

**CITY OF GILBERT**  
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2014**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Skenzich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent with Notice: Councilor Skalko

Staff Present: Public Works Operations Director Lautigar, City Clerk Sakrison.

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

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

The purpose of the Special City Council Meeting is to consider acquisition of equipment from McQueen Equipment.

McQueen Equipment has a 2003 Condor/Heil F-7000 18 yard garbage truck available for sale. McQueen brought the truck up and the city mechanic looked it over and employees were given the opportunity to drive it. The consensus was the truck is in good shape for its age and its size would work well in Gilbert. It will be reconditioned and painted. The chassis is a 2003 Sterling Condor with a Cat 3126 275 hp engine with Allison MD-3060 automatic transmission. It has 67,500 miles and 11,331 hours on it. It will be MN DOT certified. The grab bars are 90-300 gallon, with OIGAI transmission drive PTO, Selecto Pack, packer underbody undercoating and an Arctic Fox hydraulic oil tank heater. There will be a 6 month warranty parts and labor on the packer only. The price will include delivery and training FOB Gilbert, MN. The price is \$48,500.

Mayor Skenzich talked to Mike Wiskow in Eveleth about the possibility of the city of Eveleth providing garbage service. They referred to the 2005 quote and those costs would potentially be raised to \$100/hour for 10 hours per week and \$100/month for a service charge. Using those figures the expense to contract with Eveleth would exceed the purchase price of this garbage truck. The city has \$30,000 in the 2014 budget for a garbage truck.

Councilor Schutte feels very strongly that the city of Gilbert should continue to have a garbage truck available as a service for the residents.

Councilor Schutte moved to go forward with the purchase of the 2003 Condor/Heil F-7000 garbage truck from McQueen Equipment for \$48,500. Motion was seconded by Councilor Kutsi.

Discussion: Councilor Nemanick thinks purchase of this vehicle would be the city spending city dollars and it is not being funded by the users benefiting. Lautigar stated he thinks the city will get at least 10 years of use out of this truck. Mayor Skenzich would like to raise the price of garbage bags for sale by \$0.10/bag or \$1.00 per roll of 10 and also raise the monthly commercial garbage charge from \$15 to \$18 per month. Lautigar said the truck the city is currently using is used approximately 10 hours/week and it is deteriorating mechanically and the

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packer is about shot. He also pointed out that last year the city of Virginia got rid of a garbage truck for \$30,000 and it was full of rust. The city of Eveleth paid \$250,000 for the last new garbage truck purchased. Councilor Nemanick again stated his belief that spending \$50,000 on this truck is not prudent use of city dollars for the amount of use.

The vote was called. (3) aye, (1) nay, motion carried.

Councilor Schutte moved to adjourn at 6:10 p.m., second by Councilor Kutsi. Motion Carried.

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Michael Skenzich, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debra Sakrison, City Clerk