

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the November 25, 2014 regular Council meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a special Council meeting on November 25, 2014 beginning at **6:00** p.m., in the Gila Bend School District Media Center located at 308 N Martin Avenue, 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 C. Turner called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Led by Mayor C. Turner**
- C. Invocation **Given by Town Attorney S. McClure**

## II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Chuck Turner	Council Member Jesus Rubalcava
Vice-Mayor Ron Henry	Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member James Turner
Council Member Clyde Kreeger	

**Staff present: Town Manager E. Rubi, Town Attorney S. McClure, Finance Director S. Young, Public Works Director (PWD) T. Weter, Parks & Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner, Social Services Director (SSD) D. Dempsey, Fire Chief F. Baldrige, Deputy Town Clerk (DTC) C. Eisenberger**

**Mayor C. Turner welcomed new Council Members and thanked everyone for attending.**

## 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 J. Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. Council Member J. Turner had a question on a double payment to JAG in Item B. Payment of Claims. Finance Director S. Young responded that it was an error and showed where one payment had been voided. No further discussion. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried unanimously: 7-0**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the November 10, 2014 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 \$94,219.70 for the period of November 1, 2014 through November 15, 2014. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **ALF Grant Application:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the application and accept funding for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for ALF Grant in the amount of \$5,671.00 for transportation operating expenses provided by the Community Senior Center and Solar Express transportation services. **Discussion and Action SSD D. Dempsey gave a brief review of the ALF Grant and how the funds are used. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the ALF Grant Application and to accept the funding for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Second by Council Member T. Sikes. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 7-0**
- B. **IGA Emergency Operations Management and Disaster Services:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County Emergency Management for Regional Emergency Operations Management and Disaster Services. **Discussion and Action Town Manager E. Rubi reviewed the IGA noting that this had not been renewed and Gila Bend is the only community in Maricopa County included. Mr. Rubi noted that the amount is inconsequential compared to the services received. Questions and discussion on whether the Town had this IGA in place previously and how long it has been since it has been in place. Vice Mayor R. Henry moved to approve the IGA for Emergency Operations Management and Disaster Services. Second by Council Member F. Fernandez. No further discussion. Motion to approve the IGA carried unanimously: 7-0.**

C. **Amendment to ASU Master Services Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve an amendment to the ASU Master Services Agreement for including sustainability into the Town Master Plan Update. **Discussion and Action** *Town Manager E. Rubi reviewed the amendment and noted that the services agreement with ASU had previously been approved by Council in May and this amendment was a 'house-cleaning' measure to put everything in line. Vice Mayor R. Henry moved to approve the Amendment to the ASU Master Services Agreement. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No discussion. Motion to approve the Amendment to the ASU Master Services Agreement carried unanimously: 7-0.*

D. **Time of Council Meetings:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to direct staff to prepare a Resolution to change the time of Council meetings from 6:00 pm to 5:00 pm. **Discussion and Action.** *Town Manager E. Rubi spoke about the change to the new office hours in relation to time of Council Meetings and noted that if a Workshop is scheduled, it will be set for 5:00pm, as done currently, with Council Meeting immediately following at 6:00pm. Discussion on availability of Council Members for a 5:00 meeting. Council Member J. Rubalcava moved to change the Council Meetings from 6:00pm to 5:00pm. Second by Council Member J. Turner. No further discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 7-0.*

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)

*Vice Mayor R. Henry commended the Parks & Recreation Department for the job well done transplanting the saguaro at the 9/11 Memorial Park.*

*Council Member J. Rubalcava reported on his trip to Washington, D.C., noting he attended the municipal portion this year and commended all departments involved in putting up the Christmas decorations.*

*Council Member F. Fernandez commended the Fire Department for their handling of the accident where he happened to be on scene.*

*Mayor C. Turner reported that the Christmas lights are up and looking good, that the streets and street landscaping are all looking good and thanked all departments involved. He noted that Captain Whelan informed him that MCSO arrested a person for the Shell Station robbery from the DNA evidence left at the scene and that this arrest there may also link to other burglaries as well. Mayor C. Turner read a letter from resident Donna Sizemore thanking the town for their support with the Pitch-In for Gila Bend Community Clean-Up. No further reports provided.*

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

(This is the time the Town Manager may present a brief summary on current events. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented)

*TM E. Rubi gave 'kudos' to the Fire Department, Parks & Recreation Department, Jesus Baldenegro and Public Works Department and also to the Lewis Prison Inmates for the clean-up done on the landscaping. Mr. Rubi thanked Ron & Suzie Martin for the donation of the saguaro transplanted at the 9/11 Memorial Park. He congratulated employee Ruben Ferero for attaining a Grade 3 Certification and noted that PWD T. Weter will be taking tests for several certifications shortly. TM E. Rubi thanked Heather Goebel for setting up the Spay/Neuter Clinic and for helping several people to get their pets spayed/neutered. He noted that one of the 'mean' dogs had also been picked up. Reported that he had been contacted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation regarding the proposed Great Bend of the Gila National Monument to invite Council to go on a field trip on December 17th as they wanted to speak with Council concerning the Gila Bend Transmission Initiative and the support given by Council for the proposed monument. Reported that the Town is moving ahead with Citizen Advisory Committee interviews for the General Plan Update and that there will be a presentation at the December 9th Council Meeting on the General Plan. TM E. Rubi reported on a prospective locate at the airport for high-altitude training and that the potential located is looking for 20,000 sq. ft. of warehouse space and 1,000 sq. ft. of office space. He noted that the Aquifer Study final draft document will be available for Council at the end of December.*

VII. STAFF REPORTS

(This is the time Staff 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)

**PWD T. Weter reported on starting on the crack sealing on the south-side by Cactus Asphalt and that he has been working with the state on the correct reporting format.**

**SSD D. Dempsey reported that the Salvation Army Christmas Angels serve about 20,000 families and thanked TA S. McClure and the Church at Gila Bend for the Thanksgiving dinners they prepare and feed to those in the community and that she has 54 people signed up to receive a Thanksgiving meal.**

**FD S. Young reported that the Brine Pond project is done and paperwork finalized. Thanked PWD T. Weter for getting the USDA to pay. Reported on fire department services to Solana has some minor changes being done and reported on the meeting with the IRS she attended with Vice Mayor R. Henry, noting that the Town should have some funds coming back.**

**PRD C. Turner thanked MCSO for their assistance with carnival issues, thanked Ron & Suzie Martin for the saguaro, that more than half of the decorations have been completed on Pima Street and that on Monday, December 1st at 7:00pm the lighting ceremony at Community Center Park will take place.**

**Fire Chief F. Baldrige reported on a mobile home fire, noted there had been several big accidents lately and that the fire department will be assisting with the parade on December 1st.**

**Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger noted that the Clerks Department continues to work on project documents and records organizing.**

VIII. MCSO REPORT

**Mayor C. Turner noted that Captain Whelan could not be here but wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.**

IX. 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 Fred Hull spoke about liquor licenses and noted that there is one license for every 216 residents. Thanked Fire Chief F. Baldrige and Council for the new vests and noted that they are now compliant with safety regulations. He gave a brief demonstration on the vest features. Resident Dianne Henry noted that a group came to Gila Bend looking for a property to use for a medical marijuana dispensary and asked about the Towns policy. TM E. Rubi noted that we are the only town that does not have a policy in place and that one will be prepared and put before Council. Resident Fred Hull asked about check cashing places and that the 'sex ordinance' policy that was done came in handy. He noted that Gila Bend is eligible for 10 check cashing places and noted that we really don't want that in Gila Bend, do we?**

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

**Vice Mayor R. Henry motioned to place an item on the agenda to go over the progress on the new website. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. Motion passed unanimously: 7-0.**

**Council Member J. Turner motioned to place an item on the agenda to review the street maintenance projects and prioritize streets. He noted that past PWD B. Menard had some streets scheduled that could wait and there were others needing work done first. Motion to review street maintenance project seconded by Vice Mayor R. Henry. Motion passed unanimously: 7-0**

XI. 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 relative for any of the above agenda items.  
**No Executive Session called.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT  
***Vice Mayor R. Henry motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously: 7-0. Time: 6:35pm***

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Chuck Turner, 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 regular Council Meeting held November 25, 2014 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk