

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the February 20, 2013 special Work Session

I. CALL TO ORDER *Mayor R. Henry called the meeting to order at 5:07pm*

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry

Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner - **absent**

Council Member Fernando Fernandez

Council Member Armida Gonzalez

absent

Council Member Steve Holt

Council Member Tommy Sikes

Council Member Donny Young

Staff present: Town Manager F. Buss, Town Attorney S. McClure, Town Clerk B. Turner, Public Works Director (PWD) B. Menard, Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger

III. WORK SESSION (the Council cannot take action on any of these subjects because they are on the agenda for discussion only)

- A. **Waste Management:** The Town Council may discuss the final agreement with Waste Management. **Discussion Only** *Town Manager F. Buss gave a brief presentation covering current fiscal year budget, current situation of the Town and frequently asked questions and what is not included with the service. Willie Black, Waste Management representative, noted that Waste Management shoots for perfection as they relate to customer service. There was discussion on bulk pick-up and it's future. Resident Donna Hubbard spoke about her concerns regarding senior citizens on fixed incomes. Town Manager F. Buss spoke about cost containment. Resident Ivan Butenko spoke about disposal of old refrigerators and freezers. Discussion on service to mobile home parks. Mr. Willie Black with Waste Management noted that mobile home parks will be handled the same as they are now and on the appliance recycling program that is available. Mayor R. Henry spoke on change in law for commercial accounts. Resident Clyde Kreeger spoke on his concerns with bulk drop-off, dumping in the desert if trash service disconnected and the high percentage of low income residents and fixed budgets that may have a problem with paying quarterly. Resident Bill Hollowell asked about local commercial haulers and bulk hauling at the pit. Town Manager R. Buss spoke on the options for bulk hauling versus taking to the pit and noted that there is an issue with non-local commercial entities getting a 'free ride' at the expense of the residents by dumping prohibited commercial rubbish at the pit. Discussion on pit monitoring to stop prohibited dumping. Discussion on whether sanitation service is mandatory for residential and commercial. Resident Fred Burkhart asked about billing for residents that are not here for six (6) months of the year and voiced his concern about the Town 'giving away' the sanitation service like the Town has done previously with the Police Department, clinic and ambulance service. Mr. Willie Black, WM, asked for details in regards to absentee residents. Discussion on cost of repairs and maintenance, requirements if Town continues to do the service, raising of rates for keeping in-house and if outsourced, and the state coming in to run the Town if bankrupt. Resident Donna Hubbard spoke about issues with the Senior Center. Resident Fred Hull spoke on issues with the*

sanitation trucks, quarterly billing and the need for monthly billing. No further discussion.

IV. ADJOURNMENT **No motion made for adjournment.**

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 special work session meeting held February 20, 2013 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk