

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the November 10, 2009 regular Council Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry	Council Member Chuck Turner – left on call at 6:21pm
Vice-Mayor Fred Hull	Council Member James “Bud” Turner - absent
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member Donny Young
Council Member Armida Gonzalez	

Staff present: Town Manager Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Town Clerk Turner, Public Works Director Parsi, Finance Director Young, Fire Chief Birchfield, Airport Manager Drury, Records Clerk Eisenberger, Counter Services Smith

- 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.*) **Mayor Henry first expressed condolences to the Young Family before the Call to the Public. Gracie Pinette reminded everyone that the flag needs to be flown at half-mast on Veteran’s Day and stated she would provide the paper on flag etiquette again if needed. Bill Norman, a licensed surveyor, spoke about his request for the alley at Scott. The church wants to build a wall. He submitted the form six months ago and it has been long enough to receive a decision. He asked if there was a form fee and he would pay it if that what was holding it up. Clyde Kreeger spoke about the National Christmas Tree coming to Gila Bend this Sunday, November 22nd, and the possibility of winning a trip. Dayle Birchfield thanked the council for all of the help town staff provided for the shrimp fest. She reported that attendance was low, which was expected, and that the Historic Preservation Commission gave tours to the Gatlin Site. She provided the council members with the brochure on the Gatlin Site and spoke on the positive interest in the site. Cyndi Eisenberger spoke about the Gatlin Site tour and feedback received from those touring it that included some “hands-on” activities. Gracie Pinette noted that two booths were manned and never had anyone gripeTerry Basu commented that he really enjoyed the tour of the Gatlin Site that he took during the Desert Shrimp Fest and that it was the first time he had ever been there. Council Member Turner noted that a few people at the Tempe Beerfest mentioned they were on their way to the shrimp fest in Gila Bend. Vice Mayor Hull commented that Representative Patricia Fleming enjoyed the Gatlin Site Tour and really liked the trail. Leanne Gulde with the 2010 Census stated that she enjoyed the 7th Annual Desert Shrimp Fest very much.**

IV. PRESENTATION

U.S. 2010 Census. The Mayor and Town Council shall here a presentation on the 2010 Census. The presentation will be given by Al Macias, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau and Leanne Gulde, Partnership Assistant with the U.S. Census Bureau. **Leanne Gulde and Al Macias, a specialist on community outreach, began the presentation with the history of the census which began in 1790’s, with only white men being counted, and was done by Marshall’s on horseback. Other census issues spoken about were: 1) census count done every 10 years, 2) concerned only with counting every person here with no regard to immigration or citizenship issues, 3) \$400 billion dollars is allocated to communities based on the census count with \$4.2 million going to Maricopa County, 4) today’s census consists**

of 10 questions that takes approximately 10 minutes to answer, 5) no information is provided to law enforcement, IRS, immigration, etc., 6) any census employee who divulges information faces 10 year prison sentence, 7) census data, ie: 7 men, 2 women, not information becomes public information in 72 years, and 8) each person counted contributes to the money allocated to communities. Other information presented included that the questions will go out in March 2010, Census Day is April 1, 2010, on December 31, 2010 the count is delivered to the President of the United States, in the 2000 Census only 45% of Gila Bend residents responded while the Phoenix response rate was 65%, their goal is to raise the response rate, and comment on the importance of letting people know that they are a resource and the census is important, quick and safe. The presentation ended with thanks given to Rotary, Library, and Diane Dempsey at the CAP office.

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 Meeting Minutes. The Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the October 27, 2009 regular meeting minutes and the October 27, 2009 work session minutes. **Discussion and Action.(WHITE)**

B. Security Systems. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve an Agreement with ADT for installation, maintenance and monitoring of alarm systems for the Town's Community Center, Concession Stand and Town Hall Facility. **Discussion and Action (PINK)**

C. Payment of Claim for Street Project. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve payment of claim submitted by M.R. Tanner Construction in the amount of \$14,399.12. This claim represents an overrun in cost associated with the street improvement project that was funded with HURF Revenues. **Discussion and Action (GREEN)**

D. Gila Bend Airport Park and Ride Project. *The Mayor and Town Council shell discuss and possibly take action on an amendment submitted by AMEC to the scope of work and cost proposal previously approved by Council for the Gila Bend Airport Park and Ride Project. Discussion and Action*

Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Fernandez seconded. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

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

A. Community Development Block Grant Program. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on directing the projects to be submitted to Maricopa County Community Development for the FY 2010/2011 Community Development Block Grant Program and to set project priorities. There was previous discussion about the construction of a new swimming pool and youth center, both of which are included in the Consolidated Plan on file with Maricopa County Community Development. **Discussion and Action (BLUE)** *Vice Mayor Hull moved to submit waterline and fire hydrant projects. Seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. Discussion on staff looking for direction on the priority of submitted projects and two projects can be submitted at a time. Staff has looked at the new pool project and it does not look favorable at this time. Discussion on the problem with the pool may be a possible cavity that should be X-rayed to determine whether it is one large cavity that can be filled with concrete or several different issues. Parks and Recreation Director Hoffman noted that he has been speaking with several different people, Shasta Pools does not believe it is a "settling" issue but cannot tell just by looking at it, making the pool last a few more years, and the new pool is a long-term project due to the cost involved. Discussion on best case scenario of raising non-funded money for a new pool would take years. Discussion on the waterline project, that loops the entire town, and fire hydrants project being the most feasible projects to*

submit. Discussion on the possibility of a new well not being feasible due to CDAC cuts. Discussion on finishing water projects that perhaps may help with costs to residents. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

- B. Call for Bid. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to Call for Bid for the construction of T-Shades at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport. The T-Shade project will be funded via 95% FAA, 2.5% State, and 2.5% Town. **Discussion and Action. Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve the Call for Bid. Seconded by Council Member Fernandez. Discussion on FAA approved and next step is going out to bid, the 2.5% State must be pre-paid and State will reimburse, and the prepaid amount will be \$10,000. Airport Manager Drury noted that the airport museum is moving along and that he is currently working on painting, flooring, etc. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.**
- C. Notice of Intent. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on adopting a notice of intent to increase water and/or wastewater rates or rate components, fees, or service charges and to set a public hearing on the matter for December 8, 2009. **Discussion and Action Vice Mayor Hull motioned to approve; seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. Discussion on clarification that this is to set a public hearing to adopt a Notice of Intent. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.**
- D. Old Sheriff Sub-Station. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss the future of the Old Sheriff Sub-Station located at 303 East Pima. **Discussion Only. Vice Mayor Hull motioned to table agenda item to a later date. Council Member Fernandez seconded. Vice Mayor Hull requested that the roof be fixed. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.**
- E. Pima Street/Martin Street Topographical Survey. The Mayor and Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving an agreement with AMEC in the amount of \$9,998.00 to provide a topographical survey and base drawing preparation for the purpose of designing landscape improvements along Pima Street between St. Louis Avenue and Scott Avenue. The cost is being funded via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. **Discussion and Action. (LILAC) Discussion on the timeline and design needs to be completed and submitted by December 1, 2009. Discussion on the maps found are too old for ADOT to use and a new survey is required if we want to receive the stimulus funds. Discussion on ADOT meeting regarding the concerns of SHPO of the effects this project has on historic buildings and that the stimulus funds will cover the cost of the survey even if the funding falls through. Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve the AMEC agreement for a survey with the verbiage “not to exceed \$9,998”. Seconded by Council Member Young. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.**
- 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 take any legal action on the information presented)
**Council Member Young thanked everyone on their condolences at the loss of his mother and stated that he will make sure the flag is at half-mast tomorrow.
Mayor Henry noted that tomorrow is Veteran's Day and is a time to reflect on our gift of freedom and to pray for those serving our country.
Vice Mayor Hull commented on the Capitol Christmas tree coming to Gila Bend is from near Springerville, Arizona and is 85' long.
Council Member Gonzalez – no report.
Council Member Fernandez – no report.**
- Mayor Henry asked if there were any reports from:
Finance Director Young reported on the state budgetary meeting that reported the state is \$1.5 billion short with sales tax down, everything down, and temporary fixes like leasebacks and borrowing \$250,000 for paying bills taking place.
Public Works Director Parsi – no report
Town Clerk Turner – no report**

Records Clerk Eisenberger – no report

VIII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Buss reported that there is value in making sure everyone is counted in the census as each person equals another \$300 in available funds. It was noted that the League of Cities and Towns is suing the state over the budget and impact fees. Town Manager Buss reported that he will be attending the Greenbelt conference on Thursday, meeting with MAG on Friday regarding more stimulus funds due to smaller bids making more funds available, interviews for the Community Planner position will be held next week, and there will be a meeting on December 8th regarding SR85 access points and recommends a Letter of Support for more.

IX.. 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 called.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Hull moved to adjourn the council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Young. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Time: 6:58pm.

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 November 10, 2009, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk