

CITY OF GILBERT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Kearney, City Engineer Jammick, Police Chief Techar, Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, 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. Motion carried.

Public Input: None

Motion by Bol second by Skalko to approve the May 12, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Attorney Kearney discussed the request by Mesabi Bituminous for a utility and septic system to be included in the easement for Enterprise Drive. A septic system is not allowed in the easement. He recommended approving the boiler plate easement from Mesabi Bituminous to the city of Gilbert for Enterprise Drive and to include the request of a utility easement but not a septic easement. Motion by Skalko second by Pontinen. Motion carried.

Councilor Skalko discussed photos of the 1951 basketball team that were given to the City by Tom Phillipich. The photos are to be displayed on the walls in City Hall or another city building. If the photos are not hung up or are taken down in the future, Mr. Phillipich would like them back.

Councilor Skalko is requesting action to repair the south stone wall in the cemetery. The wall is pushing out, needs drain tile, and possibly support behind the wall.

Councilor Skalko stated that Wendy Bontems of Mudders inquired if the entire main street can be shut down for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July street dance. Chief Techar stated that the street is usually closed down to Iowa Avenue but that it is feasible. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilor Skalko gave a reminder to people interested in the AEOA weatherization program that that they must apply by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Kutsi gave a special thank you to Linda Tyssen, Leo Skrbec, the VFW, and the Ladies Auxiliary for the Memorial Day program at the cemetery.

Mayor Kutsi inquired about painting the interior of the cemetery building. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated he will look into it.

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Councilor Bol inquired about John Judnick's retaining wall again. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated that they are going to try to get it done this year.

City Engineer Jamnick stated that USA is lining contractors up so the 2013 Infrastructure Project should be moving forward.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated that Mathew Erchul and Mitchell Huffman did not accept the job. Two other Gilbert residents did not accept the job offers either. Megan Preiner and Chad Hietala were then offered and accepted the jobs. Motion by Liimatta second by Bol to approve the hiring of Megan Preiner and Chad Hietala as temporary summer employees. Motion carried.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated that he is going to get prices to have the cemetery wall taken down and replaced and to also get drain tile installed.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar stated that the City Hall roof is just about done, that the tree trimming is still going on, and that alley clean-up went well this year.

Motion by Skalko second by Pontinen to approve payment of bills and payroll. Motion carried.

Motion by Liimatta second by Skalko to acknowledge the April 6, 2015 Library Board Minutes and the May 11, 2015 Campground Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Skalko second by Pontinen to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried.

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Debra Sakrison, Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Robert Kutsi, Mayor