautanen reported that the Crawl for the Cure was successful and the campground was full. 400 people were at the event and the campground was over crowded. Customers of the event are starting to return as repeat customers, which is a benefit from the event.

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

Motion by Kutsi second by Skalko to acknowledge Gilbert Police Commission minutes of May 25, 2014 and the Gilbert Planning & Zoning Commission minutes of April 14, 2014 & July 7, 2014. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi second by Nemanick to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. All approved.

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Michael Skenzich, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debra Sakrison, City Clerk