

CITY OF GILBERT
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Skenzich called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Schutte (with Notice)

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

Mayor Skenzich stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review rates and fees charged by the city of Gilbert.

Mayor Skenzich felt that the fees should be raised the same percentage as whatever the union negotiation percentage is.

Steve Peterson stated that the campground rates were raised in 2013 and are good for 2014.

Councilor Schutte arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Public Works Operations Director Lautigar brought up the fee for residents using the dump truck. This fee should be \$50 plus tipping fees charged to the user. This fee is on the schedule as stated.

Discussion was held about commercial garbage. Public Works Operations Director Lautigar still needs to meet with Mike Wiskow, from the city of Eveleth.

Discussion was held about the heating of the Community Center. It is being heated all the time now that the church is using the facility instead of the heat being turned down when the facility isn't used. The church's contract is coming up in February, and discussion will be held at that time to determine if the rates should be raised for their use of the facility.

Cemetery Rates: Were raised in 2013, and a few years before. Discussed raising the rates 10%.

Community Center: Discussed raising the non-resident rates up \$25 each.

Assessment Searches: OK as is.

Returned Check Fee: OK as is.

Copies: OK as is.

Garbage Bags: Discussion held on city cost vs. cost sold. Will get more information to make a decision on how much to raise the cost sold.

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Liquor License: OK for now. The city would need to have a special meeting for any license increases which would affect licenses for 2015. The liquor store license would have to remain as is. Mayor Skenzich suggested raising rates 10%. This could be added to the tobacco license fee as well.

Planning & Zoning Fees: OK as is. Mayor Skenzich will discuss with Planning & Zoning Director Wedge to get more information.

Rental Ordinance/License: Need to discuss with Planning & Zoning Director Wedge to see what cost is for inspecting rental properties. This would affect residential rental properties.

Utility Rates discussed:

- 5/8" new meters with electronic remote read are about \$180.
- 1" new meters are about \$100, with electronic remote read they are approximately \$150.
- Average install is about 1 hour. Install of outside read out is an additional hour.
- Water Meter Replacement fee due to Neglect to \$250.
- Water Tap Fee for New Construction to price of the meter plus \$500.
- Sewer Tap for New Construction to price of \$500.
- Electrical Tap for New Construction to price city pays the first \$500 & the meter base and the homeowner pays the balance. Commercial the city would pay the first \$850 & meter base and property owner the balance.
- Water Disconnect (seasonal & non pay) to \$50.
- Water Reconnect (seasonal & non pay) to \$100.
- Electric Reconnect (seasonal & non pay) to \$150.

Motion by Shutte second by Kutsi to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. All approved.

Michael Skenzich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Sakrison, City Clerk