

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the October 13, 2009 regular Council meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry	Council Member Chuck Turner - absent
Vice-Mayor Fred Hull	Council Member James "Bud" Turner - absent
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	
Council Member Armida Gonzalez	Council Member Donny Young – absent

Staff present: Town Attorney McClure, Town Manager Buss, Town Clerk Turner, Fire Chief Birchfield, Finance Director Young, Public Works Director/Engineer Parsi

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.*)

JB Getzwiler, Town Magistrate spoke about his concerns with tickets being issued for j-walking in front of the Burger King. He suggested that the Town consider adding additional crosswalks in different areas along Pima for safety reasons. He also noted that the j-walking case was thrown out due to an invalid Code.

Mr. Terry Basu spoke to Council about the only crosswalk on Pima being nearly a mile away for some residents and that is not user friendly to the disabled population. He concurred with JB Getzwiler's suggestion of adding more crosswalks along Pima.

Mr. Clyde Kreeger, Shrimp Fest Committee Chairman gave an overview of this years Shrimp Festival advising that the Chamber of Commerce has invested \$2,600 in rentals, \$1,200 in Bands, \$400 for a local DJ, 2 Emcee's 10 vendors and that are in the process of acquiring the necessary licenses. He advised that everyone looks forward to this event and that last year several local clubs and organizations benefitted monetarily from the event. He noted that the Shrimp Fest is the only event that supports local charities and youth. The shrimp used for the festival is from the local shrimp farm except for the shrimp eating contest, which that shrimp comes from Asia.

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)

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the following meeting minutes:
 - September 22, 2009 regular meeting
 - September 22, 2009 Work Session
 - October 6, 2009 special meeting
- B. Payment of Claims. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$171,756.68 for the month of August 2009 and \$244,596.70 for the month of September 2009.

- C. Maricopa County General Budget Amendment. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approval to accept additional funding in the amount of \$2547.00 from Maricopa County Human Services Department and to apply the additional funding towards the Town's portion of operational materials and supplies of the Maricopa County CAP Program.
Vice-Mayor Hull moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member A Gonzalez. Motion to approve passed unanimously. (4-0)

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

- A. Charity Team Roping Event. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a request from Mrs. Nikki Taylor for donated use of the Town's Rodeo Arena and water truck for a charity team roping event that will be held December 5, 2009. The event is to raise funds to assist with expenses incurred by Dominik Martinez and his family. Dominik is a local three year boy suffering from a rare form of cancer.
Vice-Mayor Hull moved to approve the request for donated use of the Rodeo Arena and Town water truck. Seconded by Council Member A Gonzalez. There was a question about the need for a Town employee to drive the water truck and JB Getzwiler advised that he holds a class a license and volunteered his services to drive the truck as did Mr. Clyde Kreeger. Mr. Kreeger also advised that the Chamber of Commerce is in support of this event and is supplying the timing mechanism, the gate and PA system. Motion to approve passed unanimously. (4-0)
- B. AMEC Agreement. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on an agreement with AMEC for the provision of design, engineering and environmental clearance services for the planned park and ride transit facility at the Airport. Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Town is receiving \$170,000 for this project.
Town Manager Buss advised that this project is part of the stimulus package for a park and ride at the Airport and according to the guidelines the Town must use AMEC an ADOT Consultant. The Agreement contains a not-to-exceed amount and the cost of the project could decrease providing that the most current Environmental Assessment can be found. This project is a two phase project with the first part being paving and striping of the parking lot and the second being installation of canopies, solar panels, conduit, etc. Town Manager Buss also advised that this agreement is structured in the same way as the agreement for the Pima Street project. It was noted that Harry Parsi the Town Engineer would conduct the inspections on the project. Vice-Mayor Hull moved to approve the Agreement with AMEC for the design, engineering and environmental clearance services for the planned park and ride facilities at the Airport. Seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Motion to approve passed unanimously. (4-0)
- C. Server Hardware and Operating System Software. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the purchase, installation and configuration of new server hardware and operation system software which includes a new Dell PowerEdge Server, Small Business Server 2008 Standard, Power Connect Gigabit Ethernet Switch, Cisco Router, Wireless Access Point, Virus Protection and SSL Certificates via the Town of Gila Bend's IT Service provider, All Covered, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$14,770.00. This expenditure was anticipated for and is accounted for in the FY 09/10 budget and represents the first upgrade of the server system for at least 5 years.
There was a brief discussion about the current server and the inability to expand and that the current firewall and software are not hardware based. Town Manager Buss explained that if this item is approved the system would have its first upgrade in over 5 years; it would have VPN ability – offsite access to the server. He also noted that All Covered is providing an outstanding service; they are currently backing up all data. There was a question as to whether or not All Covered is on the State Contract and it was advised that All Covered purchases the equipment from the State Contract. Vice-mayor Hull moved to approve the purchase, installation and configuration of server hardware and operating system software by All Covered. Seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Motion to approve passed

unanimously. (4-0)

- D. Ordinance 09-12. The Mayor shall read Ordinance 09-12 by Title only. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to adopt Ordinance 09-12, an Ordinance by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Maricopa County, Arizona amending the Town of Gila Bend Municipal Code Section 12.05.021 and 12.05.022 allowing for the sale of alcoholic beverages in park facilities to be by permit only.

Mayor Henry read Ordinance 09-12 by title. Vice-Mayor Hull moved to adopt Ordinance 09-12. Seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Clyde Kreeger of the Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of the Ordinance but suggested that the Ordinance be expanded to include allowing for alcoholic beverages at Town facilities for individual special events, such as birthday parties, family reunions and the like. He also asked about how this Ordinance will be enforced. Town Manager Buss advised that this Ordinance only allows for the sale of alcohol in park facilities by permit at special events such as the Shrimp Festival. Motion to adopt Ordinance 09-12 as presented passed unanimously. (4-0)

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)

Mayor Henry asked staff to give a brief report.

Public Works Director/Engineer Parsi reported on the following; currently working on street projects – crushed millings stored at cemetery will be used to improve 1st and 2nd Streets, inmates from Lewis Fire Crew are assisting with Town cleanup, PW Yard fence is complete, meeting with ADEQ to discuss issues with Papermill sewer discharge and the possibility that the Town Sewer Ordinance is not being followed. He briefly discussed future street projects and whether or not they could be funded in this FY.

Finance Director S Young reported that she is currently reconciling the 08/09 audit, the water rate study that is being completed by Greg Swartz should be ready to present to Council in the very near future and that all USDA requirements have been met in relation to the USDA loan/grant application.

Town Clerk B Turner reported that the first piece of recording equipment has arrived and should be ready for use at the next Council meeting, providing the microphones are delivered.

Vice-Mayor Hull reported that the items donated to the Gatlin Site have been retrieved; Rescue 382 has had its annual inspection and passed. He thanked staff for the completion of the street project.

Mayor Henry thanked staff for their hard work.

VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Buss reported on the following:

Solana will hold an open house on Monday at the school to review their special use permit. Pima Street Improvements – there will be a work session on October 27 – E-Group will present.

Airport Shade Hangers – posting bid

Rural Development Funding – will attend CDAC meeting to secure funding and the project should be ready to move forward in November.

Projects – 11 different infrastructure projects.

Mayor Henry advised that Town Manager Buss has been diligently working on the Town's Web Site and it is scheduled to up in about 2 weeks.

- 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 F Fernandez. Motion passed unanimously; 4-0. Time of adjournment: 6:43pm.

Ron Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 13, 2009, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk