

City of Gilbert
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Council Chambers

Mayor Oberstar called the meeting to order at 6:05P.M.

Quorum determined.

Present: Councilors Rudy Vertachnik and Dylon Horne, Mayor Karl Oberstar, Jr., Councilors Paul Skrbec and Bob Pontinen, Clerk Mike Skrbich, Clerk Attorney Noelle Berkelman for Bryan Lindsay and Police Chief Ty Techar

Absent with notice: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Horne, seconded by Skrbec to add Resolution 2025-05 to accept a donation for the Gilbert Public Library; under New Business: introducing new ordinances 31.20 and 31.25. MCU

Mayor Oberstar clarified the Regular City Council Minutes of February 11, 2025 and the Working Session Minutes of February 11, 2025 should be on the Agenda (they are included in the packet).

Councilor Skrbec clarified the building the Library is located in, is a City of Gilbert building not a Gilbert Library directed building, they are a tenant/occupant of the building. The Library board are not the ones directing the plans for the upgrades to the building.

Councilor Vertachnik noted a correction to the last meeting minutes: Public Works Director Sam Lautigar was not present at the last meeting.

Approve Consent Agenda:

City Council Minutes

- February 11, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 11, 2025 City Council Working Session Minutes

Invoices from Previously Approved Projects

Boards and Commissions Minutes

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

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

- Check register 2/12/2025 – 2/19/2025
- Check register 2/20/2025 – 2/21/2025

Motion by Skrbec, seconded by Horne to approve the Consent Agenda. MCU

Public Participation: None

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Reports – Mayor & Council

Councilor Vertachnik: Nothing at this time.

Councilor Horne: Nothing at this time.

Councilor Skrbec: It's been reported to the Police Department that on the northern side of Broadway, approaching New York Avenue, the asphalt appears to be sinking. Warning others and checking with Sam to put something up so everyone is aware. Possibly check if it's a fault in the project when the road was done. Clerk Skrbich will notify Sam, Public Works Director. Councilor Horne stated he spoke with PD about it and believes something will be put around it.

Councilor Pontinen: Inquired about the bid-letting date for the Water Treatment Plant. Clerk Skrbich stated it will possibly be extended until some time in March, he will check for sure. Pontinen inquired about the contract with the AT&T for the antenna on the water tower. Clerk Skrbich stated it is something that is being worked on right now.

Mayor Oberstar: Nothing at this time.

Reports – Staff, Boards & Commissions

Clerk Mike Skrbich: Thank you to the Gilbert Community United Methodist Church for the appreciation luncheon they put on at City Hall for all the employees, they did a beautiful job. Thank you to all those that were able to come. Mayor Oberstar apologized for not attending, he was at a meeting.

Clerk Attorney Noelle Berkelman for Bryan Lindsay: Nothing at this time.

Police Chief Ty Techar: Nothing at this time.

Councilor Skrbec suggested coordinating schedules with Chief Techar for an available time to discuss updating trail maps, etc.

New Business:

Motion by Vertachnik, seconded by Skrbec to approve the Mayor's appointment of Dylon Horne to the Eveleth-Gilbert Joint Trail Board. MCU

Motion by Skrbec, seconded by Vertachnik to table the S.E.H. boat landing planning agreement at this time. MCU

Motion by Vertachnik, seconded by Horne to approve the Mayor's appointment of himself, Mayor Karl Oberstar, Jr., to the R.R.C.C. Board. MCU

Councilor Pontinen would like to see the bylaws/agreements regarding the funding for the Curling Club. Pontinen's concerns are that it should not be divided up four ways equally, considering the

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size of Gilbert vs. the size of Virginia. Councilor Skrbec requested it would be good to start looking at these contracts and be ready for them ahead of time, not just this agreement but all others, as well. Clerk Skrbich agreed and stated it could be done.

Motion by Horne, seconded by Vertachnik to accept Resolution 2025-05 to accept a donation for the Gilbert Public Library from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation in the amount of \$2,500. MCU

Motion by Skrbec, seconded by Horne to formally introduce Ordinance 31.20, general ordinance about boards and commissions, to be placed on the Agenda for the March 11th meeting. 4 yays, 1 nay - Mayor Oberstar. Motion carries 4 to 1.

Motion by Skrbec, seconded by Horne to formally introduce Ordinance 31.25, introducing a Parks and Recreation commission, to be placed on the Agenda for the March 11th meeting. 4 yays, 1 nay - Mayor Oberstar. Motion carries 4 to 1.

Miscellaneous:

Motion by Horne, seconded by Skrbec to adjourn meeting at 6:45P.M. MCU.

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

ATTEST:

Mike Skrbich, Interim Clerk/Administrator

Karl Oberstar, Jr., Mayor