

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the July 14, 2015 regular Council meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **Mayor C. Turner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm**
- 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
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, Town Planner T. Smith, Public Works Director (PWD) T. Weter, Social Services Director (SSD) K. Valenzuela, Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

F/Y 15/16 Budget, Property Tax Levy and Truth in Taxation. The Mayor and Town Council may receive Public Comment relating to the F/Y 15/16 Budget, Property Tax Levy and Truth in Taxation. **(Public Comment Only) Mayor C. Turner opened the Public Hearing at 5:02pm. No public comments made. Mayor C. Turner closed the Public Hearing at 5:04pm.**

- IV. **Introduction:** Mayor Turner may introduce Gila Bend Unified School District Superintendent Mr. Anthony Perkins who will give a brief overview of the upcoming school year. **Discussion only Mayor C. Turner noted that since Mr. Perkins had not yet arrived, Council would move forward with Item V. Consent Agenda. Item IV. Introduction addressed after item VI. New Business.**

- V. 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 J. Rubalcava. 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 June 23, 2015 regular meeting minutes and July 7, 2015 Work Session 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 \$41,780.76 for the period of June 16, 2015 through June 30, 2015. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **Resolution 15-04:** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to adopt Resolution 15-04. **Discussion and Action. Council Member J. Rubalcava moved to approve with a second made by Council Member C. Kreeger. No discussion. Motion to approve Resolution 15-04 carried unanimously: 7 - 0.**

- B. **Arizona State Forestry Division Cooperative Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve an Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona State Forestry Division for the protection of its forest and wildlands. **Discussion and Action. Council Member J. Turner made a motion to approve with the second made by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 7 – 0.**

- C. **Consent to Apply for Program:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to direct staff to apply for the USDA-RD Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant program. **Discussion and Action. TM E. Rubi gave a brief summary, noting that this is preliminary. Question and discussion on whether this is for this fiscal year or next fiscal year with the response that it is for the next fiscal year. Question and discussion on the**

amount requested will depend on what facilities are included. Question and discussion on the amount of the Towns match will be 15%. No further discussion. Motion to approve the Consent to Apply for Program made by Council Member J. Turner. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No further discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 7 – 0.

Mayor C. Turner addressed item IV Introduction next.

- IV. **Introduction:** Mayor Turner may introduce Gila Bend Unified School District Superintendent Mr. Anthony Perkins who will give a brief overview of the upcoming school year. *Mayor C. Turner introduced the new school superintendent, Mr. Anthony Perkins. Mr. Perkins gave a brief bio of himself and his 21 years in the educational profession. He spoke about issues with the school district, low teacher pay creating high teacher turnover, facilities not up to par and replacement of some buildings, not to include historic Logan Auditorium or Media Center built in 2008. He spoke about students deserve better facilities, teachers and programs. He noted that they will be asking for a bond election in 2016 and that 90% will be covered by big business with residents covering the 10%. Question on bond amount with Mr. Perkins responding he is unsure at this time but the bond capacity is \$26 million. Finance Director S. Young spoke about the assessment on the power plant. Resident Fred Hull asked about what the plans are for the basic children with Mr. Perkins responding that teachers trained in a 45-day new student screener. Question and discussion on raising teacher pay scale. Discussion enrollment, students switching schools, beefing up the programs, school more accessible to the public and amount per student the school receives. No further discussion.*
- VII. 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 J. Rubalcava reported that he attended the 4th of July Celebration and gave kudo's to the Parks & Recreation Department and the Fire Department. Council Member C. Kreeger commented that the Parks & Recreation Department and the Fire Department both did a great job with the Fourth of July celebration. Council Member F. Fernandez noted how great the fireworks were again this year. Mayor C. Turner thanked Council and Staff on all of the hard work on the budget. He reported on the meeting with Congressman Grijalva's staff, representatives from the National Trust for Historic Preservation regarding the proposed new Great Bend of the Gila National Monument and local stakeholders. He noted that there was some good dialog and how concerns about the GBTI and other issues were voiced. The Mayor then commented that Martin Avenue project is looking very good. End of reports.
- VIII. 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 thanked Mr. Perkins for coming and that an Executive Session with Council on tax issues is needed.*
- IX. 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 next meeting is on July 28th and that Council will be able to take the month of August off if the budget related items are approved. She noted that Finance Director S. Young will be taking minutes as she and Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger will be attending the Annual Elections Training. Finance Director S. Young spoke about the budget, reported that she is working on the reimbursements and the meeting with Attorney Bill Sims on the Use Tax Structure and the audit. Town Planner T. Smith working on clean-up, code compliance being done and working on the demolition process for the building (old motel) on easternmost part of town. PWD T. Weter reported on the status of the graffiti, restoration of the fire hydrant that blew off and that on the Martin Avenue project the sidewalks are done and street almost complete. He reported the new reports for the lagoon are being sent in to the Health

Department according to the new requirements. PWD T. Weter also reported that he is working on getting required easements and bypassing the BLM and that next week proposals for the Airport project will come in.

SSD K. Valenzuela reported that Kelly Cavanaugh is doing a great job with the Back to School Drive for school supplies. She noted that the Health Fair will be held at the Resource Center on July 25th, CAP is hosting a Job Fair on August 5th and that the Fire Department is doing Blood Pressure checks again for the Seniors.

End of reports.

- X. 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 Heather Goebel spoke about the Food for Fines program at the library. Resident Fred Hull spoke about the Fire Department training done on how to deal with a fire at a solar facility and mentioned a few historic highlights. He also noted that Martin Avenue looks great. No further public comment.**
- XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's) **No items requested.**
- XII. 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 **Council Member F. Fernandez moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No discussion. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously: 7 – 0. Time of adjournment: 5:31pm**

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 July 14, 2015 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk