

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the September 9, 2014 regular Council meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **Mayor Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Led by Mayor Holt**
- C. Invocation **Given by Steven 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: TM E Rubi, TA S McClure, TC B Turner, FD S Young, PRD C Turner, PWD B Menard, SSD D Dempsey

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)

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the August 12, 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 \$133,805.98 for the period of August 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014. **Discussion and Action**

Consent agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Council Member R Henry and a second by Council Member A Gonzalez. Motion to approve consent agenda carried unanimously.

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

- A. **Resolution 14-07 Canvass of Vote:** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, approving the canvass of votes of that certain Primary Election of August 26, 2014. A copy of said canvass being attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth. **Discussion and Action With no discussion Council Member J Turner moved to approve Resolution 14-07 the Canvass of Vote of that certain Primary Election held August 26, 2014; seconded by Council Member T Sikes. Motion to approve carried unanimously.**
- B. **Resolution 14-08 Recount of Vote:** A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Maricopa County, Arizona, certifying facts regarding automatic recount of the August 26, 2014 Town of Gila Bend Primary Election to the Maricopa County Superior Court, authorizing the filing of a petition in Superior Court; and declaring an emergency. **Discussion and Action Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to adopt Resolution 14-08 ordering the recount of that certain Primary Election of August 26, 2014; seconded by Council Member J Turner. Motion to approve carried unanimously.**
- C. **Airport Land Lease Agreement - Jesus Baldenegro:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve an Airport Land Lease Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Jesus and Rosantina Baldenegro for 24,000 sq ft of "Non Aeronautical Land-Side" Property located at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport. **Discussion and Action PWD B Menard reviewed the proposed lease agreement noting that Mr. and Mrs. Baldenegro have been living on the property for years without charge and the proposed lease agreement includes a monthly charge of \$100.00. Vice-Mayor C Turner spoke about binding future Council's for 20 years and suggested a year to year lease with a 90 day out clause. There was discussion about future use of the property. Council Member R Henry moved to table this item for future consideration. Motion to table was seconded by Council Member J Turner. Motion to table carried unanimously.**

- D. **Road Closures:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on a request from the Gila Bend High School student body to close Martin Ave from Richards to Papago Street; Papago Street from Martin Ave to Scott Ave; Euclid Ave from Papago Street to Hunt Street; Scott Ave from Papago Street to Hunt Street and Hunt from Scott Ave to Euclid Ave for the Annual Gila Bend High School Homecoming Parade. The road closures primarily surround Community Center Park. **Discussion and Action Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to approve the request for road closures for the Gila Bend High School Annual Homecoming Parade; Seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Motion to approve carried unanimously.**
- E. **On Call Engineering List:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to extend the Towns On Call List for Engineering Services for an additional two (2) years. **Discussion and Action PWD Menard reviewed the history of the On-Call List and explained the process and reasons for creating the list. Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to approve the extension of the current Engineering On-Call list for an additional 2 years.; Seconded by Council Member T Sikes. Motion to approve carried unanimously.**
- F. **IGA Animal Control Services:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Maricopa County for Animal Control Services. **Discussion and Action There was a question about the level of service provided by Animal Control and it was noted that the level could not be changed at this time due to the County budget has already been adopted for this year. It was also noted that staff will discuss increasing the level of service for next year. There was also discussion about the stray dogs in particular neighborhoods and the inability for Animal Control to catch them. There was a question about setting animal traps and it was noted that in some cases, it is legal to do so. Finance Director S Young advised that she will provide Emergency Services with a direct phone number to Animal Control Services. Council Member J Turner moved to approve the IGA between the Town of Gila Bend and Maricopa County Animal Control for Animal Control Services; Seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Motion to approve IGA carried unanimously.**
- G. **First Addendum To Agreement with Arizona Learning Institute (ALI):** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the First Addendum to the Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and the Arizona Learning Institute (ALI). The addendum will modify the agreement to provide additional funding for the purpose of providing enhanced developmental and sensory screening services to the children of Gila Bend. **Discussion and Action Community Services Director D Dempsey introduced Marge Jones of Arizona Learning Institute who spoke about the ALI program. Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to approve the First Addendum to the Agreement with Arizona Learning Institute; Seconded by Council Member A Gonzalez. Motion to approve carried unanimously.**
- H. **Holiday Lights Starry Nights:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a contract with Christmas Light Decorators for the 3rd Annual Holiday Lights Starry Nights in Community Park from December 1, 2014 through January 3, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 **Discussion Parks & Recreation Director C Turner reviewed request and there was a question about cost and whether or not there were any changes for this year. It was noted that APS through the Chamber shares the cost and that no changes would be made. There was a brief discussion about the music and it was noted that the timer is set to shut the music off at 11:00 pm at which time the park closes. It was suggested that the Town look at purchasing the lights and utilizing the prisoners to install. Vice-Mayor C Turner requested that a quote be sought for decorating the 911 Park. Vice-Mayor C Turner made a motion to approve a contract with Christmas Light Decorators for the Holiday Lights Starry Nights in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00; Seconded by Council Member T Sikes. Motion to approve carried unanimously.**
- I. **Budgetary Transfer WLM Public Works Contract for Services Provided Through October 31, 2014:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a budgetary transfer from the Town Manager Contingency Line Item 10-46-700 to the Public

Works Department Line Item 10-60-340 Contractual Services, for standard services provided through October 31, 2014. **Discussion and Action Finance Director S Young gave an overview of the request and there was a question about what was amenable to PWD B Menard and after a brief discussion about cost and time Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to enter into executive session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(3) Item IX on the agenda. Seconded by Council Member J Turner. Motion to enter into executive session carried unanimously.**

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 T Sikes reported on the League Conference noting it went well and was very informative.

Vice-Mayor C Turner spoke about the loss of Gila Bend residents and gave his condolences to the families.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Interim Town Manager E Rubi reported on the following:

Counter Services Coordinator T Smith received Permit Tech of the Year and a full scholarship to the leadership academy; General Plan update is moving forward; Working on Pima Street Scape Brochure; lot split for Gila River Power Station in progress; re-write of the Sub-Division code and will be presented to Council at a future date; spoke about the potential locate noting that Gila Bend is still the #1 choice and that there are several other potential locates in the works.

P&R Director C Turner reported on youth tackle football; repairs to roof at pool repairs to McMahan Field fence; portable bleachers have been received and are being stored at the rodeo grounds; working on Gila Bend Grand Prix in conjunction with Sonoran Fest Carnival to be held November 16, 2014; security system is being installed at the Community Center. Community Services Director D Dempsey reported on current programs; New Life; Kids Watch; 19th Annual Pitch in for Gila Bend; Senior citizens are assisting with Community Center renovations: Nancy Purdue has donated tickets to Diamond Back game; preparing for Mexican Independence Day Celebration.

Finance Director S Young reported on an update to the finance manual; reimbursement request that have been submitted and gave an at-a-boy to new employee Kim Turner for assisting with the creation of an excel program for meter reads and to Summer Villegas for her desire to learn new programs.

Town Clerk B Turner reported on the Primary Election results and that there will be a Work Session on September 15th regarding the Gila Bend Transmission Initiative.

Public Works Director B Menard reported on several projects that included pest control; airport fuel tank; well 8; ACIP for the Airport; Airport Rules and Regulations Ordinance; brine pond and spray field related to a 6 year NOV, spray field is being eliminated; NPDES Permit in process; APS light exchange will reduce electricity cost; new signs are up at the pit; working on an IGA with the School District and Ruben Forero now holds 2 grade 3 certificate and 2 grade 2 certificates and is the operator of record.

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 Fred Hull spoke about the death of a local 2 year old boy and requested that the Fire Department be thanked as they are taking it hard; he presented Council with the current fishing bulletin and suggested that the Town look into creating a fishing spot on the 100 acres of Town owned property; he spoke about Waste Management and announced the 911 Memorial Service to be held at the 911 Park and asked about the signage and the pavers for the Park.**

Resident Heather Goebel requested that signs be placed on Harrington before a child gets hit.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's) **Council Member R Henry moved to add a Work Session prior to the next regular Council meeting to discuss Town Manager Recruitment; Seconded by Vice-Mayor C Turner. Motion carried unanimously.**

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 relative to any of the above agenda items. **At 7:16 pm Council convened into executive session to discuss Item IV. I. Budgetary transfer WLM Public Works Contract for Services.**

Council reconvened regular session at 7:45 pm and took up item IV. I. Council Member R Henry moved to approve a budgetary transfer in the amount of \$12,512.49 from the Town Manager Contingency Line Item 10-46-700 to the Public Works Department Line Item 10-60-340 Contractual Services. Motion to approve carried 4-3 with Vice-Mayor C Turner and Council Members T Sikes and J Turner voting nay.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm on a motion by Council Member J Turner and a second by Council Member R Henry. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Steven Holt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular Council Meeting held September 9, 2014 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk