

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

## Minutes of the July 28, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **Mayor C Turner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **led by Mayor C Turner**
- C. Invocation **was given by 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	

### 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 June 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action.**
- B. **Payment of Claims:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve claims in the amount of \$110,393.84 for the period of June 11, 2016 through June 22, 2016. **Discussion and Action.**

**Council Member J Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Seconded by Council Member J Rubalcava. Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented passed unanimously. (7-0)**

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

- A. **Ordinance 16-05 Property Tax Levy 2016-2017:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to adopt Ordinance 16-05; an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, hereby levying upon the assessed valuation of the property within the Town of Gila Bend subject to taxation a certain sum of each one hundred dollars (\$100.00), of valuation sufficient to raise the amount estimated to be required from licenses, fines and other sources of revenue; providing a general fund for general municipal expenses; all for the fiscal year ending the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017; and declaring an emergency. **Discussion and Action**

**Mayor C Turner read Ordinance 16-05 Property Tax Levy 2016-2017 by Title only. Council Member J Turner moved to adopt Ordinance 16-05 Property Tax Levy 2016-2017, declaring an emergency; Seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Motion to adopt passed unanimously. (7-0)**

- B. **Cancellation of Council meetings for the Month of July:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to cancel the regular Council meetings For the month July. **Discussion and Action**

**Council Member J Turner moved to approve the cancellation of Council meetings for the month of July 2016; Seconded by Vice-Mayor R Henry. Motion to approve passed unanimously. (7-0)**

- C. **Donation Request GBHS Football:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a donation request submitted by Freddie Burkhardt, GBHS Football Coach for use of the Linda McMahon Softball Field and the use of the lights at no cost for an all-night softball tournament to raise money for the 2016 football

season. **Discussion and Action**

***GBUSD Football Coach Freddie Burkhardt spoke about the request to use the Gila Bend Linda McMahon Field for an all night tournament in order to raise funds for uniforms and insurance for the 2016-2017 football season. He also advised that this is a community event and invited the Town to participate in the tournament. He requested the use of the field and lights at no cost. Council Member J Turner moved to approve the request of donation of the Gila Bend Linda McMahon Field to include the use of the lights at no cost for an all night tournament; Seconded by Council Member J Rubalcava. Motion to approve request passed unanimously. (7-0)***

D. **4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Road Closures:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to authorize the closure of St. Louis Avenue from Stout Street to Linda & Corine Way; Linda & Corine Way from just east of St. Louis to 307<sup>th</sup> Avenue on July 4, 2016 from 8:00 pm until 10:30 pm. **Discussion and Action**

***Council Member J Turner moved to approve the closure of the requested roads on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm; Seconded by Council Member C Kreeger. Motion to approve passed unanimously. (7-0)***

E. **Purchase of Ford F150 from City of Buckeye:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the purchase of a Ford F150 pickup from the City of Buckeye in the amount of \$10,000. **Discussion and Action**

**Council Member J Turner moved to approve the purchase of a Ford F150 from the City of Buckeye in an amount of \$10,000; Second by Council Member T Sikes. There was a brief discussion about the condition of the new vehicle and the condition of the old vehicle. Fire Chief F Birchfield advised that the new vehicle is in good condition and comes with everything excluding the decals and that the Fire Departments surplus equipment would be sold at auction to help offset the cost of the new vehicle. Motion to approve the purchase of a F-150 vehicle from the City of Buckeye in the amount of \$10,000 passed on a vote of 6-1 with Vice-Mayor Henry voting nay.**

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 J Rubalcava reported on his trip to Washington DC and that his campaign for the Legislature is moving along.***

***No other reports were given***

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)

***Town Manager M Celaya reported on the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration; the sewer leak on the Union Pacific property does not lie with the Town it is with Union Pacific and that the Town is working with Union Pacific to resolve the issue; he then challenged the Council and staff to enter a team in the upcoming GBUSD Football Benefit Tournament.***

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)

***No staff reports were given***

VIII. MSCO REPORT

(This is the time MCSO may present a brief summary on current events. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented)

***Lt. Scott of MCSO reported that he is the new Lt. for the Gila Bend area and that he will look at putting a team together for the GBHS Football Benefit Tournament. He also briefed the Council on last month's MCSO report noting a decrease in vehicle thefts and an increase in traffic tickets; he reported that he is looking into bringing back the bike patrol and adjusting work schedules; Mayor C Turner suggested that a monthly meeting be held with MCSO.***

IX. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

(This is the time Chamber of Commerce may present a brief summary on current events. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented)

***Christina Hubbard, Chamber Executive reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, that the Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Candidate Forum on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Media Center and that she has been meeting with the Town Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director.***

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.)

***Natu Bahkta, local business owner spoke about tying his Motel into the new water line.***

***Diane Henry reported that there will be a blood drive held on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 7 pm at the Community Center.***

***Esperanza Stewart, Librarian spoke about the Resource Center and that they will be hosting a life size Jenga game at the Community Center and invited Council to attend a concert that will feature an Australian Instrument at the Library on July 28<sup>th</sup>.***

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

***Vice-Mayor R Henry moved to place an item regarding the Yucca Motel waterline on the August agenda; Seconded by Council Member C Kreeger. Motion passed unanimously (7-0)***

***Vice Mayor R Henry moved to place an update on Highway 238 to the August agenda; Seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Motion passed unanimously (7-0)***

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 and/or A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) contract negotiations. **Discussion and Action**

**Mayor Turner called a ten minute recess at 5:35 pm  
Council entered into executive session at 5:45 pm pursuant to A.R.S. §38.431.03(A)(4)  
contract negotiations.**

**Regular meeting reconvened at**

XIII. 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 June 28, 2016 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk