

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Kutsi called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Mayor Kutsi, Counselors Pontinen, Skalko, Bol, and Liimatta

Absent: None

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

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.

Public Input

Steve Peterson, Director of the Gilbert First Responders, stated that there is now a candy machine in city hall that will be a fundraiser for the First Responders. "Community Safety Net" personal safety handbook distributed. He stated the First Responders are a volunteer organization with six members. They received over 130 calls in 2014. He would like to have a compensation program for the First Responders and is looking for the council's support.

Mayor Kutsi thanked the First Responders and asked if they could come up with a rate structure to bring to the council.

No other public input.

Motion by Skalko second by Pontinen to approve the March 16, 2015 Regular Council meeting minutes. All approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Pontinen to adopt Resolution 2015-08 – Resolution Adopting Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan Amendment. All approved.

Motion by Kutsi to contribute \$500 to the Gilbert 3rd of July and requested a match from the campground. Seconded by Skalko. Discussion - Councilor Pontinen does not think the City Council should contribute and that it should be an individual taxpayer's decision to contribute or not. The city contributes by extra police costs, clean-up after, etc. Councilor Skalko supports the contribution by the city, states we have to keep this event going. Motion Carried 3-2.

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to approve the electric pole realignment on Enterprise Trail. All approved.

Motion by Skalko second by Pontinen to approve the Application for Appointment to Library Board – Beth Milos for a three year term ending December 31, 2017. All approved.

Councilor Skalko welcomed Northern Lights Dental to town. Stated it's significant to have a dentist back in town.

Councilor Skalko thanked bar owners for working with the 3rd of July Committee.

Mayor Kutsi amazed with IRYA for all they are involved in and the work they do. He thanked them.

Mayor Kutsi attended a local mayor's meeting with Jason Metsa and Rick Nolan. He voiced his opinion to them on the sewage treatment plant and the mercury mandates.

Councilor Bol discussed calendar parking issues.

Councilor Bol discussed the dust barrier cloth on the fence by the trail to the OHV park and wondered whose responsibility it is to maintain it.

Councilor Liimatta inquired when the campground will be open. It will be open May 1st. (Due to weather that opening date has been pushed back to May 8th.)

Chief Techar discussed calendar parking. Stated the officers quit issuing tickets in mid-March in Gilbert with the exception of one night when it snowed.

Chief Techar discussed a previous agreement made with Advanced Audio regarding parking of a large truck.

Chief Techar discussed the call volume. It is up 150 more calls than 2014 at this time.

Chief Techar requested direction as to how to deal with the pigeon issue. Discussed the cost per bird to trap, a contract with an animal specialist to dispatch them, or the city crew to dispatch them. It may need to be done at night.

Chief Techar discussed the ordinance to allow chickens. Stated that chicken feed attracts pigeons.

Councilor Skalko did not get any support for this issue while talking to members of the public. Councilor Bol stated having chickens reduces mosquitos and wood ticks and thinks that it is a low risk.

Mayor Kutsi asked if there was a motion to approve allowing chickens. No motion was made.

Chief Techar was approached by Fayal Township to provide 25 hours per week of patrol coverage. Stated that call volume is up. The first option is to make a bid to cover their costs. Officers are not interested in additional hours. The second option is to place the bid for the same price and pull the Gilbert car for 3-5 hours to patrol Fayal. The third option is to add another officer and place the bid to cover all of the costs. It would provide the 25 hours to Fayal and the remaining hours to cover vacation, etc.

Discussion with council. Council feels there isn't any benefit to Gilbert. Adding an officer would be the way to do it right.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar discussed the Ore-Be-Gone Court lift station panel repair. It should be replaced. The cost would be \$1342. Motion by Skalko second by Liimatta to approve the Ore-Be-Gone Court lift station panel repair. All approved.

Spring alley clean-up is May 11th-15th.

Library Director Miller discussed the prom dress collection. Over sixty dresses have been donated. They may be borrowed for free with a library card. Dresses should be dry cleaned prior to returning if dirty.

Library Director Miller discussed National Library Week. There is story time with area groups.

Library Director Miller discussed the 2014 Library Impact Report.

Library Director Miller discussed the grant that was applied for through Lake Country Power for DVD courses from Great Learning Courses.

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

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to approve the Gilbert Library Board minutes of March 2, 2015 and the EFGSD Joint Powers Recreation Board minutes of March 10, 2015. All approved.

Correspondence - Partners Local Governments with Youth

Motion by Skalko second by Kutsi to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Robert Kutsi, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk