

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the regularly scheduled December 10, 2013 Council Meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a special Council meeting on December 10, 2013 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 **by Mayor S. Holt at 6:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **led by Mayor S. Holt**
- C. Invocation **provided by Town Attorney S. McClure**

## II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Steve Holt	Council Member Armida Gonzalez
Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner- <b>absent</b>	Council Member Ron Henry
Council Member Fernando Fernandez- <b>absent</b>	Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
	Council Member James Turner

**Staff present: Town Attorney S. McClure, Town Clerk B. Turner, Finance Director S. Young, Public Works Director (PWD) B. Menard, Parks and Recreation Director (PRD) 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)

**Council Member R. Henry moved to approve the Consent Agenda except for two (2) claims, one for Mr. F. Buss and one for Mayor S. Holt, until Expense Reports for both are received by Council. Council Member R. Henry noted that the Council approved that Expense Reports must be submitted to Council prior to payment at the October 22, 2013 Council meeting. Council Member T. Sikes seconded. No further discussion. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda except for the claims of Town Manager F. Buss and Mayor S. Holt passed: 5-0**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the November 26, 2013 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 \$95,910.26 for the period of November 1, 2013 through November 15, 2013. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **Town of Gila Bend/Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association Timed Event Rodeo Sanction Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the sanction agreement between the Town of Gila Bend and the Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association to sanction the Butterfield Stage Days Timed Event Rodeo on February 15 & 16, 2014. **Discussion and Action Parks and Recreation Director C. Turner reviewed the agreement. Discussion on current cost and the difference in price from last year's event. Discussion on the possibility of using a different Stock Contractor. PRD C. Turner noted that the Stock Contractor is the same one used for last year's event, they did an excellent job last year and that a raise in the price was mentioned by the Stock Contractor last year due to the way it is set-up. Discussion on how the rodeo is set-up with resident Joe Getzwiller providing information. PRD C. Turner also commented that the Stock Contractor will add a bull riding event for a small fee of \$1,000.<sup>00</sup>, a savings of \$6,500.<sup>00</sup> for the Town as adding a bull riding event usually costs about \$7,500.<sup>00</sup>. Discussion on total cost to Town of approximately \$5,000.<sup>00</sup> amount available in budget for this event. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association Timed Event Rodeo Sanction Agreement. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion to approve the Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association Time Event Rodeo Sanction Agreement passed: 5-0**

- B. **Main Street Chip Seal Project Call for Bid:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to Call for Bid for the Main Street Chip Seal Project. **Discussion and Action. PWD B. Menard reviewed the project. Discussion on interest in this project from local contractors. Council Member J. Turner motioned to approve the Main Street Chip Seal Project Call for Bid. Motion seconded by Council Member A. Gonzalez. No further discussion. Motion to approve the the Main Street Chip Seal Project Call for Bid passed: 5-0**
  
- 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 J. Turner: No report**  
**Council Member T. Sikes: No report**  
**Vice Mayor C. Turner: Absent**  
**Council Member F. Fernandez: Absent**  
**Council Member A. Gonzalez wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**  
**Council Member R. Henry: No report**  
**Mayor S. Holt reported that he has been attending many meetings and reported on the MAG meeting he attended regarding MAG setting up a tourism office in Mexico. Mayor S. Holt also reported that the West Valley Mayor and Managers Meeting he attended focused on the economic benefits the many tourists visiting from Mexico provide to Arizona and the need to provide an easier border crossing method for Mexican tourists. He also spoke on the show put on by Luke AFB he attended as part of one meeting. Mayor S. Holt wished Town Manager F. Buss the best and hopes Town Manager Buss has a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.**
  
- VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT **No report provided as Town Manager F. Buss is absent as he recoves from surgery.**
  
- 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.)  
**Resident Jim Hancock spoke about a complaint he has regarding noise and traffic on the south side of town. He noted that he has been a resident of Gila Bend for 40 years and the noise and traffic are the worst he has experienced. He mentioned that he has called the Maricopa County Sheriffs Office several times regarding the playing of very loud music throughout the day and night and they have spoken to the offenders. He noted that the volume of the music is lowered for approximately two (2) hours and then turned back up. Mr. Hancock commented that he knows that there is a Town Ordinance addressing this issue but he believes that the Sheriff's Office does not know how to cite and fine offenders. Mr. Hancock noted that he does not know if the Town is able to provide any relief through code enforcement and that he believes the only way to put a stop to it is to cite and fine the property owner. Mr. J. Hancock then spoke about several cars racing between signs, driving at high speeds of over 50mph in a 25mph zone and the danger it presents to kids in the area. He mentioned that he would be willing to speak with the Captain in regards to this issue.**  
  
**Resident Fred Hull spoke about former Town employee Wayne Miller passing away this morning and provided details on the funeral service. Mr. Hull thanked Town Attorney S. McClure for getting the property on Pima and Martin cleaned up. Mr. Hull then spoke about the pavers for the Gila Bend 9/11 Memorial Park being a little smaller that those already placed, asked that the newly purchased pavers be placed very soon so that they are not forgotten about.**  
  
**Resident Jim Hancock commented that there is at least one person per day, usually more,**

**that come into the Courthouse asking about the Gila Bend 9/11 Memorial Park, what the artifact is and there should be signage there . Mayor S. Holt noted that the signage for the park is already underway.**

**Resident Joe Getzwiller mentioned that appropriate signage should also be placed along the road to attract more visitors to the park. Mr. Getzwiller also spoke about the billions of dollars coming into Arizona from Mexican tourism and he was glad to hear that MAG was planning to put a tourism office in Mexico and he is also glad that the Town of Gila Bend and Rocky Point have almost completed the Sister City program requirements.**

**Resident Clyde Kreeger spoke on the two (2) new pit bulls are now wandering unrestrained around his neighborhood. He noted that there are several other stray dogs running loose, plus the two (2) new pit bulls, that are a cause for concern and that Animal Control needs to do something about the problem.**

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

**Council Member R. Henry made a motion for a Workshop on the Towns financials and to have Director S. Young provide details on projects and the funding for them. He noted that the Workshop should include a cash analysis of the Towns savings/reserves and include accounts receivable and utility billing. Council Member J. Turner seconded the motion. The motion to place a Financial Workshop on a future agenda that addresses details of projects and their funding and will include a Cash Analysis of the Town's savings/reserves and details on accounts receivables and utility billing passed: 5-0**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3)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.**

X. ADJOURNMENT **Council Member R. Henry moved to adjourn with Council Member T. Sikes providing a second. Motion to adjourn passed: 5-0 Time of Adjournment: 6:30pm**

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Steven Holt, 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 December 10, 2013 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk