

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

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## Minutes of the October 6 , 2009 special Council meeting

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henry at 6:00pm.
- B. Mayor Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Invocation was given by Fred Hull.

### II. ROLL CALL

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

Council Member Chuck Turner  
Council Member James "Bud" Turner  
Council Member Donny Young

**Staff present: Town Attorney McClure, Town Manager Buss, Town Clerk Turner, Fire Chief Birchfield**

### III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (*The procedures to follow if you address the Council are: Council requests that you express your ideas in three minutes or less and refrain from any personal attacks or derogatory statements about any individual . The Mayor will limit discussion whenever he deems such an action appropriate to the proper conduct of the meeting. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Council may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Council, may ask Staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Council shall not discuss or take legal action on any matters during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.*) **NONE TAKEN – SPECIAL MEETING**

### IV. 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) **SPECIAL MEETING – NO ITEMS PRESENTED**

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

- A. Ajo Ambulance, Inc. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of an agreement with Ajo Ambulance, Inc. for the provision of EMT Classes for the Town of Gila Bend Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. The EMT classes are scheduled to begin October 10, 2009.  
**Council Member C Turner moved to approve agreement with Ajo Ambulance for the provision of EMT classes. Motion seconded by Vice-Mayor Hull. There was discussion about the cost to non Fire Department Personnel and it was advised that the total cost of the class including all attendees is \$6,000.00. 50% of the cost will be recovered by the non members as they will pay \$250.00 each to attend the class. It was suggested that the not to exceed amount be increased to cover the entire class instead of just the Town's portion. There was a question about back-up instructors and it was noted that two local Paramedics and one from Ajo will be back-up instructors. Council Member C Turner amended his motion to approve Agreement with Ajo Ambulance to increase the not to exceed amount to \$6,000.00. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Hull. Motion to approve as amended passed unanimously. (6-0)**
- B. Gila Bend Firefighter-EMT Class Agreements. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of agreements with Gila Bend Department Firefighters who are also taking the EMT class with Ajo Ambulance, Inc. to ensure their attendance and completion of the class.  
**Council Member C Turner moved to approve agreements as presented. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Hull. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)**

- C. Gila Bend Fire Department Firefighter Appointments. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the appointment of volunteer firefighters to the Gila Bend Fire Department.  
**Council Member C Turner moved to approve the appointments as recommended. Seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Fire Chief Birchfield advised that each appointee will be on a one year probation and that the Department is working with the local medical center to provide the required physicals. He also noted that the adding these additional members will not increase the overall member roster. Mayor Henry expressed his thanks to the volunteers. Motion to approve appointments as recommended passed unanimously. (7-0)**

- VI. 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 take any legal action on the information presented)
- VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT – **No report given**
- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Town Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice for any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S.38-431.03(A)(3) **No Executive Session.**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT  
**Vice Mayor Hull moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Council Member C Turner. Motion passed unanimously; 7-0. Time of adjournment: 6:11pm.**

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Ron Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beverly Turner, CMC  
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held October 6, 2009, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, CMC  
Town Clerk