

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Present: Mayor Kutsi, Councilors Skalko, Pontinen, Bol and Liimatta.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Attorney Michael Kearney, City Engineer Jamnick, 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 Skalko second by Liimatta to approve the agenda. All approved.

No Public Input.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the February 10, 2015 Special City Council with Planning Commission meeting minutes & the February 10, 2015 Regular Council meeting minutes. All Approved.

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to approve the February 11, 2015 Special City Council meeting minutes. All Approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to approve the February 17, 2015 Special City Council meeting minutes. All Approved.

Had the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-01 – An Ordinance of the City of Gilbert, Minnesota, Amending Chapter §152.090 of the Gilbert City Code by Allowing the Reconstruction of Residential Homes in Certain Districts. Motion by Skalko second by Pontinen to adopt Ordinance 2015-01. All approved.

Motion by Bol second by Pontinen to establish the Economic Development Committee and to appoint Matthew Uhan, Michael Peterson, Jennifer Thiel and Beth Milos as the initial members. All approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Mayor Kutsi to adopt Resolution 2015-05 – Accepting the Grant from the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board for a new waterline extension from Indiana Avenue to Broadway Street. All approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to approve Resolution 2015-04, Resolution Authorizing Application to MN DOT Office of Environmental Stewardship Program and Project Solutions Unit Project S.P. 6912-969A on Hwy 135 naming the City of Gilbert as the sponsoring organization for the program and naming Sam Lautigar as the official contact for the City of Gilbert. All approved.

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Skalko raised concern about the drainage ditch down from Summit to Highway 37 being in bad shape, plantings would hinder access to drainage ditch. Lautigar will bring this up to MN DOT.

Motion by Skalko second by Pontinen to approve State of MN Grant Contract Agreement P.O. #3000070935 for Genoa ATV Trail in the amount of \$5,000 and the Mesabi Mountain ORV Trail in the amount of \$7,000. All approved.

Motion by Bol second by Liimatta to NOT WAIVE the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MN Statues §466.04 for the Eveleth/Gilbert Joint Trails Board. All approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to reduce the LED bulb rebate from up to \$15/bulb to up to \$7.50/bulb. All approved.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to adjust the amount for the special electrical rate to \$0.06419. All approved.

Motion by Bol second by Pontinen to have one Regular City Council meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., in lieu of the two regular meetings scheduled. There will be no meeting on 3/10/15 or 3/24/15. All approved.

Councilor Skalko talked to a couple of the bar Owners regarding the 4th of July Street Dance. They will get back to us.

Councilor Skalko talked about the Rock Houses are not on the registry of historical buildings. He is trying to research on where this should go.

Councilor Skalko talked to the City of Eveleth regarding the motorcycle rally in 2016. Eveleth will have some lots by the airport for the bikers to stay. He stated that with council approval the City of Gilbert could possibly offer some lots by AEOA and/or Wandering Pines for them also to stay at. Or if there is anything else that Gilbert could offer. Steve Peterson stated that he would like to put something together with the campground.

Mayor Kutsi discussed the letter received from Wenona Properties regarding Sparta surface leases being terminated as of March 31, 2015. The City of Gilbert needs to remove/relocate all above ground, inactive utilities & poles to another City of Gilbert property. These need to be removed/relocated by the end of the year. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar has been working on this with MN Power to get costs to do this. There is a fund/grant available for this type of project.

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to have City Engineer Jannick make application to the IRRRB for Mining Effects Grant to cover the costs for the utility removal in Sparta. All approved.

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Mayor Kutsi asked Steve Peterson to review the security proposals from ESC Systems and American Eagle Security Systems received by the City of Gilbert.

Motion by Mayor Kutsi second by Liimatta to accept the proposal from ESC Systems (Endresen Sound Company) for electronic locks, cameras and other security measures. All approved.

City Engineer Jammick reviewed the progress of the McKinley Water Project. \$1.9 million project, they have \$1.3 million with options to make up the \$300,000 difference. They will go out for bids on their portion of the project soon. There is a Water Usage Agreement in place, actually there are two agreements out there, one for sales and one for water usage. Jammick stated they should be combined. They would like to be under construction this summer.

Motion by Skalko second by Pontinen to have City Engineer Jammick and City Attorney Kearney to work on an agreement and pricing with the City of McKinley regarding water. All approved.

Librarian Nicole Miller reported on their events:

- The Frozen Sing-a-long went well.
- ECFE story times are going well.
- Movie Night is scheduled for 2/27/15 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Skalko second by Pontinen to acknowledge the Gilbert Library Board minutes of January 5, 2015, and the Eveleth/Gilbert Joint Trail Board of January 15, 2015. All approved.

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Robert Kutsi, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk