

City of Gilbert
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Council Chambers

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:04P.M.

Quorum determined.

Present: Councilors Pontinen, Mayor Smith, Councilor Heitzman, Interim Clerk Mike Skrbich, Campground Host Wendy Flanagan and Police Chief Ty Techar

Absent with notice: Councilors Pulles and Skenzich

Mayor Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Heitzman, seconded by Pontinen to add under new business (MCU):

- Wasterwater Applicant – set up interview
- County Land Sale
- Accept 2nd bid for Well proposal

Approve Consent Agenda:

City Council Minutes

- August 27th, 2024 City Council Planning Session Minutes
- August 27th, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Boards and Commissions Minutes

- Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes
- Library Board Meeting Minutes
- Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes

Invoices from Previously Approved Projects

Payment of Bills and Payroll upon proper audit of Clerk and Mayor

- Check register 8/28/2024 - 9/6/2024

Motion by Heitzman, seconded by Pontinen to approve Consent Agenda as listed above. MCU

Public Participation:

Paul Skrbec invited the council to the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Connections gathering at his campground the morning of September 11.

Skrbec reminded the council to try to be more business friendly.

Reports – Mayor & Council

Mayor Smith: Glad to be back after being gone for a month.

Councilor Pontinen: Nothing at this time.

Councilor Heitzman: Nice job to Fire Chief Kwiakowski and Public Works Director Sam Lautigar for working on getting the city to a better ISO rating of 4. The low rating helps house insurance prices greatly in the community.

Reports – Staff, Boards & Commissions

Campground Host Wendy Flannigan: Written report submitted to council.

Police Chief Ty Techar: The City water tower was recently breached. One person will be charged with theft for a flagpole. No one had actual access to the high tower or to the water. It is

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a potential terroristic threat, if the water supply was ever accessed. Looking for permission to put some cameras, alarms etc. at the tower. Techar will bring some bids and believes the cost shouldn't be more than a couple thousand dollars. Interim Clerk Skrbich thanked Ty, Trudy and Sam for working through everything with the tower.

Old Business:

Signing of all documents related to Ridge Inn land purchase. Getting the County all required paperwork to get it to the DNR in a timely manner.

New Business:

Motion by Heitzman, seconded by Pontinen to approve the wage increase for the Administrative Assistant for the Police Department and for it to be reviewed every 3 years with the Police contract. The position holds no insurance and is also subject to after-hour call-ins. MCU

Motion by Pontinen, seconded by Heitzman to approve Graves drilling proposal of \$14,350 for cleaning the screen on well #5. It's been 20 years since the screen was cleaned. MCU

Motion by Heitzman, seconded by Pontinen to approve Little Falls Machine to rebuild a snowplow with new springs. MCU

Motion by Heitzman, seconded by Pontinen to approve hiring Wright Tree Removal. This company has been used by the city before. MCU

Motion by Heitzman, seconded Pontinen to have Interim Clerk Skrbich move forward with setting up an interview for the one applicant for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. MCU

Motion by Heitzman, seconded Pontinen to approve the County Land sale and for Interim Clerk Skrbich to keep an eye on it and bid when necessary. MCU

Miscellaneous Announcements:

Mayor Smith spoke with Paul Peltier, Director of RAMS. RAMS lobbies to help small cities with grants. The city will look at getting a housing study done.

Mayor Smith reminded the council that the deadline to decide what to do with the school property is next month. He stated the school board would like to get \$220,000 for the property. A meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 18th at 6PM

Motion by Heitzman, seconded by Pontinen to adjourn meeting at 6:56PM. MCU

**These minutes are paraphrased and are not written word for word.*

ATTEST:

Mike Skrbich, Interim Clerk/Administrator

Thomas Smith, Mayor