

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the October 28, 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 October 28, 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 S. Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Led by Mayor S. Holt**
- C. Invocation **Given by Town Attorney S. McClure**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Steve Holt	Council Member Ron Henry
Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner	Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member James Turner
Council Member Armida Gonzalez	

Staff present: Town Manager E. Rubi, Town Attorney S. McClure, Town Clerk B. Turner, Finance Director S. Young, Public Works Director (PWD) B. Menard, Public Works Director (PWD) T. Weter, Parks & Recreations Director (PRD) C. Turner, Social Services Director (SSD) D. Dempsey, Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger, Counter Services Coordinator T. Smith, Accounts Clerk J. Carpenter

Mayor S. Holt noted that agenda item # VIII. MCSO REPORT would be addressed first, before the Consent Agenda. Captain Dan Whelan of MCSO gave the monthly report and reported on the new format of the monthly report the Town receives. Captain Whelan also spoke about "Coffee With A Cop" where residents can sit down and over a cup of coffee speak with a deputy about their concerns, issues, etc. The first one will be held on Saturday, November 1st and will be held at the Space Age Restaurant. He reported that this has gone well in other communities and hoped for the same in Gila Bend. End of report.

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 B. Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No 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 October 14, 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 \$for the period of October 1, 2014 through October 15, 2014.
Discussion and Action

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

- A. **Resolution 14-09 Remote Access:** A Resolution of the Common of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, establishing rules, regulations and procedures for Town Council members to have access to remote telephonic or video conferencing of public meetings. **Discussion and Action Question and discussion on the number of times to limit use of remote access versus vacancies. TA S. McClure spoke about the guideline is that three unexcused absences creates a reason for a member to be removed from council. Discussion on having a Work Session to devise a policy for Gila Bend. Vice Mayor C. Turner motioned to Motion second by Council Member J. Turner. No further discussion. Motion to carried unanimously: 7-0**
- B. **Regular Council Meeting of November 11, 2014:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to move the regular Council meeting of November 11, 2014 to November 10, 2014. The Town Offices will be closed November 11, 2014 in observance of Veteran's Day. **Discussion and Action Council Member R. Henry motioned to move the regular Council Meeting from November 11th to November 10th. No discussion. Motion to move the council meeting carried unanimously: 7-0**

- C. **Employee Health Insurance Renewal:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve annual renewal of employee insurance benefits with Aetna beginning December 1, 2014. **Discussion and Action** *TM E. Rubi reviewed current rates and coverages, insurance costs rising for everyone and options available when we renew. He noted that staff recommends the Aetna PPO Gold plan. Question and discussion about cost to the Town, cost to the employees and what percentages other cities/towns pay. FD S. spoke about costs of different options. Council Members J. Turner and T. Sikes spoke about rising costs affecting all. Council Member R. Henry asked about having a Work Session. Town Clerk B. Turner noted that December 1st being the deadline date for renewal and November 1st is the date open enrollment begins. TM E. Rubi noted that the budget included a 20% rate increase in preparation for the expected rise in costs. Question and discussion on researching alternative options such as trusts and pools. Council Member J. Turner motioned to approve the annual renewal of employee insurance benefits per staff recommendation with the 80-20 split. Motion second by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion to approve annual renewal of employee insurance benefits at 80-20 split 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 C. Turner reported on firefighters attending the SCBA school and the Annual Pitch-In for Gila Bend Community Clean-up was successful with approximately 175 people volunteering and 200+ bags of trash collected. He noted that the fuel system at the airport is ready except for a card reader is needed.
- 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 reported that Counter Services Coordinator T. Smith attended annual AZBO training and reported on the special events dinner with the Mayor and Fire Company from Yarnell. Counter Services Coordinator T. Smith provided a brief summary of the AZBO training she attended.**
- 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)
Town Clerk B. Turner reported that the town offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day and that the newly elected council members will be sworn in . Finance Director S. Young reviewed the status of the Brine Pond project, the Caselle conference that the finance department attended, and reported on the AZ Department of Revenue meeting regarding the new TPT tax requirements that she attended with Town of Wellton Finance Director, Anna Florez. Public Works Director B. Menard reviewed Brine Pond status noting it is 80% done, the Airport Runway Pavement Overlay project to be completed on Friday with striping scheduled for Saturday and a joint crew from both the Public Works and Parks & Recreation departments installed all of the bricks at the 9/11 Memorial Park. He noted that there was one (1) brick missing (first person on list) that will need to be ordered and installed. Social Services Director Diane Dempsey gave kudo's to Case Manager, Gray Faupel for the 100% complete and correct monitoring done today with Maricopa County and kudos to Mr. Faupel for the job well done on the annual community clean-up. SSD D. Dempsey noted that the seniors are having their Halloween party tomorrow, costumes required, and that a Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday. PWD T. Weter reported that the damaged sidewalks on the south side that a resident mentioned at the last council meeting have been repaired and spoke about meetings with the state water department and WIFA.
- VIII. MCSO REPORT **Addressed after the Roll Call and prior to agenda item III. Consent Agenda.**

- 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 Barbara Tillman spoke on the continuing problems with vehicles driving way above the posted speed limit around the church area, that there are children in the area and asked if anything could be done. PWD B. Menard noted that one-to-two months ago a DRAFT Airport Rules & Regs was provided for council approval and he would like to recommend that Council schedule a Work Session to look at the DRAFT in order to place an item on the agenda for council to adopt. He noted that there are several leases that reference there is an in-place Airports Rules and Reg. PWD B. Menard then thanked the Council for giving him the opportunity to serve the Town of Gila Bend as Public Words Director. He noted that his career in municipal public works began in a small town, moved up to a large town and then an even larger city for many years and that it was fitting to retire from his career in the public sector as he began it, in a small town like Gila Bend. No further public comments.**
- X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's) **No future agenda items requested.**
- 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 from Steven W McClure, Town Attorney. **Mayor S. Holt called for an Executive Session at 6:46pm.**

The regular council meeting reconvened at 7:19pm.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT **Vice Mayor C. Turner motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously: 7-0.**
Time of adjournment: 7:19pm

Steven Holt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of regular Council Meeting held October 28, 2014 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk