

City of Gilbert
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Council Chambers

Mayor Oberstar called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Quorum determined.

Present: Mayor Karl Oberstar, Jr., Councilor Rudy Vertachnik, Paul Skrbec and Bob Pontinen and Clerk Mike Skrbich, Police Chief Ty Techar and Attorney Bryan Lindsay.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to the Agenda: Adding under Old Business: Ben Crosby; Adding under New Business: Item E. Resolution 2025-16 – preliminary levy.

Motion by Skrbec, seconded by Vertachnik to approve the Additions to the Agenda. MCU

Consent Agenda:

City Council Minutes

- September 9, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- September 9, 2025 City Council Working Session Minutes

Invoices from Previously Approved Projects

Boards and Commissions Minutes

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

- Check register 9/16/2025 – 9/17/2025
- Check register 9/19/2025 – 9/22/2025

Motion by Skrbec, seconded by Pontinen to approve the Consent Agenda with changes. MCU

Public Participation: Kim Dertinger, Gilbert resident, is asking for (possibly) a variance to the ordinance that states vehicles shouldn't be parked on city sidewalks. Her garage is considered a historical landmark. It is the original firehall in Gilbert and she is unable to park in her driveway without it extending onto the city sidewalk. The City Council will look into it.

Mary Kay Riendeau, Gilbert resident, spoke briefly of some history in Gilbert and inquired about trying to preserve Dertinger's building and historical designations.

Reports – Mayor & Council

Councilor Pontinen: Nothing at this time.

Councilor Skrbec: Invited by Representative Warwas to the Minnesota Legislative Exchange to talk about tourism and development. Hoping for a good discussion and if there's anything helpful to Gilbert then he'll certainly bring it forward.

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Councilor Vertachnik: Nothing at this time.

Mayor Oberstar: The council had a great Working Session, with many things cleared up.

Reports – Staff, Boards & Council:

City Attorney Lindsay: Nothing at this time.

Police Chief Ty Techar: Nothing at this time. Councilor Vertachnik inquired about parking tickets. They are \$20, with 10 days to pay. If there are 6 or more unpaid parking tickets, the vehicle will be towed.

Mayor Oberstar stated there is a developer that is interested in the second parking lot area at Anthem, which the City owns. The developer is moving forward with their interest in adding more housing to the City of Gilbert.

Clerk Mike Skrbich: Annual Fall Alley Pick-Up for Gilbert residents will be October 27th – October 31st. Reminder: No trash or animal waste, all yard waste must be bagged and brush no longer than 4' in length.

Motion by Skrbec, supported by Oberstar to have Fall Alley Pick-Up for Gilbert residents October 27-31st. MCU

Old Business:

Motion by Vertachnik, supported by Skrbec to accept Ben Crosby's resignation from the Water & Light Board. MCU

Mr. Crosby thanked everyone for the opportunities given to him while he was here. Crosby submitted a letter of resignation for the Water & Light Board, as his family is moving from the area.

New Business:

Motion by Skrbec supported by Pontinen to accept Resolution 2025-14 Ore-B-Gone/DNR Agreement. The Resolution authorizes the City of Gilbert to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Minnesota DNR for Ore Be Gone Lake South public water access project. MCU

Motion by Skrbec, supported by Vertachnik to accept Resolution 2025-15, with corrections, Open Council Seat. The resolution declares vacancy in the City Council. MCU

Motion by Vertachnik, supported Skrbec to table the North American Electric quote for shop lights. MCU

Motion by Vertachnik, supported by Skrbec to approve Scott Ankley to the Planning & Zoning Board. MCU

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Motion by Vertachnik, supported by Pontinen to suspend the normal meeting at 6:38pm for closed session discussion. MCU

Motion by Skrbec, supported by Vertachnik to end the closed session and resume the regular council meeting at 7:20pm. MCU

Motion by Skrbec, supported by Mayor Oberstar to accept a settlement with the property owners of 20 Circle Drive. MCU

Motion by Skrbec, supported by Vertachnik to appoint Attorney Lindsay to send the council's unanimous approval of the language approved upon in the closed session to the City of Biwabik regarding the police department. MCU

Motion by Oberstar, stepped down from chair to make motion, supported by Skrbec to accept the preliminary budget at 9%. MCU

Motion by Skrbec, seconded by Oberstar to adjourn meeting at 7:28P.M. MCU.

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

ATTEST:

Mike Skrbich, Interim Clerk/Administrator

Karl Oberstar Jr., Mayor