

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the November 13, 2012 regular Council meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Council meeting on November 13, 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 **Called to by Mayor R. Henry 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 Steve Holt
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Armida Gonzalez	Council Member Donny Young-arrive 6:01

Staff present: Town Manager R. Buss; Town Attorney S. McClure; Town Clerk B. Turner; Finance Director S. Young; Planning & Economic Development Director (PEDD) E. Fitzer; Public Works Director (PWD) B. Menard; Parks & 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. Approved: 6-0**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the October 23, 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 \$417,941.16 for the period of October 16, 2012 through October 31, 2012. **Discussion and Action**
- C. **Community Action Program IGA:** the Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Gila Bend and Maricopa County for services pertaining to the Community Action Program Services. **Discussion and Action**
- D. **Community Development Block Grant IGA:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Gila Bend and Maricopa County Human Services Department for funding in the amount of \$550,000 for a production well at the Town RO Facility DG1208. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **Airport Waterline Design:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with WLB Group for the design of Airport Waterline Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$39,400.00. **Discussion and Action PEDD E. Fitzer reviewed scope of project and noted that he will hold the agreement until he has conversation with all possible users. Motion to approve by Vice Mayor C. Turner. Seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion Approved; 7-0**
- B. **RO Production Well Locate and Design RFP:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified engineering firms to locate and design a new production well at the Reverse Osmosis (RO) Treatment Plant Facility. **Discussion and Action PEDD E. Fitzer reviewed the process and noted that the engineering fee is included and will not come out of the General Fund. Discussion on the cost to do this project and available grant funds of \$550,000.⁰⁰.**

Motion to approve made by Vice Mayor C. Turner. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No further discussion. Motion approved: 7-0

- C. **Citrus Valley Road & Powerline Road Intersection Call for Bids:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to Call for Bids for the Citrus Valley Road & Powerline Road Intersection Project. **Discussion and Action PEDD E. Fitzer reviewed proposed project. Discussion on using the new pavement program which will be done after project complete.. Motion to approve by Council Member S. Holt. Seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No further discussion. Motion Approved: 7-0**
- D. **Holiday Light Project:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to Donate \$5,000 to the Chamber of Commerce to have Christmas Light Decorators install a holiday lighting system in Community Park from December 1, 2012 through January 6, 2013. **Discussion and Action P&RD C. Turner reviewed project. Discussion on whether it will be worth the money, the number of lights that we will get and donation to come from the Parks & Recreation Department budget. Council Member S. Holt moved to approve. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No further discussion. Motion approved: 7-0**
- E. **Extraterritorial Fire Protection Agreements:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss Fire Protection Agreements by and between State Land Wildfire, Paloma Ranch, San Lucy District and the Town of Gila Bend. **Discussion Only Town Manager R. Buss reviewed funding issues and ongoing search for funding resources. Reviewed the agreements with Paloma and San Lucy District. Discussion on responsibilities to new solar facility outside of town limits, the need to address costs to the Fire Department, and department readiness. Town Attorney S. McClure reviewed the Fire Department's history of always meeting the needs, upgrading the agreements and addressing some policy issues. Discussion on needing to address the dairies and having a workshop. Discussion on the Town billing currently goes to the Irrigation District who bills each land owner. No further discussion.**
- F. **Cooperative Fire Rate Agreement with the Arizona State Forester:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to renew the Cooperative Fire Rate Agreement with the Arizona State Forester. **Discussion and Action Town Attorney S. McClure noted that it would be best to wait until Fire Chief F. Baldrige is available. Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to put this item and a work session on the next agenda. Council Member S. Holt seconded. No further discussion. Motion approved: 7-0**
- G. **Residential and Pit Sanitation Operation Cost:** The Mayor and Town Council may review and consider whether or not to continue the residential and Pit Operation. **Discussion Only PWD B. Menard reviewed Revenue and Expenses of Residential only. Discussion on current rates, depreciation, and container issues. Reviewed pit options, benefit to citizens, abuse by commercial and non-residents and keeps surrounding desert from becoming dumping area. Discussion on residential rates being raised by Waste Management, Town raising rates and continue service, issues residents will face and no complaints from either residential or commercial on service provided by Town. Discussion on possibility of outside entity taking commercial, working with Maricopa County on desert dumping issue, and issues with Waste Management. No further discussion.**
- H. **Revised Refuse Collection and Disposal License Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss the elements of the Refuse License Agreement and sale of the Town's Refuse equipment. **Discussion Only PWD B. Menard reviewed the right to lien property and noted typos corrected and other legal issues addressed. Discussion on new haulers come in and taking businesses from Waste Management, include a survey in utility billing for residential input, for next meeting have pro/con chart available, have Waste Management representative here, a Public Hearing is needed and possibly done by the first meeting in January, No further discussion.**
- I. **Town Manager Review:** Request by Vice-Mayor C Turner to discuss status of Town Manager review. **Discussion Only Vice Mayor C. Turner noted that he put on agenda as this was**

discussed previously. Town Manager R. Buss noted that he is waiting on two reviews to be returned by Council and then ready to proceed. No further discussion.

- 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: No report

Council Member A. Gonzalez reported that she attended the festival on Saturday and was quite disappointed.

Council Member S. Holt: No report

Mayor R. Henry: No report

Vice Mayor C. Turner: No report

Council Member T. Sikes: No report

Council Member D. Young: No report

Mayor R. Henry requested reports from staff.

PEDD E. Fitzer reported on status of following projects: RO Plant; 9/11 Memorial Park; Quiet Zone and Brine Pond

P&RD C. Turner reported that the carnival was great, thanked Mayor R. Henry for work at festival and reviewed status of Holiday Lighting project and possible upcoming roping. He noted that December 1st will be date of park lighting.

PWD B. Menard reported on the status of: guardrail on old 80; issues with previous tenant at airport; waterline to Elks Club; library security; R.O. Plant computer glitch and thanked Jesus Baldenegro, Martin Vega and others for taking care of airport obstruction.

Finance Director S. Young reported on Use Tax review, energy and alternative energy grant, BVFD financial statement and First Things First.

Town Clerk B. Turner reviewed the election cycle and reported on Helen McElroy funeral service, museum volunteer for Fridays and Saturdays soon and reminded Council next agenda packet out one day early.

- VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager R. Buss reported on the Use Tax; CAP documents and \$50,000.⁰⁰ check; numerous IT issues; importance of reviewing by Council the JPAC information on I-11 corridor and freight as it has huge economic impact on Gila Bend; benefits renewals; WestMark meeting, Adelante Health meeting and possible dental clinic; Laserfiche, Clarity, and he was contacted by ASU Lightworks with interest in doing study with a meeting set for first week in December.

Mayor R. Henry noted that Chamber Coordinator C. Hubbard tried really hard to do a successful festival but no one would volunteer and bad weather was at fault. Mayor R. Henry apologized to Vice Mayor C. Turner and citizens for his outburst.

- 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.)

Heather Goebel noted there has not been much response for the 15 available jobs with Calgon Carbon.

Fred Hull noted that there approximately 300 voters in Gila Bend and spoke on the Veterans Day parade in Phoenix was three hours long with 118 units and how people and families get out and walk around during Glendale Glitters and hopes residents of Gila Bend do the same with new holiday lighting this year.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mayor R. Henry asked if it was possible to have the IGA with the school on the next agenda. Town Manager R. Buss noted that IGA's between municipalities and schools are very time consuming, sometimes taking years to complete, cited example and noted that he will attempt to get a draft with comments included by next meeting. Mayor R. Henry asked if with the draft Town Manager R. Buss could provide a date when IGA will be completed

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. Motion approved: 7-0 Time of adjournment: 8:09pm

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 November 13, 2012 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk