

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the January 8, 2013 regular Council meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **Mayor R. Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Led by Mayor R. Henry**
- C. Invocation **Given by Town Attorney S. McClure**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry
Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner
Council Member Fernando Fernandez
Council Member Armida Gonzalez
Council Member Steve Holt
Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Donny Young - **absent**

Staff present: Town Manager R. Buss, Town Attorney S. McClure, Town Clerk B. Turner, Finance Director S. Young, Planning and Economic Development Director (PEDD) E. Fitzer, Public Works Director (PWD) B. Menard, Parks and Recreation Director (P&RD) C. Turner, Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger

III. 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 Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to approve. Motion seconded by Council Member A. Gonzalez. No discussion. Motion to approve passed: 6-0**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the December 11, 2012 regular meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action**
- B. **Payment of Claims:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$1,027,970.03 for the period of December 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. **Discussion and Action**

IV. BUSINESS – Discussion and possibly action on the following items:

- A. **Ordinance 13-01 Adopting Second Supplement to Town Code:** An Ordinance of the Common Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Maricopa County, Arizona, enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona and declaring an emergency. **Discussion and Action Town Clerk B. Turner noted that this is an annual update. No discussion. Council Member S. Holt moved to approve. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion approved: 6-0**
- B. **Bid Award Trailer Mounted Valve Exerciser:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to award bid to USA Blue Book for a Trailer Mounted Valve Exerciser in the amount of \$6,776.84. **Discussion and Action PWD B. Menard provided overview of equipment and reviewed received bids. Motion to approve awarding bid to USA Blue Book by Vice Mayor C. Turner. Motion seconded by Council Member S. Holt. No discussion. Motion approved: 6-0**
- C. **Entente Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Maricopa County and the Town of Gila Bend for the Exchange of Services. **Discussion and Action Town Manager R. Buss reviewed the agreement, noting this is the next best option after the Attorney General ruling and that this is required prior to the Town and Maricopa County entering into any agreement to work together. Discussion on the amount stated in the agreement is a cap; it is not an annual cost and is not what the Town is expected to spend. Council Member S. Holt moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion approved: 6-0**
- D. **Town of Gila Bend/Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association Timed Event Rodeo Sanction Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the sanction agreement between the Town of Gila Bend and the Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association to sanction the Butterfield Stage Days Timed Event Rodeo on February 16 & 17, 2013. **Discussion and Action P&RD C. Turner reviewed agreement and**

the responsibilities of the Town and responsibilities of the rodeo. He noted that the Rodeo is a timed-event only and the same as last year. Motion to approve by Vice Mayor C. Turner. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion approved: 6-0

- E. **Stock Contractor for Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to award the Stock Contract for the Butterfield Stage Days Timed Event Rodeo on February 16 & 17, 2013 to Slash M Rodeo Company Inc in the amount of \$4750.00. **Discussion and Action P&RD C. Turner reviewed the contract noting that it is the same fee as last year and they provided good service. Council Member S. Holt moved to approve. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion approved; 6-0**
- F. **Maricopa Road – SR238 Project Call for Bids:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to Call for Bids for the Maricopa SR238 Project. **Discussion and Action PEDD E. Fitzer reviewed project and need to rebuild. Discussion on estimated dates of construction, cost approximately \$450,000.⁰⁰ to be cut down to a workable amount, and on removing sludge and possible placement of millings at rodeo grounds for dust control. Council Member S. Holt moved to approve the Call for Bids. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion approved: 6-0**
- G. **Gila Bend 9-11 Memorial Pavers:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to establish a cost per personalized paver associated with the 9-11 Memorial Project. **Discussion and Action PEDD E. Fitzer spoke on cost to engrave a brick is \$45 - \$49.⁰⁰ each and recommends \$50.⁰⁰ above cost to engrave that will go back to the Memorial Park to fund the construction of the park. Discussion on size of brick, 2,200 bricks available, method of engraving and placement of purchased bricks to be around artifact. Resident Clyde Kreeger recommended that the cost should be \$100.⁰⁰ per brick with a limit of number of lines and letters. Discussion on veterans bricks. Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to set the cost to purchase a brick at a flat fee of \$75.⁰⁰ for two lines of engraving. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. Resident Fred Hull gave \$75.⁰⁰ to purchase the first brick. No further discussion. Motion approved; 6-0**
- H. **Employee Health Insurance Renewal:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve annual renewal of employee insurance benefits with Aetna beginning February 1, 2012. **Discussion and Action Town Manager R. Buss reviewed the renewal and thanked Town Clerk B. Turner for all the work she did on this. Motion to approve by Council Member S. Holt. Seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion approved: 6-0**
- I. **Employee Dental Insurance Renewal:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve annual renewal of employee dental insurance benefits with United Concordia beginning February 1, 2012. **Discussion and Action Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to approve. Motion seconded by Council Member S. Holt. No discussion. Motion approved: 6-0**
- J. **Town Manager:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on amending the Town Manager's contract by extending the term to January 8, 2015, to increase compensation in accordance with the 2012 small cities compensation study conducted by the Town of Youngtown, and for compensation to be retroactive to July 1, 2011. **Discussion and Action Town Manager R. Buss noted that he is ok with taking to the January 22nd agenda. Vice Mayor C. Turner motioned to move this to the January 22, 2013 agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion approved: 6-0**
- V. **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 F. Fernandez thanked P&RD C. Turner for the Holiday Lights and Winter Wonderland.
Council Member noted that the lights looked great and the kids enjoyed the snow.

Council Member S. Holt thanked P&RD C. Turner for the Holiday Lights and Winter Wonderland event and encouraged everyone to participate in the Butterfield Stage Days Parade to make it a great one. He noted that Wells Fargo has committed to entering the Stagecoach in the parade.

Council Member D. Young – absent

Council Member T. Sikes noted that the Town Christmas Party was great and requested prayers for local family.

Vice Mayor C. Turner welcomed PEDD E. Fitzer back (ill) and commented Mr. Fitzer's new beard looked great.

Town Clerk B. Turner reported that Laserfiche will be up and running soon and spoke on voter information.

PEDD E. Fitzer reported the 9/11 Memorial Park dedication date moved to February 9th at 10:00am as speakers not available until that time and the park will be more completed; reported on the following projects: Capitol Ave. Waterline project; and Quiet Zone. Reported that Cemetery Road has some issues with a meeting set up with Maricopa County to work on the problems and that he attended a retail symposium today where there was a lot of interest in Gila Bend. Mr. Fitzer reported that the CDBG is now open and will submit several projects including Papago line. He noted Pima waterline can not be submitted to CDBG as there are no residences that the Pima line would serve.

Finance Director S. Young reported that the meter reader loaner had issues and meters had to be read manually by PWD B. Menard's crew; thanked Kevin Larson for all of his assistance and noted that resolved are the Gila Bend/ Buckeye CAP billing issue and First Things First issues. She noted that the November/December financials will be done by Monday.

PWD B. Menard reported that the crosswalk has been painted and that the paint dropped on Harrington Ave. is not from his crew; signs being repaired and that he utilized part-time staff to clean and do maintenance on meters. He reported the holiday decorations are down, received three to four bidders on generator and reviewed garbage truck issues that will be caught up by the end of the week. Council Member S. Holt asked if anything can be done on the graffiti and Town Attorney S. McClure noted that this issue cannot be discussed as it is not on the agenda.

P&RD C. Turner thanked everyone for their help with the holiday events and lights coming down this week. He reported that the southside park lights to be turned on next week according to APS and reported on status of Butterfield Stage Days.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager R. Buss reported that he expressed Towns concerns about thefts, arson, and graffiti issue with the new MCSO captain, Captain Wayland. Mr. Buss encouraged everyone to attend the Open House on Saturday, January 12th and noted that Adelante Healthcare also planned to be there.

- VII. 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.) **Resident Clyde Kreeger spoke about the multiple robberies he has had at his home, including recent one in the evening on Christmas Day. He noted that he has names and we need to find a way to stop this and take action before someone gets hurt. Resident Terry Basu spoke about the new wave of graffiti was done during the holidays all around the town and asked where is MCSO when this is occurring. Resident Fred Hull noted that a small piece fell off of the 9/11 artifact and is placed in the museum to be put on display, spoke about the graffiti and noted that there will be assistance provided at the Resource Center for residents to fix their voter registration information. Town Manager R. Buss thanked Deputy Clerk C. Eisenberger for work on the graffiti photos and noted that they have been sent to the new captain.**

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's)

Council Member T. Sikes requested that the Shooting Range be placed on the agenda. Vice Mayor C. Turner requested that an item on a flow chart on personnel appointed by Council be placed on the agenda. Motion to approve by Vice Mayor C. Turner. Seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No discussion. Motion approved: 6-0

- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Town Council may go into executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice relative to the Town Manager's annual review pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) and/or legal advice regarding an Airport Lease Agreement pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(4) **Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to go into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. Motion approved: 6-0 Time: 6:57pm.**

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:28 pm

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0 Time 7:28 pm

Ron Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held January 8, 2013 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk