

City of Gilbert
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Council Chambers

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02P.M.

Quorum determined.

Present: Councilors Pontinen and Skenzich, Mayor Smith, Interim Clerk Mike Skrbich.

City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Police Chief Ty Techar, Library Director Su Dubbas

Absent with notice: Councilors Heitzman

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Skenzich to add under Consent Agenda (MCU):

- Check register 10/5/2024-10/8/2024

Motion by Skenzich, seconded by Pulles to add under New Business (MCU):

- D. Advertise for Rink Attendants

Approve Consent Agenda:

City Council Minutes

- September 24, 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 9/25/2024 - 10/04/2024
- Check register 10/5/2024 - 10/8/2024

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

Public Participation:

Dylon Horne spoke about a retaining wall on the corner of 1st Court and Louisiana that has collapsed. He stated there are still blocks and dirt in the roadway and with winter arriving soon (i.e. snow plowing), he asked if the City could intervene and assist with getting in contact with the land owner and have it addressed before the snow falls. Interim Clerk Mike Skrbich will talk to Sam and make a plan.

Reports – Mayor & Council

Mayor Smith: Thoughts and prayers for all involved with the Hurricanes.

Councilor Pontinen: Inquired to see how the last weekend at the campground was attended. Mayor Smith stated it was full.

Councilor Pulles: Apologized for missing a few meetings due to personal reasons and busy at work.

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Councilor Skenzich: Inquired about the arrival time for the City’s new dump truck. Interim Clerk Skrbich will check on the status of its arrival. The old fire truck is up for auction right now.

Reports – Staff, Boards & Commissions

Fire Chief Marc Kwiakowski: Not present.

City Attorney Bryan Lindsay: Nothing at this time.

Library Director Sue Dubbas: Open story time for families, includes snacks and a little prize. This will continue thru Winter. BINGO will be Sunday, October 20th from 2-5pm. St. Joseph’s church is hosting this fundraiser for the library foundation. Treat bags will be handed out all day on Halloween. Tuesday, November 5th is a Musical Program, Sutter Brothers in the Auditorium.

Police Chief Ty Techar: Applied for a grant for radios for \$80,000. Gilbert is one of the few departments that were awarded part of the grant at \$40,000. Techar will explore more options to help with the funding of the remainder of the radio cost.

First Responder Director Pete Makowski: Recommended City Council to hire Erica Bergquist as the new First Responder. She has completed all training. Director Makowski stated he will be resigning his position as First Responder Director for the City of Gilbert. Makowski will have a replacement for his position in the next 3 months as he will be pursuing other projects.

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Skenzich to approve Erica Bergquist as Gilbert First Responder. MCU

Interim Clerk/Treasurer Mike Skrbich: Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Pontinen to approve the rebuilding of MN Power regulator, that was damaged during the storm. (Minnesota Power is doing the rebuild). MCU

Motion by Skenzich, seconded by Pulles to approve the MN Pump Works quotes for \$1501.80 for repairs and \$1846.00 for maintenance. MCU

New Business:

Motion by Skenzich, seconded by Pulles to approve Resolution 2024-23, accepting a donation from Approve Plumbing for the fire truck in the amount of \$911.65. MCU

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Skenzich to have attorney Lindsay update the language in section 9, then approve the Resolution 2024-22, Council Service and Civility. MCU

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Motion by Skenzich, seconded by Pulles to accept the City of Gilbert Media Policy, changes will be made as necessary and follow the proper channels. MCU

Motion by Skenzich, seconded by Pulles to advertise for two rink attendants. MCU

Miscellaneous Announcements:

Calendar parking starts November 1st.

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Skenzich to adjourn meeting at 6:36PM. MCU

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

ATTEST:

Mike Skrbich, Interim Clerk/Administrator

Thomas Smith, Mayor