

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the January 24, 2012 regular Council meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Mayor Henry**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Led by Mayor Henry**
- C. Invocation **Given by resident Fred Hull**

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 Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Town Clerk Turner, Finance Director Young, Parks & Recreation Director Turner, Deputy Town Clerk 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 **Councilmember Sikes moved to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the January 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action**
- B. **Payment of Claims:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$381,525.70 for the period of January 1, 2012 through January 15, 2012. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **Gila Bend Rodeo Grounds and Equestrian Center:** Presentation by JB Getzwiller and Chris Hubbard of the Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce relative to future visioning of the Gila Bend Rodeo Grounds and Equestrian Center. **Discussion and Action** *It was noted that this should be a Discussion Only item. Joe Getzwiller, resident, spoke about how busy the Buckeye Equestrian Center is with visitors in RV's with big money to spend on horse facilities. Mr. Getzwiller spoke about the possibility of the Town providing the same type of service at the rodeo grounds, catching the overflow from Buckeye and the benefits to the whole town. Mr. Getzwiller read a letter from Brandon Melton of Hometown Hardware in support of the idea. Chris Hubbard, resident, commented that she receives calls to the Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce asking if Gila Bend has a horse boarding facility. Mr. Goss, friend of Mr. Getzwiller, spoke about coming to this area every year, attracted to horse activities in Buckeye but they get filled to capacity and would like an alternative place close to the activities. Ms. Goss spoke about the need for more facilities and the potential for more races that would bring more business to the local community. Fred Hull, resident, noted that he goes by the Buckeye facility and it always very busy. Discussion on contacting Buckeye and the possibility of having a facility in Gila Bend for the overflow. No further discussion.*
- B. **Ordinance 12-01:** An Ordinance of the Common Council of the Town of Gila Bend, hereby amending the Gila Bend Town Code as currently enacted in Chapter 30, Town Council, by amending Section 30.20 as to the place of regular Council meetings, as hereinafter set forth, and declaring an emergency. **Discussion and Action** *Vice Mayor Turner moved to table Item B. Ordinance 12-01. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0*
- C. **UPRR Quiet Zone:** Request by Mayor Henry for Council to discuss and possibly take action on the concept and process of creating what is commonly known as a "Quiet Zone" with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). Possible action to include directing staff to begin process of creating a quiet zone. **Discussion and Action** *Town Manager Buss summarized the meeting with Union Pacific Rail Road on January 18th, noted that Council has been provided with information on the Quiet Zone characteristics. It was noted that Gila Bend has*

everything in place but would need to put a 100 foot divider on either side of the railroad tracks, a few minor issue would also have to be addressed and that it would be a good thing for visitors to Gila Bend who are not used to the sound of the trains. Vice Mayor Turner moved to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sikes. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0

- D. **Special Event Permit:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve submittal of a special event alcohol permit to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control to allow for the sale of alcohol (beer and wine) at the Annual Butterfield Stage Days February 18th & 19th, 2012. **Discussion and Action Director Tuner noted that this is for the Town's annual Butterfield Stage Days event. Councilmember Sikes moved to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0**
- E. **Budgetary Transfer:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to transfer funds from the Town Manager's Contingency line item 10-46-700 into the Fire Department Capital Facility Improvement line item 11-55-725 in the amount of \$24,250.00 for the Award of Bid for the Bathroom Repairs and Electrical Upgrades to Gila Bend Fire Station 381. **Discussion and Action Vice Mayor Turner moved to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0**
- F. **Waste Water Pond Vegetation Removal:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a request by staff to award an Emergency Contract to remove the vegetation at the Waste Water Environmental Ponds. **Discussion and Action Director Turner noted that Director Menard is in the hospital and request that he present the item for Director Menard. Director Turner noted that staff is following ADHS instructions, staff attempted removing but equipment not sufficient to do the job and that it is possible to hire equipment but not rent it. Director Turner noted that Gila Recyclers provided a quote of \$18,491.15 and requested that the bidding process be waived as Gila Recyclers is a sole provider. Discussion on additional cost of \$8,000.⁰⁰ to do ourselves. Vice Mayor Turner moved to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sikes. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0**
- G. **Change Order #1 – Jetting and Cleaning Sewer Lines:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve Change Order #1 to Ancon Service Company to clean and jet 36,000 lf of sewer. **Discussion and Action Director Turner gave a brief summary of what needed done, noted Town does not have required equipment, \$12,200.⁰⁰ needed to complete balance of work and that this is Phase 2. Town Manager Buss gave a synopsis of why needed. Discussion on job to be camera'd when completed. Councilmember Sikes moved to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0**
- H. **Purchase of John Deere Gator TX:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the purchase of a John Deere Gator TX for the Airport, under the State Contract. **Discussion and Action Director Turner gave a brief background and requested Council approve. Discussion on current method used is by lawn mower and vehicle and Gator is not 4WD. Finance Director Young noted that the budget line item states this purchase contingent upon procuring a grant. Town Manager Buss recommend this item be tabled until Director Menard available. Director Turner noted that the Gator would be shared with other departments and used for numerous jobs. Councilmember Fernandez moved to table Item H. until the next council meeting. Vice Mayor Turner seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0**
- I. **Termination of Lease Agreement and Maintenance Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take to terminate the existing copy machine lease with Ikon Financial Services and maintenance agreement with Ikon Office Solutions. **Discussion and Action Town Manager Buss noted that Accounts Clerk Villegas did a cost benefit analysis, this item discussed at previous meeting and that the Town would recognize a savings. Director Young gave a brief history of copier and agreement and noted that a \$3,000.⁰⁰ savings possible even with paying out the lease. Vice Mayor Turner noted his appreciation on the work done on this. Discussion on benefits of lease termination and associated costs. Vice Mayor Turner motioned to terminate the lease agreement. Councilmember Fernandez seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0**

- J. **Copy Machine Lease:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to enter into a lease agreement for a Konica Bizhub C-652DS copy machine. The machine would be leased through Baystone Financial Group, aka Kansas State Ban of Manhattan and a maintenance agreement with Konica Monilta Business Services. **Discussion and Action Finance Director Young reviewed the costs of copies. Councilmember Sikes moved to approve. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Turner. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0**
- K. **Amendment No. 2 to Resolution NO. 11-25:** A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Maricopa County, Arizona, to authorize the application for a DWSRF Loan, from Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA). **Discussion and Action Town Manager Buss noted this is for the \$1.55 million forgivable loan and this is second time the resolution language had to be changed, per WIFA requirements. Director Young noted this is a WIFA standard resolution and reviewed excise tax process. Vice Mayor Turner moved to approve. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 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)
No reports from Councilmembers.
Town Clerk Turner noted she is getting ready for the upcoming elections.
Director Young reported working on reconciliation and that she will be attending a First Things First meeting with Social Services Director Dempsey.
Director Turner reported working on Butterfield Stage Days, southside park lighting and will be attended pre-bid meetings for projects today.
- VI. MCSO REPORT
Captain Brice apologized for absence last month, asked if there were any questions on incidents reported and that he has a couple of deputies that work together who made all of the arrests in December. He noted that they received a call from a person wanting to report a theft of his property and he was pretty sure he knew who the thieves were. The property the caller reported stolen was 17 bales of marijuana. Vice Mayor Turner wanted to thank Deputy Weymeier (spelling) for his assistance and noted that he was great to work with.
- VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT
Town Manager Buss wished Deputy Town Clerk Eisenberger and his son both a happy birthday. He reported that the renderings of the 9/11 Memorial should soon be coming in, website coming along, Carl's Jr. did their survey today, meeting with Gloria Munoz on housing and that he just received an eight page scoping document for the Pima Street Landscaping project. He noted that he will be attending the Transmission Initiative meeting on February 7th, a meeting on February 22nd regarding electric transmission, and will be meeting with several entities regarding public private partnership for industrial park by the airport. Mr. Buss further reported that he received an email from the National Weather Service indicating they would like to conduct classes for storm watchers.
- VIII. 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.) **Gracie Pinette, resident, thanked everyone for their assistance during her sudden attack at last council meeting. She also thanked Paul Anderson for picking her up at the hospital and thanked Vice Mayor Turner and Joshua Turner for taking the time to come and speak with her. Dixie Knapp, resident, asked when the ambulance is available for residents and noted that she called for an ambulance but it took a little time to arrive. She noted that it was not an emergency and asked what should she do if it is one to have one respond quickly. Vice Mayor Turner noted that both Fire Department and ambulance are available for residents 24 hours a day and seven days a week. He commented that if the ambulance is on a call there may be a small delay in response and that if it is an emergency she should call 9-1-1. No further public comments.**

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's) ***There was discussion on whether this item should be placed before the reports. Town Attorney McClure noted this item placed here to allow for any issues that come up during the meeting. It was noted that to move item from agenda placement would require re-doing the Ordinance.***

Vice Mayor Turner requested that an agenda item addressing Public Intoxication be placed on the agenda.

X. 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.***

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sikes motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0. Time of adjournment: 7:15pm.

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 24, 2012, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk