

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the April 14, 2015 regular Council Meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a regular Council meeting on April 14, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Gila Bend School District Media Center located at 308 N Martin Avenue, Gila Bend, Arizona. **Council Members of the Town of Gila Bend Town Council will attend either in person or by telephone or video communication.** 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 C. Turner at 5:01pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **led by Mayor C. Turner**
- C. Invocation **given by resident Fred Hull**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Chuck Turner	Council Member Jesus Rubalcava- absent
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 B. Turner, Finance Director S. Young, Social Services Director (SSD) K. Valenzuela, Parks and Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner, Public Works Director (PWD) T. Weter, Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger

Mayor C. Turner welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.

III. PRESENTATION: Finance Director Stacey Young will give a presentation on the Ambulance Revenue and Cost Run Report. **Discussion Only Finance Director S. Young gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Ambulance Revenue and Cost Run Report. Question and discussion on bad debt. Question on discussion on the length of time it takes to receive the revenue report, both to and from Buckeye Valley. TM E. Rubi commented that we now receive monthly reports from Buckeye Valley. Question and discussion on Medicare and AHCCCS payments. Question and discussion on amount of funds budgeted. Resident Fred Hull asked whether there is any way the Town can recoup funds from ADOT or the State of Arizona for responding to calls on Interstate 8 and discussion on same. Discussion on question by resident Liz Smith who asked if bad debt was the bill or portion of the bill that was not paid and if it was taken off at the end of each year. No further questions or discussion.**

IV. 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. Second made by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 6 – 0.**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the March 24, 2015 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 \$64,382.58 for the period of March 16, 2015 through March 31, 2015. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Ambulance Revenue and Cost Run Report:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Ambulance Revenue and Cost Run Report. **Discussion and Action Finance Director S. Young noted that \$100,000.⁰⁰ was budgeted and that cost above budgeted amount taken from Town Manager line item for grants (matching funds). Question and discussion on financial shape of town. Question and discussion on what the difference is between BLS and ALS with Mayor C. Turner noting that historically the amount for BLS and ALS have been the same in Gila Bend. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the**

Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Ambulance Revenue and Cost Run Report. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. Mayor C. Turner noted that he is abstaining to avoid any possible conflict of interest. No further discussion. Motion to approve carried: 5 yea – 1 abstain by Mayor C. Turner – 0 nay.

- B. Reverse Osmosis Plant Membrane Filters:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a contract with NALCO for the purchase of membranes for the Reverse Osmosis Plant in an amount not to exceed \$20,119.01. **Discussion and Action.** *PWD T. Weter reviewed the need to purchase R.O. Plant Membrane Filters, reviewed the proposed contract with NALCO and recommended contract approval. Question and discussion on the amount quoted does include the material and labor to install. Question and discussion on the life expectancy being three (3) years. Question and discussion on the percentage of RO water being blended is between 83 – 85% and the percentage exceeds the required standards. Question and discussion on used membranes discarded due to the cost to clean and reuse exceeds the cost of new membranes. Council Member J. Turner thanked PWD T. Weter for the useful information provided. Vice Mayor R. Henry moved to approve the contract with NALCO. A second was made by Council Member J. Turner. No further discussion. Motion to approve the contract with NALCO for the purchase of membranes carried unanimously: 6 – 0.*
- C. Generators – Load Bank Testing:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a contract with Arizona Generator Technology, Inc. dba Gen-Tech for the express purpose of providing load bank testing to the generator located at the Community Center in an amount not to exceed \$2,623.33. **Discussion and Action.** *PWD T. Weter reviewed the proposed contract noting that two (2) generators were included, one (1) for the Community Center and one (1) for the south side of Gila Bend. Council Member J. Turner made a motion to approve the contract with Gen-Tech. Council Member C. Kreeger seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion to approve the contract with Gen Tech carried unanimously; 6 – 0.*
- D. Contract with SoCo Group:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a contract with SoCo Group for the express purpose of providing motor oil including the lease – purchase of dispensing equipment in an amount of \$4,080.00 plus tax. **Discussion and Action.** *PWD T. Weter reviewed the proposed contract with SoCo Group. Question and discussion on whether local vendors were and contacted and the differences between quoted prices. Discussion on the problem of ‘evaporating’ fuel and oil when bought in bulk and stored on-site. Discussion on different purchase options. Question and discussion on using a block on tank, methods for tracking use and sale of used oil. Council Member J. Turner motioned to approve a contract with SoCo Group. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion to approve the contract with SoCo Group passed: 5 yea – 1 nay by Vice Mayor R. Henry.*
- E. Contract with DBA for Sidewalk Construction:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to award a contract to DBA Construction in the amount of \$71,000.00 to construct sidewalks on Martin Ave, from Pima St to the Gila Bend School and the 911 Memorial Park located at 201 East Pima. **Discussion and Action** *PWD T. Weter reviewed the proposed contract with DBA Construction and area where work to be done. Question and discussion on cost to do both sides of the street would increase from \$71,000.⁰⁰ to approximately \$102,000.⁰⁰. Questions and discussion on sidewalks but no curbs and not required to obtain any Right-Of-Ways. Resident Fred Hull asked whether they are going to connect to existing sidewalk in front of the church, with a response that a new sidewalk will be poured. Resident Fred Hull asked about a pedestrian crossing across the railroad tracks as there is no designated place except for the road. Resident Liz Smith asked how far down the sidewalks will go, with the response being that they will go to the church or as far as possible. Question and discussion on landscaping in other areas. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the contract with DBA Construction. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion to approve the contract with DBA Construction carried unanimously; 6 – 0.*

- VI. 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 shall read a proclamation proclaiming the Month of April as Fair Housing Month
Mayor C. Turner read a proclamation proclaiming April 2015 as Fair Housing Month. Mayor C. Turner asked for reports from Council Members.
Council Member C. Kreeger spoke about his meeting with TM E. Rubi concerning the dog situation in town and need to consider using the same stun gun method as the Fish & Game uses. Council Member C. Kreeger spoke about the beautification of Pima Street looks good but noted that once you turn into some of the housing areas it gets bad and people won't want to relocate here when seeing junk, junk cars and trash in front yards. He noted that PRD C. Turner did a great job on the new fish pond being put in by the Rotary Centennial Park on the south side of town.
Mayor C. Turner spoke about a fire department call to Abengoa; how good and productive the meetings he and TM E. Rubi's meetings have with Buckeye; commented that the staff did a great job on the storyboard for 9/11 Memorial Park and gave a summary of the Board of Supervisor's meeting he attended.
No further reports provided.

VII. 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)
Reported that the 9/11 Memorial Park will have sidewalks poured on the west side with handicap access available. Mr. Rubi introduced the new Social Services Director Kathy Valenzuela and noted that the new Resource Center Coordinator is local resident, Kelly Cavanaugh. TM E. Rubi spoke about the Race Wars Arizona event being held on Saturday the 18th of April and noted that approximately 2,500 people are expected to attend and a lot of cars are signed to race and show. Mr. Rubi reported on the upgrades taking place to the museum (restrooms) making it much more inviting to those utilizing it, there are several solar companies looking to do locates and many of them mention that Gila Bend is the only place they can get done in time to take advantage of federal incentives. He reported that the GBTI is moving forward and that are several things being donated to the town that are being looked prior to acceptance. End of report.

VIII. 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 we are getting ready to send out business license renewals, working on insurance renewal for the town (not employee insurance) and provided meeting dates to Council for regular council meetings and special meetings related to the budget for next fiscal year.
Finance Director S. Young reported that upcoming budget is the main focus and also currently working on revenues.
SSD K. Valenzuela thanked everyone for the warm welcome she has been receiving, is currently looking at current social services contracts and looking at what areas need addressed and what services are needed.
PRD C. Turner is working on ballgames, budgeting and fence repair.
PWD T. Weter reported on the grading done at airport to prepare for Race Wars event and that the north gate of the airport will be used as the emergency gate. He is also looking at historic properties for a focus for tourism and reported he visited several properties including Hee-A-Han Cemetery, Garden of Eden adobe buildings and the old jail.

Mayor C. Turner asked for a report from Chamber of Commerce Coordinator, Christina Hubbard. Ms. Hubbard noted that the speaker at the next chamber meeting will be a representative from Abengoa.

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.) **Council Member C. Kreeger spoke about awards night for the school coming up and the importance of supporting our youth through attending awards banquets/ceremonies. Resident Heather Goebel spoke about graffiti appearing in her neighborhood and received a 'yes' response when asking if the town takes care of this. Resident Fred Hull commented that Waste Management is getting thousands of dollars from the town to pick up trash but has put nothing back into the community like they do in other communities. Mr. Hull suggested that the town might request that they provide us with a hazardous waste facility or other type of facility. TM E. Rubi noted that he and PWD T. Weter are in the process of going over the Waste Management contract and will go from there. Resident Shirley Carpenter commented that it would be good to see all of the Town Council at the Scholarship Banquet, it starts at 6:00pm and that dinner will be served for a small cost of \$6.⁰⁰. Resident Liz Smith commented that a house on her block on the corner of Richards and Weidner had multiple fires and needs to be demolished. Ms. Smith was instructed to contact TM E. Rubi about the property. Resident Dianne Henry reminded everyone about the blood drive tomorrow from 8:00 – 11:45am.**

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Vice Mayor R. Henry requested that an item addressing the Laserfiche program be put on a future agenda. Town Clerk B. Turner noted that she will put a PowerPoint presentation together on the program.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) for purpose of obtaining legal advice relative for any of the above agenda items. **No Executive Session called.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT **Vice Mayor R. Henry made the motion to adjourn. Council Member C. Kreeger seconded. Motion carried unanimously: 6 – 0. Time of adjournment: 6:24pm.**

Chuck Turner, 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 April 14, 2015 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk