

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the September 8, 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 September 8, 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 **Vice Mayor R. Henry called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Led by Vice Mayor R. Henry**
- C. Invocation **Provided by resident Fred Hull**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Chuck Turner - absent	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, Parks & Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner, Social Services Director [SSD] K. Valenzuela, Fire Chief F. Baldrige, Public Works Director [PWD] T. Weter, Airport Manager C. Drury, 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. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Council Member J. Turner. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously: 5 – 0.**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the July 28, 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 \$341,725.46 for the period of July 16, 2015 through August 31, 2015. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **2012-2013 Independent Audit Report and Financial:** Report The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action for the approval of Colby and Powell's Draft of the 2012-2013 Annual Financial Statement and Independent Audit Report. **Discussion and Action Finance Director S. Young asked Council if there were any questions. Question on the status of the audit and Finance Director S. Young reviewing the findings. corrective steps taken and noted that the auditors will be beginning the 2013/2014 audit in October. No further questions. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the 2012-2013 Independent Audit Report and Financial. Motion seconded by Council Member C. Kreeger. No further discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 5 – 0.**
- B. **Request for Donation:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on a request for donation submitted by the Gila Bend High School Student Council to assist with school year 2015-2016 expenses. **Discussion and Action. Question and discussion on whether the Town previously donated to the Student Council and amount requested. Finance Director S. Young introduced Student Council Treasurer Spencer Young who reviewed expenses of Student Council and requested donation of \$500.⁰⁰. Question and discussion on whether any fundraisers are done. Airport Manager C. Drury spoke about fundraisers done but explained that they don't always cover the costs incurred. Question and discussion on donation line item and amount available. Discussion on Finance Director S. Young and Airport Manager C. Drury putting together a 'donation' list for Council. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve a \$500.⁰⁰ donation to the Gila Bend High School Student Council. Motion seconded by Council Member F.**

Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to approve the \$500.⁰⁰ donation carried unanimously: 5 – 0.

C. Martin Avenue Pavement Project Change Order #1: The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve change order #1 for the Martin Avenue Pavement project in the amount of \$4,675.97. **Discussion and Action PWD T. Weter reviewed Change Order #1. Discussion on looking at quality and satisfaction of previous jobs done by bidding contractors not just awarding to the lowest bidder and doing an analysis/evaluation of contractor and job done. Discussion on striping. Council Member J. Turner motioned to approve the change order. Seconded by Council Member C. Kreeger. No further discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 5 – 0.**

D. Martin Avenue Pavement Project: The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve payment to Ace Asphalt in the amount of \$256,324.26 for the Martin Avenue Pavement Project. **Discussion and action. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve payment to Ace Asphalt. Second made by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 5 – 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)

Council Member C. Kreeger reported that since hiring SSD K. Valenzuela the Farmer's Market has improved 100% and that senior lunches have gone up from 10 – 15 seniors having lunch to 20 – 25 seniors eating. He noted that there were a record number [35] of seniors at the Community Center for lunch the other day and noted that he owes the increase to the staff sharing lunch with the seniors and talking with them. He thanked SSD K. Valenzuela for the great job she and staff are doing.

Council Member J. Turner spoke about the League of Cities and Towns annual conference he attended along with a few other council members, spouses and staff. He noted that the entire council should attend as the sessions were informative and interesting.

Council Member T. Sikes reported that the Elks Lodge had two memorial service receptions this past week and gave condolences to both families.

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 his meeting with APS regarding power outage issues and that the T.O. Nation grant for new ambulance that we applied for has been denied. Mr. Rubi reported on the letter he sent to Representative Grijalva in response to the letter received from him regarding the proposed Great Bend of the Gila National Monument and that a copy was also sent to the Yuma County Board of Supervisors, Arizona Legislators and President Obama. TM Rubi reported on the status of Hickman's Rendering Plant, Highway 85 resurfacing and on the abatement of the El Coronado, J Bar K Lodge demolition, Hinojosa cleaning up, making their business have more curb appeal and that the Circle K move is ongoing and moving forward. Question and discussion on any response from Chris Mayes about the GBTI and the proposed Great Bend of the Gila. Question and discussion on MAG. Question and discussion on the limit to improve and beautify being \$5,000.⁰⁰. Question and discussion on J Bar K Lodge building. Question and discussion on Hickman's location.

End of report.

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 on number of business licenses renewed, cancelled and Final Notices to go out. The Town Clerk also reported on the status of employee insurance and noted that she and Deputy Clerk C. Eisenberger will be attending the West Valley Clerks Quarterly Meeting in Peoria on September 16th.

Finance Director S. Young reported on the meeting with MCSO regarding the cost the Town has incurred for graffiti abatement, issues experienced with computers during the recent power outages along with the corrective steps All Covered is taking, ADT alarm system, and that all six (6) office employees [excluding the Town Manager] are now covering the front desk and utility billing duties on a rotation basis.

PRD C. Turner reported on the improved soccer program and noted that he will be attending the National Parks and Recreation conference. Question and discussion on whether Director C. Turner is a member of the National Parks & Recreation Association, the benefits of membership, that the League Conference included sessions covering Parks & Recreation issues and cost of membership being inexpensive.

SSD K. Valenzuela thanked Council Member C. Kreeger for his kind words and noted that she will pass them on to her staff. Reported that ESL classes soon starting and that the annual Pitch-In for Gila Bend will be on October 24th.

Fire Chief F. Baldrige reported on the small memorial service being held on 9/11 at 9:00 AM, best staffing of firehouse is in the evening and they have been very busy. Question and discussion on the number of accidents in the Gila Bend area recently.

Vice Mayor R. Henry asked for a report from the Chamber of Commerce. Chamber Coordinator Christina Hubbard reported on the recent Chamber meeting and noted that the Gila Bend Chamber and the Ajo Chamber will be collaborating more.

PWD T. Weter reported that they have been very busy with issues arising from the power outages, getting a lot of practice starting and running the generators where needed with cross training taking place. He reported on a sewer main break on Papago Street, numerous water service connects to the new line being done as many service accounts and some fire hydrants are still connected to the old water main line so that there are two main lines running. Reported on the issues arising from the downed transformers and the corrective steps being taken by APS could last more than two [2] weeks depending on reports.

Airport Manager C. Drury reported that No Fly Zone Arizona will take place on October 3rd and 4th and possibly return in December. He noted that Race Wars has moved their event to February, that Deer Valley has been breaking air space with their balloons and that he is receiving calls about fuel. Question and discussion on placing a sign advertising availability of fuel along Highway 85 and placing information on website.

End of reports.

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.)

Heather Goebel, resident, spoke about a new solar project in Tonopah. Fred Hull, resident, spoke about the 9/11 Memorial Service planned for Friday, September 11th and requested to use approximately 20 chairs. Mr. Hull requested that there should be a list of small events planned [like 9/11 Memorial Service] and the needs of each [like 20+ chairs needed] on a list so that Council make decisions and inform staff ahead of time. Mr. Hull then stated that he will give a \$1 bill to anyone who has not been greeted with a smile at the Community Center. Dianne Henry, resident, spoke about the League Conference, which she attended, and suggested that those that attended share what was learned with those who are interested. Discussion on a work session being held. TM E. Rubi reviewed League Conference and suggested a once-a-month Koffee Klatch with residents and others interested in attending. No further public comments.

- IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's) **No future agenda items.**
- X. 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.**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT **Council Member J. Turner moved to adjourn with a second from Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously: 5 – 0. Time of adjournment: 5:56 PM.**

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 September 8,, 2015 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk