

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the September 25, 2012 regular meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Council meeting on September 25, 2012 beginning at **6:00 p.m.**, in the Gila Bend Town Council Chambers located at 644 W Pima, Gila Bend, Arizona. A copy of the final agenda will be available twenty-four hours prior to the meeting in the Town Clerk's Office, 644 West Pima, Gila Bend, AZ 85337.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

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

## 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-*arrive 6:12pm*

**Mayor R. Henry noted that Council Member F. Fernandez is currently on night shift and will be absent the next few meetings.**

**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; Social Services Director D. Dempsey; Parks and Recreation Director (P&RD) C. Turner; Fire Chief F. Baldrige, 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 **Council Member T. Sikes moved to approve. Council Member A. Gonzalez seconded. No discussion. Motion 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 September 4, 2012 special 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 \$117,365.96 for the period of September 1, 2012 through September 15, 2012. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **Gila Bend Chapter of the FCCLA:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on a sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Gila Bend Chapter of the FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) . **Discussion and Action Vice Mayor C. Turner requested that this item be removed from the agenda until the donation policy is reviewed and discussed. Council Member A. Gonzalez seconded. No discussion. Motion passed; 6-0**
- B. **Emergency Generator Repair:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a Sole Source-Authorized Dealer-Emergency Generator Repair to Gen-Tech in the amount of \$12,860.99. **Discussion and Action PWD B. Menard reviewed generator history, maintenance contract and issues with the large generator. Mr. Menard noted that he received a request for the breakdown of costs from the Mayor and provided the Council with the information today. PWD B. Menard reviewed breakdown of costs. Discussion on less expensive alternatives, generator is 10 years old and repairs not started. PWD B. Menard noted this is the only dealer in Arizona and he can get bids from other repair companies. Discussion on cost of used generators, used the generator several times this year for power outages and funds to come from the water account. Council Member S. Holt moved to approve generator repair, waive the bidding process to use the sole source authorized dealer and declared it an emergency repair. Council Member A. Gonzalez seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed: 6-0**

- C. **Emergency Repair Sanitation 1:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to ratify an emergency purchase order to Vanguard Trucking in the amount of \$7,141.36 to start the repair of the primary refuse truck. **Discussion and Action** *PWD B. Menard reviewed the issue with the sanitation truck and noted this is the second time this has been repaired and last repair cost over \$8,000.<sup>00</sup>. Vice Mayor C. Turner motioned to approve and declared it an emergency. Motioned seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion passed; 6-0*
- D. **Fire Department Turnout Gear Purchase:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the purchase of new turnout gear from L.N. Curtis for Fire Department members in an amount not to exceed \$25,838.52. The new gear will replace aged and damaged gear. **Discussion and Action** *Fire Chief F. Baldrige reviewed the cost, requested the bidding process be waived since using Mohave Contract and noted the gear is made in the USA . Discussion on gear approved on budget in line item 695 fire fighter gear. Vice Mayor C. Turner motioned to approve and waive bidding process as they are on Mohave Contract. Motion seconded by Council Member D. Young. No further discussion. Motion passed; 6-0*
- E. **Capitol Avenue Waterline Award of Bid:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to award the bid for the Capitol Avenue Waterline Project to Sellers & Sons in the amount of \$236,600.50. This is a Community Development Block Grant funded project. **Discussion and Action** *PEDD E. Fitzer noted five (5) bids received and four (4) of the bids were incomplete. Mr. Fitzer noted Sellers & Sons was the only completed bid and requested the bid be awarded to them. Town Manager R. Buss noted that the Town's experience with working with Sellers & Sons has been excellent. Council Member S. Holt made a motion award the bid to Sellers & Sons. Council Member D. Young seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed: 6-0*
- F. **Martin Avenue Signage, Striping & Quiet Zone:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a professional services agreement with Ritoch-Powell & Associates to design signage striping and all other infrastructure associated with a Quiet Zone for the Martin Avenue crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad in the amount of \$27,811.00. **Discussion and Action** *PEDD E. Fitzer commented that Ritoch-Powell are next in line on the Town's on-call list and reviewed project. Discussion on grant funds from Union Pacific to offset costs available but come with too many requirements to fulfill. Vice Mayor C. Turner motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion passed; 6-0*
- G. **2012 Street-Pavement Preservation:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Dibble Engineering for the design of SR 238 and Main Street section 30 pavement maintenance project in an amount not to exceed \$49,875.00. **Discussion and Action** *PWD B. Menard reviewed project noting this is for the design portion only. Discussion on project estimated to start construction in mid-January and done end of March, quality control maintained by Jacobs, testing included, and noted time is of the essence. Mr. Menard noted that traffic control is an issue and doing shoulders, striping, etc is standard practice. Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to approve. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion passed; 6-0*

**Mayor R. Henry proceeded to the Addendum Item H**

- H. **Special Event Permit:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a special event permit to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control to allow for the sale of alcohol (beer only) at the Gila Bend Sonoran Desert Fest to be held November 10, 2012. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION** *Council Member T. Sikes moved to approve. Motion seconded by Council Member S. Holt. Discussion on beer and wine on same permit. Motion passed; 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 A. Gonzalez: No report**  
**Council Member S. Holt: No report**  
**Council Member D. Young: No report**  
**Council Member T. Sikes: No report**  
**Vice Mayor Turner thanked PEDD E. Fitzer, Town staff and the Gila Bend Fire Department for a great job on the 9/11 Memorial Park Ground Breaking Ceremony and that it was a very nice program.**
- Town Clerk B. Turner reported on assisting with Voter Registration.**  
**PEDD E. Fitzer reported the annexation hearing will be on the next agenda and that he is getting a lot of calls on the 32 mw solar project.**  
**Finance Director S. Young reported on the Thursday meeting regarding the solar panels at R.O. Plant; reconciliation for the change from Caselle to Clarity took longer than expected; and she is working with First Things First on grant details.**  
**PWD B. Menard reported he is working with PEDD E. Fitzer on the easement across Elks property for water line and ADOT will install three (3) fire hydrants if the Town will supply the materials; resolved electrical issue on well sites for Boeing; Cemetery Road is getting torn up with all of the traffic; repairs being done on SR238 and Cemetery Road constantly and he will be going on vacation tomorrow until October 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
**P&RD C. Turner reported that visit from SHPO regarding Gatlin Site went well; Youth Football is going well; working with High School for Fright Night and working with the Chamber of Commerce on festival and holiday lights.**  
**Fire Chief F. Baldrige reported that Fire Prevention Week is coming up in October and members of the Fire Department will be wearing pink shirts that they purchased themselves for Breast Cancer Awareness.**  
**Social Services Director D. Dempsey introduced Yesenia from Project PPEP who spoke about the program and available funding for training.**
- VI. **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**  
**Town Manager R. Buss noted that the Solar Summit will be October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> with a group coming to tour solar facilities on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Buss reported on the CDBG hearing on October 10<sup>th</sup> and he will be providing the Council a White Paper on talking points regarding transportation issues. Town Manager R. Buss reviewed the League conference noting that Gila Bend received a lot of positive accolades and reported that he will be meeting with department heads for a quarterly review.**
- VII. **MCSO REPORT**  
**Captain R. Brice reported that the monthly crime analysis showed a decrease in burglaries; over 100 traffic citations were written and spoke about many burglaries and thefts occur due easy access from garage doors left open or left on porches. He thanked the Town for inviting and including them in the ground breaking ceremony and commented on how well done and professional it was and hoped to be a part of the 9/11 Memorial Park dedication. Captain Brice asked if there were any questions and Vice Mayor C. Turner commented that about one month ago there was a pediatric death, that he called Captain Brice several times and did not get a response and that he was very disappointed. Captain Brice requested that they continue discussion on the issue after the meeting. Vice Mayor C. Turner noted that he would like to do so.**
- 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.)

**Joan Gaus, resident, noted she attended the meeting because she is a volunteer at the Senior Center and there are a lot of rumors going around about the Senior Center shutting down and the seniors getting booted out. Town Manager R. Buss answered that, "No" the Senior Center is not shutting down nor are the seniors getting booted out and that the Town is looking for additional funding for more programs. Judy Hollowell, resident, commented that she lives in Gila Bend Estates, aka Snob Hill, and that she brought a petition with 30 plus signatures for requesting additional street lights for that area. Dianne Henry, resident, spoke about the importance of the upcoming school's override election, she thanked MCSO Captain R. Brice for the wonderful job by the Honor Guard at the 9/11 ground breaking noting that they did a beautiful and professional job. Ms. Henry commented that she spoke with contractor Chris Rounds, who attended the ceremony, and how complimentary he was on the ceremony. Ms. Henry thanked the Town for doing a wonderful job on the ceremony. Resident Fred Hull commented that it was only a few years ago the GBFD had only one EMT and now there are quite a few, that the trucks are very well equipped and that he will be assisting people with Medicare benefit issues at the Care 1<sup>st</sup> Resource Center next week. Town Manager R. Buss noted that Mr. Hull volunteered to go through the training program in order to assist with Medicare benefit issues. No further public comments.**

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

**Vice Mayor C. Turner made a motion that the street signs be put on the next agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member S. Holt. Motion passed; 6-0**

X. ADJOURNMENT

**Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Council Member A. Gonzalez. Motion passed; 6-0 Time of adjournment: 6:51pm.**

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Ron Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held September 25, 2012, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk