

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the July 28, 2009, Council Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order – **Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – **Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Basu.**
- C. Invocation – **Invocation was given by Corey Drury.**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry
Vice-Mayor Fred Hull
Council Member Fernando Fernandez - absent
Council Member Armida Gonzalez

Council Member Chuck Turner
Council Member James “Bud” Turner - absent
Council Member Donny Young - absent

Staff Present

Town Clerk Turner, Public Works Director/Engineer Parsi, Records Clerk Eisenberger, Counter Services Smith.

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public comment.

IV. PROCLAMATION: Drowning Impact Awareness Month – **Mayor Henry read proclamation proclaiming August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009 as Drowning Impact Awareness Month**

V. CONSENT AGENDA (all items subject to approval by a single motion; any Council Member may require any of these items to be voted on separately).

- a. Approval of June 30, 2009 Meeting Minutes. The Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the July 7, 2009 minutes.
- b. Contract in Support of Luke Air Force Base. The Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve contribution in the amount of \$1,303.00 in support of Luke Air Force Base.

Council Member C Turner moved to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Hull. Motion to approve passed unanimously. (4-0)

VI. BUSINESS - Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- a. Ordinance 09-09 adopting Town of Gila Bend Property Tax Levy for F/Y 09/10. The Mayor shall read Ordinance 09-09 by Title only. Council shall discuss and possibly take action to adopt Ordinance 09-09, an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, hereby levying upon the assessed valuation of the property within the Town of Gila Bend subject to taxation a certain sum of each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation sufficient to raise the amount estimated to be required from licenses, fines and other sources of revenue; providing a General Fund for general municipal expenses; all for the fiscal year ending the 30th Day of June, 2010, and declaring an emergency. **Mayor Henry read Ordinance 09-09 by Title only. Vice-Mayor Hull moved to adopt Ordinance 09-09 setting the property tax levy for fiscal year 2009/2010. Seconded by Council Member C Turner. Motion to adopt Ordinance 09-09 passed 4-0.**
- b. Easement. The Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to grant an easement to Arizona Public Service to relocate power poles at Gatlin Site. **Mayor Henry recognized Carol Griffith of State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Director who spoke in favor of granting the easement. She complimented the Town on being good Stewards of the Gatlin Site. She also noted that she was previously against moving the poles due to heavy equipment being on site, however since the poles are down**

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SHPO is now in favor of the move. Mayor Henry recognized Jon Schumaker, Archaeologist for Arizona Public Service (APS) who spoke on the history of the existing line, installed in 1971, and being contacted more than a year ago about relocating the poles but there was no existing easement. He spoke on the telephone calls he received from Mayor Henry and Vice Mayor Hull informing him that the recent storm damage and requesting that the poles be replaced south of the current location. Mr. Schumaker explained that relocating the poles to the south would have the least amount of impact on the historic site and the relocation is supported by the National Park Service, State Historic Preservation Office, and the Tohono O'odham Nation. He spoke about the problems that could arise from placing the new poles at or near their original site and the process used by APS. Mayor Henry recognized Ella Pierpoint who thanked APS for moving the poles and spoke on the pole removal as the last step in the process of closing the road and it is for the best in the long-term. She also spoke on the probability of encountering human remains in the vicinity of the original poles from two possible burial areas. Mrs. Pierpoint spoke on the possible reduction in cost to connect electric service to the office trailer with the pole relocation. She spoke in favor of granting the easement. Vice Mayor Hull spoke on the difference between a 2-hour relocation versus length of time to replacing poles near to original location because due to site impact. Mayor Henry complimented APS on their willingness to relocate poles.

- VII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS
(This is the time Council Member's may present a brief summary on current events. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or tanke any legal action on the information presented).
Vice Mayor Hull thanked the Fire Department and all who assisted during the power outage and thanked APS for the quick restoration of electric service to the community. Council Member C. Turner recognized the Fire Department, EMS, APS, ADOT, APS, the Town crew and staff for their assistance during the power outage. Mayor Henry gave thanks the Fire Department, EMS, APS, the Town crew and staff and praised the residents of Gila Bend for coming together to help each other during the crisis.
- VIII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT.
No report.
- IX, EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Town Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Town Attorney on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3)
No executive session called.
- X. ADJOURNMENT
Council Member C. Turner moved to adjourn. Vice Mayor Hull seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Time: 6:19pm.

Ron Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

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I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held July 22, 2009, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk