

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the January 13, 2015 regular Council meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a special Council meeting on January 13, 2015 beginning at 5:00 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 **at 5:00pm by Mayor C. Turner**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **led by Mayor C. Turner**
- C. Invocation **provided by resident Fred Hull**

## II. ROLL CALL **by Town Clerk B. Turner: All present**

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 (TM) E. Rubi, Town Attorney S. McClure, Town Clerk (TC) B. Turner, Finance Director S. Young, Public Works Director (PWD) T. Weter, 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 J. Turner motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Second made by Council Member T. Sikes. No discussion. Motion to approve 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 December 9, 2014 regular meeting minutes and December 30, 2014 special 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 \$366,525.82, for the period of December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. **Discussion and Action**

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

### A. **Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association Timed Event Rodeo Sanction**

**Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a sanction agreement with Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association for the sanction of the Gila Bend Butterfield Stage Days Timed Event Rodeo. **Discussion and Action PRD C. Turner reviewed the agreement, noted that the Town's portion would be approximately \$11,600.00 and requested that Council approve the agreement. A question and discussion on whether the Town receives any revenues from the event and revenues received from beer sales and gate fee. Discussion on a gate fee of anywhere between \$3.00 - \$5.00 per person for anyone over 12 years old had been charged in previous years. Vice Mayor R. Henry moved to approve the Timed Even Rodeo Sanction Agreement with Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No further discussion. Motion to approve the agreement carried unanimously: 7-0.**

- B. **Stock Contractor for Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to award the Stoke Contract for the Butterfield Stage Days Timed Event Rodeo to be held February 14 & 15, 2015 to Slash M Rodeo Company Inc. in the amount of \$6,500.00. **Discussion and Action PRD C. Turner reviewed the contract, noted that Slash M Rodeo Company provided the service last year and did an excellent job and that even though the fees are higher this year, they were still the lowest bidder. A question and discussion on this cost of \$6,500.00 being included in the \$11,600.00 Town portion mentioned earlier (Item A). Council Member J. Turner made a motion that the Stoke Contract be awarded to Slash M Rodeo Company. Motion seconded by Council Member J. Rubalcava. No further discussion. Motion to award the Stoke Contract to Slash M Rodeo Company carried unanimously: 7 - 0**

C. **Call for Bid Safety Netting for McMahon Field:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to authorize staff to call for bid on the installation of safety netting at McMahon Field located at Community Park. **Discussion and Action.** *PRD C. Turner reviewed the need for the safety netting, noted that the cost for safety netting was included in the budget and requested that Council authorize staff to call for bid. Question and discussion on budgeted amount of \$20,000.<sup>00</sup> being over the estimated cost of \$18,000.<sup>00</sup>. Question and discussion on life of the safety netting being approximately 15 years. Question and discussion on actual height of netting required. Council Member F. Fernandez moved to authorize staff to call for bid on the installation of safety netting at McMahon Field at the Community Park. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor R. Henry. No further discussion. Motion to authorize staff to call for bid on the installation of safety netting at McMahon Field at the Community Park carried unanimously: 7 - 0*

D. **Update on Street Maintenance Program:** Public Works Director Terry Weter will give an update on the Town Street Maintenance Program. **Discussion Only** *PWD T. Weter spoke on the plan to update the Street Maintenance Program, noting some of the different needs and requirements on several of the roads. Question and discussion on some road maintenance will be done by the end of this fiscal year. Question and discussion Town continues to move forward in resolving Cemetery Road issues and work done previously to resolve issues. Question and discussion on the road past the cemetery entrance with some easements already in place. It was noted by TM E. Rubi that Maricopa County had recently done some "courtesy" grading on the road and PWD T. Weter noted that the Town has been working with both the County and the State regarding the shared street maintenance and also working with Paloma regarding ditch clean-up. Mr. Weter commented that some work is getting done on old Highway 80 and that Town is working hard to repair working relationships with both the County and State. Question and discussion on repairs needed on the road in front of the fire department. Question and discussion on some repairs that are needed are being done tonight on State Route 85. No further discussion. Discussion only item so no vote taken.*

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). *Mayor C. Turner asked for reports from Council Members with the following reports provided:*

*Council Member J. Rubalcave reported on the Open Session at the State Legislature that he attended, the subsequent meeting with two legislators and the Mayor and Vice Mayor of Buckeye and the swearing in ceremony he attended.*

*Council Member C. Kreeger had no report*

*Council Member F. Fernandez had no report*

*Council Member J. Turner had no report*

*Council Member T. Sikes had no report*

*Vice Mayor R. Henry had no report*

*Mayor C. Turner spoke about the Gila Bend Grand Prix over the past weekend was enjoyed by all and that promoters for the No Fly Zone Arizona 'roll race' recently held at the airport were interested in doing another one within the next couple of months.*

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 on discussions with WIFA regarding the RO Plant, noted that some emergency repairs on the pumps had been done so that the Town water source was not lost (even temporarily). Reported on the good meeting he had with Jokake today regarding the interest of the high-altitude jumpers interested in relocating from Parker and are interested in leasing the Towns hangar at the airport company known as a good employer and with the possibility of 20 job openings available. Reported on the status of the Algenol locate and possibility of lowering gas prices having an impact. Town is recruiting for a Social Services Director as current director Diane Dempsey will be retiring in February, with other job recruitment occurring for a Town Planner to fill the position as he is now the Town Manager and there is also a position open in the Water/Wastewater Department.*

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) **The following staff reports were provided:**

**Town Clerk B. Turner reported that the annual Financial Disclosures are needed from Council Members, reported on the new website and that it is planned to go live by the end of this month. She noted that we will continue to populate the website with additional information but moving forward to at least get it up and going by months end. TC B. Turner noted that the current website has not been updated and kept current due to several issues, one major issue being that the website ownership was not put in the Towns name.**

**Finance Director S. Young reported on the General Ledger account noting that a mid-year financial report will be provided by the next Council meeting, thanked Accounts Clerk Summer Villegas for the good job on getting the W-2's out early The Finance Director also spoke about an issue with WIFA funding that was provided in the report to Council, noting an item will be on the next agenda.**

**PRD C. Turner reported that Omega Motor Sports will be coming back in March to put on another 'roll race' at the airport and is continuing work on the annual Butterfield Stage Days event to be held in February.**

**PWD T. Weter reported on the Butterfield water mainline, spoke about the possible impact that the re-routing of State Route 85 may have on Town property and water main line and that WLB Group will be rebidding. Reported that the FFA would pick up a portion of the cost of installing a water main at the airport if it is done within the FFA timeframe, reported on the emergency approval done for pump repairs at the RO plant and noted that the crews are doing minor work at the airport to make the sign more visible with the possibility of transplanting a saguaro at the sign.**

**Mayor C. Turner asked resident Dianne Henry for a report on Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce business. Mrs. D. Henry provided a report on Chamber involvement with Butterfield Stage Days.**

**No further reports provided.**

VIII. 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.)

**J. B. Getzwiler, resident and Gila Bend Magistrate, spoke about it is the 4th Annual Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo and that it is still being held in the same facility. Mr. Getzwiler commented that there is a need for improvements and that if the Town ever wants a full fledged rodeo, a new facility is needed.**

**Fred Hull, resident, spoke about it being a new year with new council members and that street signs should be taken care of. He requested that Planning and Zoning take care of this so that it is done correctly. Mr. Hull noted that there are discrepancies and that the town needs to get the money to fix the signs and make them right. Mr. Hull also spoke on signs like the 9/11 Memorial Park sign are needed for McMahan Field, Rotary Centennial Park, and Margaret 'Boo Boo' Mills Park at the Community Center and asked that these be included in the upcoming budget. Mayor C. Turner spoke about signs on Harrington and Vice Mayor R. Henry spoke about faded stop signs needing replaced.**

**Dianne Henry, resident, noted that an important school board meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:00pm.**

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

***Vice Mayor R. Henry requested an agenda item to discuss a Council Retreat. Discussion on a retreat being planned for mid-February on the General Plan, 5-10 year capitol improvement and the budget. Vice Mayor R. Henry requested that job descriptions/positions be included and TM E. Rubi noted that alternative hiring ideas will be addressed at the retreat. Mayor C. Turner motioned to add Council Retreat as a future agenda item. Second by Council Member T. Sikes. Motion carried unanimously: 7-0.***

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(7) Purchase of Real Property, the Town Council may go into executive session and A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) for purpose of obtaining legal advice relative for any of the above agenda items. ***Council Member J. Turner motioned to go into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. Motion carried unanimously: 7-0. Time: 5:43pm.***

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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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 the regular Council Meeting held January 13, 2015 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk