

City of Gilbert
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
Council Chambers

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M.

Quorum determined.

Present: Councilors Pontinen, Pulles and Skenzich, Mayor Smith, Interim Clerk Mike Skrbich, City Attorney Bryan Lindsay, Police Chief Ty Techar and Public Works Director Sam Lautigar.

Absent with notice: Councilors Heitzman

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Skenzich to add payments of bills 10/19/2024-11/8/2024 under Consent Agenda and the addition of (B.) Resolution 2024-25 – Acceptance of donation from the Fire Relief Association under Miscellaneous Announcements. MCU

Approve Consent Agenda:

City Council Minutes

- October 22, 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 10/19/2024 – 11/8/2024

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

Public Participation:

Paul Skrbec, West 40 RV Park and Dylon Horne, Horne Seasonal Lighting will be taking over the Holiday Lighting contest this year. Anyone with a Gilbert address can participate.

Motion made by Pulles, seconded by Skenzich to approve posting the Christmas Light Contest. MCU

Skrbec spoke about the Lead/Copper pipe letter that many residents received. Public Works Director Sam Lautigar explained this is originally from the Department of Health. The Department of Health had the letter sent to most everyone. Basically, the Department of Health would like to know what kind of piping every home has. There are limited concerns of lead piping in Gilbert. The city is working with an engineer and the Department of Health on what the next steps should be.

Reports – Mayor & Council

Mayor Smith: The City Charter was passed. A copy of it is available on the city's website. Thank you to the Charter Board and to Attorney Lindsay for all your work put into it.

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Interim Clerk Skrbich and the mayor gave a presentation to IRRRB. Gilbert was allotted \$1 million from the State bond that will be used for updating the heat in the community center, fixing the back parking lot, updating the kitchen and adding an ADA bathroom downstairs.

Thank you to Interim Clerk Skrbich and all the Election judges for all the work they put in.

Calendar Parking is in effect. Please park on the right side and shovel around hydrants in your neighborhood when the snow does arrive.

Councilor Pontinen: Nothing at this time.

Councilor Pulles: Thank you to everyone involved in the Election. It's a big process.

Councilor Skenzich: Lights at the end of town are out until the pole is replaced. Regarding streetlights that may be out, residents should get the number that is on the silver tag on the pole and call it into City Hall along with the pole location.

Thank you to Paul and Dylan for taking over the Holiday Light contest.

Reports – Staff, Boards & Commissions

Fire Chief Marc Kwiakowski: Donation for \$8,000.00 from the Relief Association to purchase a double door dryer for the Fire Department.

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Skenzich to approve the purchase of a turnout gear dryer for \$8,870.00 plus the electrical and miscellaneous costs for installation. MCU

Thank you to Mayor Smith, Counselor Skenzich and Counselor Heitzman for all they've done for the city and their years of service. We look forward to working with Paul, Dylan and Karl.

Counselor Heitzman retired from the Gilbert Fire Department last week after 20 years and 8 months of service, we thank him for his service.

The Fire Department is currently running with 21 members. 19 of them are fully trained and the other 2 are starting training next week.

The public's help is very appreciative in keeping the hydrants clear. Your 2 minutes of time to shovel a hydrant could be the difference between life or death. Please, if you live by a hydrant, keep it clear for winter.

The Gilbert Fire Department is always taking in new applicants if anyone wishes to join.

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City Attorney Bryan Lindsay: Nothing at this time.

Police Chief Ty Techar: Removed a boat and a camper from Ore Be Gone. In the process of tracking down owners.

Remember Calendar Parking is in effect right now.

Public Works Director Sam Lautigar: The new plow truck arrival has been delayed to January.

Interim Clerk/Treasurer Mike Skrbich: Thank you to the Election judges for all their hard work and everyone that came out to vote. There was a 90% turn out to vote.

New Business:

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Skenzich to approve Resolution 2024-24, CDBG grant application. MCU

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Skenzich to accept Lanyk electric light pole estimate. MCU

Motion by Skenzich, seconded by Pulles to accept the Display Sales estimate. MCU

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Skenzich to approve the charitable gambling application for the Knights of Columbus. MCU

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Pontinen to accept the Relief Association for \$8,000. MCU

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Skenzich to go into a closed session to discuss labor negotiations as per MN SS13D.03. MCU

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Pontinen to approve labor negotiations for IT contract. MCU

Motion by Skenzich, seconded by Pontinen to approve labor negotiations for the Clerk position contract. MCU

Motion by Pulles, seconded by Pontinen to adjourn meeting at 7:21PM. MCU

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

ATTEST:

Mike Skrbich, Interim Clerk/Administrator

Thomas Smith, Mayor