

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the August 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

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	absent
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Clyde Kreeger	Council Member James Turner

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 23, 2016 special Council meeting minutes and June 28, 2016 regular Council meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action**
- B. **Payment of Claims:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$319,442.05 for the period of July 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016. **Discussion and Action**

Council Member J Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Seconded by Vice Mayor R Henry. Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented passed unanimously. (6-0)

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

- A. **Council Meeting of August 23, 2016:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to move the regular Council meeting of August 23, 2016 to August 22, 2016. **Discussion and Action**

Council Member J Turner moved to approve moving the Council meeting of August 23, 2016 to August 22, 2016; Seconded by Council Member T Sikes. Motion to approve the date change as presented passed unanimously. (6-0)

- B. **Yucca Drive Waterline Project:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the Yucca Motel Waterline Improvement in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. The new tie in would increase pressure and volume. **Discussion and Action**

Council Member J Turner moved to approve the Yucca Motel Waterline Improvement as presented; Seconded by Vice Mayor R Henry.

There was discussion regarding the size and location of the waterline. It was noted that the waterline lies in the Town right-of-way and an 8" line will be installed. There was a question about the Shell gas station and whether or not it will be connected, it was noted that the Shell Station is already looped. Discussion about abandoning the 4" line on Pima Street with Town Manager M Celaya suggesting that staff do another assessment of the line to include the abandonment of the 4" on Papago Street. Motion to approve Yucca Motel Waterline Improvement passed unanimously. (6-0)

- C. **Gila Bend Municipal Airport FAA Entitlement Funds:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the transfer of \$150,000 in FAA entitlement funds for the Gila Bend Municipal Airport to the Coolidge Airport, as requested by the FAA. **Discussion and Action**

Council Member J Turner moved to approve the transfer of \$150,000 in FAA entitlement funds to the Coolidge Airport as presented; Seconded by Council Member F Fernandez.

Parks and Recreation Director C Drury advised that these are entitlement funds each year. FAA is requesting the shift as the Town is at its maximum allowed. Town Manager M Celaya stated that the airport is set for a work session in the last meeting in September 2016. Motion to approve the transfer passed unanimously. (6-0)

- D. **Proposed Great Bend of The Gila National Monument:** Town Manager Michael Celaya will give an update on the proposed Great Bend of the Gila National Monument. **Discussion Only**

Town Manager M Celaya reviewed the proposed monument, the initiative, new legislation (including an amendment regarding setting up a committee) and the issues involved with the Gila National Monument. Emphasis was placed that the Council needs to take a stance. The Town Manager affirmed that the water rights will be secured and also spoke about transmission lines. Mayor C Turner expressed concern regarding the election and anything that will be signed before he leaves office. Currently, the Town Manager is meeting with representatives at the League discussing the location of the monument. The proposed I-11 Corridor could be a factor and was brought into the discussion. Town Manager proposed discussing the transmission initiative at another meeting since previous legislation had loop holes. Mayor C Turner spoke about previous stakeholders who were in opposition. The Mayor excused himself from the meeting as he had an EMS call at 5:22 pm. Mayor Turner returned as the call was cancelled.

- E. **USDA Waterline Project:** Town Manager Michael Celaya will give an update on the USDA Waterline Project. **Discussion Only**

The item USDA Waterline Project was tabled on a motion by Council Member F Fernandez and a second by Council Member T Sikes. Motion to table passed unanimously (6-0)

- 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 gave thanks to the Public Works Department and Town Crew for their dedication during the power outage.
Vice Mayor Henry indicated good job.
Council Member J Turner spoke about the 4th of July event noting the good job and the hard work by town staff.
Council Member T Sikes reported that a benefit dinner was held at the Elks Lodge and raised \$500.00 and that a youth dance was held this past Saturday.*

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 following:

Attended the ACMA conference at which there was discussion about the economy; Gila Bend was mentioned at the Conference; most cities and towns are moving to 0 based budgets; contingency line items were of concern and grants need to be leveraged.

The recent power outage brought forth the need to address certain deficiencies with the Towns EOP, staff will be working on a plan to improve the EOP.

4th of July Celebration was economic development, he spoke about the survey boards that were on display at the event and those boards resonated that the public believes that History and Town Police should be priority.

Traffic count – on SR 85 Monday thru Thursday 15,000 cars, Friday thru Sunday 20,000 cars, the Town needs to capitalize on the traffic coming thru Town. There is another traffic count scheduled for Labor Day Weekend.

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 reports will be presented by staff.

- A. **Finance Department:** Finance Director Stacey Young will report on the preliminary revenue/expenditures for F/Y ending 2016 and July 2016 Financial Report.

Finance Director S Young gave a report on the preliminary revenue/expenditures for FY ending 2016 and July 2016 Financial Report.

- B. **Social Services Department:** Social Services Director Kathy Valenzuela will report on the Community Action Program; Family Resource Center; Senior Center; Food Programs and Emergency Shelter Services.

Social Services Director K Valenzuela reported on the Community Action Program; Family Resource Center; Senior Center; Food Programs and Emergency Shelter Services noting that the audits went very well; funding and volume of clients served have increased; food programs should be a separate program and opportunities to cross train during emergencies should be utilized.

- C. **Community Development:** Project Coordinator Krista Vandermolen will give an update relative to the Community Development Department Plans and Permitting Process.

Project Coordinator K Vandermolen gave an update on the Community Development Department Plans and Permitting Process noting that community outreach is being planned by way of handouts and the web-site; she is enrolled in the permit tech certification program and is enjoying the educational opportunity.

- D. **Public Works:** Public Works Manager David Morris will report on the R/O Plant and Wastewater Plant.

Public Works Manager D Morris gave an update on the RO Plant and Wastewater Facility noting that the new pumps have been installed; need to

replace membranes on RO 2; RO 3 is back up and running; 100% production using anywhere from 400,000 gallons per day; blending is a 60 40 mix of wells 5 and 6; working to decrease electrical cost; the wastewater facility is back in compliance with ADEQ and working on decreasing electrical cost there as well.

- E. **Parks and Recreation:** Parks and Recreation Director Corey Drury will give a slideshow presentation on the 2016 4th of July Event.

Parks and Recreation Director C Drury presented a slide show of the 4th of July celebration and thanked everyone for their assistance and donations.

- 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.*)

Resident Mike Hubbard spoke about the possibility of obtaining generators and Fire Equipment from DRMO.

Resident Fred Hull thanked the Fire Department and Social Services Department for their service during the power outage.

Librarian Esparanza Stewart spoke about the summer reading program and that Maricopa County has a job opening for a part-time library assistant at the Gila Bend Branch.

Scott Swanson, Owner of Gila Bend KOA spoke that the Ranch House is also available for emergency shelter.

- IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's)

Council Member J Turner moved to add an item on an October to discuss street repairs and available funding. Seconded by Council Member C Kreeger. Motion passed unanimously (6-0)

- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to enter into 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) for the purpose of contract negotiations. **Discussion and Action**

Mayor C Turner called for a 5 minute recess and advised that Council would enter into an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) for the purpose of contract negotiations. Time 6:15 pm

Regular meeting reconvened at 6:25pm

- XI. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned on a motion by Council Member J Turner and a second by Council Member T Sikes. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously (6-0) at 7:25 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 August 9, 2016 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk