

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Present: Mayor Kutsi, Councilors Pontinen, Bol & Liimatta.

Absent: Councilor Skalko (w/notice); City Engineer Jamnick (w/notice)

Staff Present: City Attorney Bonnie Thayer, Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, Library Director Miller and City Clerk/Treasurer Sakrison.

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

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to approve the agenda. All approved.

No public input.

Motion by Bol second by Liimatta to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2015 Special City Council Meeting, October 7, 2015 Budget Work Session, October 13, 2015 City Council Meeting, October 20, 2015 Budget Work Session, and October 27, 2015 City Council Meeting. Approved.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar recapped the reason for the CDBG grant. There have been issues with the sewer system in Genoa the last 4 - 5 years and it needs to be replaced.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to authorize the application to St. Louis County for CDBG grant funding for the project identified as the replacement of the Genoa area sanitary sewer. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Pontinen to adopt Resolution 2015-20 as a document indicating the City of Gilbert's support of the Central Iron Range Initiative. Approved.

Membership solicitation from Association of Small Cities discussed. We are not currently a member, there seems to be a duplication of coalition of Greater MN Cities. No action was taken.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to authorize the Fire Department's request to purchase four (4) Motorola portable radios at a cost of \$1,832.25 each. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to set the next Budget Work Session meeting for Wednesday, November 18, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Mayor Kutsi to acknowledge Revenues and Expenditures through October 31, 2015. Approved.

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Mayor Kutsi attended a meeting at the school regarding space needs and the future of the buildings.

Beth Milos stated that the architect firm reported that there was too much space/kid and with dropping enrollment she feels that there is a push to have all the students on the Eveleth Campus, possible that Gilbert School would close. Enrollment is dropping because of open enrollment and students going to Virginia and Mesabi East because they have newer buildings and technology. Money from mining will be running out in 4 years.

Mayor Kutsi:

- Spoke with Senator Tomassoni and he is working on the variance fee with the MPCA.
- Spoke with Ida Rukavina, Klobchar's aid, regarding the water plant. Wants a meeting set up with all the Representative's or their aids and the council and let them know Gilbert's concerns about the unfunded mandates.
- Attended a Bureau of Land Management meeting in Ely. Twin Metals is the biggest part. BLM manages the minerals below the surface. Environment is important but we need jobs. He stated that they all want to look at the facts and the scientists and go from there.

Council Liimatta asked about getting the street sweeper out one more time this year. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated that it has been out three times already.

Chief Techar recapped the discharge incident report.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar:

- Working on getting all street lights operational and replacing some heads with LED's. The lights by the school on Summit are bad underground.
- Has had meetings with MN DOT regarding Highway 37 mill & overlay scheduled for 2020. This will start by Highway 53 in Eveleth and go to the end of 37 at MN 135. 10% will be City of Gilbert's cost for parking lanes, Jamnick estimates that to be about \$10,000.
- Lights from Indiana to New York on Main Street could be refurbished/replaced. MN DOT will do 50% of cost. Approx. \$6,000 a pole. 40 poles. About \$250,000.
- Florida project is going well. Sidewalks & blacktopping the alley will be done next year. Water & sewer is all done.
- McKinley water main extension started today, looking to widen the entrance into Holiday.
- Rocks & Pines lift station is coming along.
- Alley pick up is wrapping up.
- Water valve leaking on Louisiana Avenue, will have contractor replace.

Library Director Miller:

- Lego club meetings Wednesdays thru November. (November 11 closed)
- Anima & Monga club Friday November 13.

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- Coloring club November 16, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- November 19 Magic the Gathering card club starting at 4:00 p.m.
- November 19 Wreath Making Demonstration at 6:00 p.m.
- November 20 – Movie – “Inside Out”

Councilor Bol asked if the Library would close on Mondays vs. Saturdays for the 2016 year. Library Director Miller stated no, because they have more use on Mondays.

Mayor Kutsi thanked all the Veterans, past & present.

Mayor Kutsi noted that the campground had a good year, and had a profit of approximately \$30,000.

Motion by Bol second by Liimatta to approve bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk. All approved.

Motion by Bol second by Pontinen to acknowledge the Library Board Minutes of October 5, 2015. All approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Robert Kutsi, Mayor