

TOWN OF GILA BEND

ACTION Minutes of the September 13, 2011 regular Council Minute

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **at 6:03 pm by Mayor Henry**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **led by Mayor Henry**
- C. Invocation **given by Terry Basu**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry
Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner
Council Member Fernando Fernandez-
absent
Council Member Armida Gonzalez

Council Member Steve Holt
Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Donny Young

Staff present: Town Manager Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Town Clerk Turner, Finance Director Young, Planning & Economic Director Fitzner, Public Works Director Menard, Parks & Recreation Director Turner, Interim Fire Chief Baldrige, 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 Young moved to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember Holt. 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 August 23, 2011 meeting minutes. **(WHITE)**
- B. Payment of Claims: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$122,791.58 for the period of August 16, 2011 to August 31, 2011. **Discussion and Action (BLUE)**

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

- A. Fire Department: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possible take action on directing staff to form a Municipal Improvement District and/or an Enhanced Municipal Improvement District to assist in the capital and/or operational funding of the Gila Bend Fire Department. **Discussion and Action Councilmember Holt moved to approve that staff research options available. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sikes. Discussion on approving motion does not incur a cost to the Town but allows staff to research only; process involved to form MID, this does not include the cost of a new station; interest rates on a conventional loan with tax exempt interest rate of approximately 2.2% at this time, and that the numbers can be adjusted in the future. Greg Schwartz of Piper Jaffrey reiterated that tonight the Council is not being asked to impose any costs/fees. Motion passed unanimously: 6-0**
- B. Donation Request: The Mayor and Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a request for donation from the Gila Bend High School Student Council. **Discussion and Action (PINK) Vice Mayor Turner moved to approve a donation of \$250.⁰⁰ to the Student Council. Motion seconded by Councilmember Young. 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)

COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ: No report

COUNCILMEMBER HOLT: No report

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: No report

COUNCILMEMBER SIKES: Reported on the League Conference he attended.

VICE MAYOR TURNER: Spoke about electrical outages during the monsoon season

TOWN CLERK TURNER reported on getting Town Code updates ready; status of shrimp fest liquor license and insurance; successful auction; and status of the council meeting change of venue to the school Media Center

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR TURNER reported on the status of the several electrical projects at the different parks

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MENARD reported on status of Wells # 4 and #6 bids; numerous water breaks; water association meeting he attended; visit from the TSA at the airport; auction; and thanked the Town Clerk and Finance Director for their assistance at the auction.

FINANCE DIRECTOR YOUNG reported on FY10-11 reconciliation; working with the Fire Department on grants and other items; the R.O. plant solar proposal from SOLON and the possibility of a WIFA grant.

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF BALDRIDGE reported on grants status; hose testing; thanked the GBAFAF for loan of the hose tester; and thanked Joanne Carpenter and Summer Villegas for their assistance with the ISO rating letter.

VICE MAYOR TURNER thanked everyone who participated in the walk.

MAYOR HENRY reported on the League Conference.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

TOWN MANAGER BUSS reported on the Terry Bradshaw Profiles shoot; Resource Center Grand Opening on October 7, 2011 from 3:00pm – 6:00-m; the next phase of the Butterfield Trail Waterline Project will begin soon; status of the Rail Project and that Prince Harry will be training at GBAFAF.

- 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.)**ROXANNE BRINKER requested that the Town remove buildings from the condemned property next to hers; HEATHER GOEBEL spoke of a property that should be condemned for safety reasons and its unsightliness.**

- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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); and for the purpose of obtaining legal advice regarding litigation pursuant to the Helm/Sabre Aircraft v. Town of Gila Bend pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4).
Vice Mayor Turner moved to go into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sikes. Motion passed unanimously: 6-0 TIME: 6:35PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 7:44pm. Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Holt. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously: 6-0 TIME:7:45PM

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 September 13, 2011, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk