

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the April 24, 2012 regular Council Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry	Council Member Steve Holt
Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner - Absent	Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member Donny Young Arrived at
Council Member Armida Gonzalez	6:21 pm

Staff present: Town Manager Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Town Clerk Turner, Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer, Finance Director Young, Parks & Recreation Director Turner, Community Services Director Dempsey, Public Works Director Menard, Deputy Clerk Eisenberger, Airport Manager Drury

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 **Council Member Steve Holt moved to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Council Member Armida Gonzalez. Motion to approve passed 5-0**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the April 10, 2012 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 \$238,532.26 for the period of April 1, 2012 through April 15, 2012. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **Town of Gila Bend Library Furniture:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to donate old furniture from the Library to Paloma and Gila Bend School Districts and scrap any unwanted items. **Discussion and Action Community Services Director Dempsey spoke about the status and age of the furniture noting that due to renovation at the Library the old furniture will not be kept and requested that the furniture be donated to the local school districts who are interested. Council Member Steve Holt moved to approve request to donate the Library furniture and to scrap any unwanted items. Seconded by Council Member Fernando Fernandez. Motion passed 5-0**
- B. **eCivis Service Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on an agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and eCivis for the express purpose of providing Grant Network Services. **Discussion and Action Town Manager Buss introduced Jase Leonard of eCivis and reviewed the service as it relates to finding Grants. Mr. Leonard discussed the software program and its capabilities noting the ease of finding and tracking grants. He noted that they have over 900 clients nationwide and a 90% renewal rate. The program also provides access to previously funded projects. There was discussion regarding training and the additional benefits of the program. Council Member Steve Holt moved to approve a three (3) license agreement; seconded by Council Member Armida Gonzalez. Motion to approve a three license agreement passed 5-0**
- C. **Scott Avenue Waterline Project Purchase of Materials:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to purchase additional materials for the Scott Avenue Waterline project from Ferguson Waterworks in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **Discussion and Action Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer reviewed project status noting that this request is for additional material necessary to complete the Scott Avenue waterline project. Council Member Tommy Sikes moved to approve purchase of additional materials from Ferguson Waterworks in an amount not exceed**

\$50,000; seconded by Council Member Steve Holt. Motion passed 5-0

- D. **Cemetery Road ROW & Easement Corridor:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with the WLB Group to designate a plan for the Cemetery Road Right of Way (ROW) and Easement Acquisition for the Cemetery Road Corridor in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **Discussion and Action Planning and Economic Development Director Fitzer reviewed the project. Council Member Young arrived at the meeting at 6:21 pm. There was discussion about the acquisition of Cemetery Road. Council Member Steve Holt moved to approve a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with the WLB Group to designate a plan for the Cemetery Road Right of Way and Easement Acquisition for the Cemetery Road Corridor in an amount not to exceed \$50,000; seconded by Council Member Armida Gonzalez. Motion passed 6-0**
- E. **iPad 2 Laptops:** The Town Manager shall distribute to Council iPads and provide instruction on preconfiguration, use and standard operating procedures. **Discussion Only Town Manager Buss distributed iPad 2's to Council and gave a briefing on the use; abilities and the standard operating procedures. He advised that it was staff's intent to distribute the next Council packet via the iPad's. No action necessary**

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 Fernando Fernandez commented on the Park project noting good job. Council Member Armida Gonzalez reported that she attended the Hull's 50th anniversary party noting a good time and Kudo's to Mrs. Tammy Turner for a job well done. Council Member Donny Young reported that the High School boys won there last game of the season and are waiting to hear if they made it to the playoffs. Town Clerk Turner reported on HB 2826 noting the need for assistance from Council in defeating this bill and the League Conference advising that registration opens this month. Planning and Economic Development Director Fitzer reported that the Scott Avenue Project is well underway and that the Calgon Project has set June as a tentative date for their groundbreaking ceremony. Finance Director Young reported on the status of the utility billing aging report and gave kudo's to Joanne for her assistance; reviewed 1st things 1st payments; TOPS program; accounts payable and budget status. She also reported that it appears that the 50/50 split relating to the ASRS contributions will be reinstated. Parks and Recreation Director Turner reported that there will be a benefit carwash held on Saturday to raise for the FCCLA; the benefit roping raised \$7,300 to benefit the Lauderdale Family; the karate program is raising funds to go to competitions; the sports lighting project is nearing completion; 9 firefighters attended Shooters training in preparation for the 4th of July celebration; received one bid for the playground equipment; getting ready for swim season and he is working with several entities discussing the possibility of locating an urban fishing lake in Gila Bend and reopening Painted Rock Lake. Public Works Director Menard reported on the San Lucy waterline project; the status of the Scott Avenue Waterline project; road repair; major failure on SR 238; the Gator has been put into service; theft at sewer ponds; signs have been installed at airport; DOC cleaning up Railroad leased property; cleaning up at Resource Center in preparation for health fair; GSA inspection related to Border Patrol station; working on budget; there have been no NOV's related to the sewer ponds; vector control is spraying for mosquito's; sanitation RFP due May 5th. Community Services Director Dempsey reported on the Health Fair; gave kudo's to Gray Faupel for his excellent reporting skills noting a perfect audit report for the energy assistance program. Airport Manger Drury reported on the Airfare noting low attendance due to weather; thanked Mayor for his attendance. Mayor Henry thanked Planning and Economic Development Director Fitzer for his efforts in getting the Cemetery Road project underway.

VI. MCSO REPORT **NONE**

VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Buss reported that the CAP program is facing severe cuts, however Gila Bend CAP may not be hit as hard as others; the Associated Press and High Country News are preparing reports on Gila Bend; he and Eric will be attending a meeting with CAISO; web site status and training; ipads; working with Stacey on revenue forecasting; updating work plan; West Valley Mayor/Managers meeting; resolution regarding Mexico corridor; Wellton rail line do not support would like to see it on SR 85, met with Ken Strobe to consider placement on the SR 85 corridor; the transportation study to be released in June; Working with Ceasar Chavez Foundation in regards to bringing affordable housing to Gila Bend.

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.*)**NONE**

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's) **NONE**

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Town Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice for any of the above agenda items. **No executive session called**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Tommy Sikes moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Member Fernando Fernandez. Motion carried 6-0 Time 7:03 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 Council meeting held April 24, 2012, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk