

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the February 8, 2011 regular Council meeting

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 6:01pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Led by Mayor Henry**
- C. Invocation **Given by Vice Mayor Hull**

## II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry  
Vice-Mayor Fred Hull  
Council Member Fernando Fernandez  
**(absent)**  
Council Member Armida Gonzalez

Council Member Chuck Turner  
Council Member James "Bud" Turner  
Council Member Donny Young **(arrive at 6:05pm)**

**Staff present: Town Manager Buss, Town Clerk Turner, Finance Director Young, Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer, Public Works Director Menard, Parks & Recreation Director Turner, Airport Manager Drury, Records Management Clerk Eisenberger, Counter Services Smith**

## 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 **Vice Mayor Hull requested that the minutes of the January 25, 2011 Council meeting Item G. Special Event Permit be amended from a vote of 4 yea – 0 nay to reflect a vote of 3 yea – 1 nay. Vice Mayor Hull motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously: 5-0.**

- A. Approval of January 25, 2011 Council meeting minutes: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the January 25, 2011 Council meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action (WHITE)**
- B. Payment of Claims: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$60,523.72 for January 15, 2011 through January 31, 2011. **Discussion and Action (GOLDENROD)**

## IV. BUSINESS - Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- A. Online Training Services. Staff request to approve 12 month contract with Target Safety for a not-to-exceed amount of \$7,000.00 for the provision of online training services. Target Safety provides over 650 online safety training courses and the training is intended for Gila Bend Volunteer Firefighters, Public Works Personnel, and Parks and Recreation Personnel. **Discussion and Action (LILAC) Councilmember C. Turner motioned to approve Item A. Motion seconded by Councilmember J. Turner. Vice Mayor Hull noted that the back-up for this item is just for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Birchfield noted that he researched for the Fire Department only but this is an excellent program with over 650 available classes with some covering areas pertaining to Public Works and Parks and Recreation. Discussion on how the classes work, assigning of classes done by department director, certificates issued upon passing of the class, and those who have utilized the classes recommend them. Town Manager Buss noted that the courses provided are certified and it makes sense for other departments to get certified training as needed. Town Manager Buss noted that the amount of \$7,000.<sup>00</sup> includes training for the Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments along with the Fire Department. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously: 6-0.**
- B. Special Event Permit. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve submittal of a special event alcohol permit to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control to allow for the sale of alcohol (beer/wine) at the Annual Butterfield Stage

Days, March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. **Discussion and Action (PINK) Councilmember J. Turner motioned to approve Item B. Motion seconded by Councilmember C. Turner. Vice Mayor Hull spoke against approving alcohol sales and noted that he would like an accounting of everything; of all revenue and expenses. Parks and Recreation Director Turner distributed information to the Council, spoke about the planned event and requested Council to approve the sale of beer and wine. Mayor Henry asked if sponsorship was sought and Director Turner informed the Council that sponsorship checks have already been received, spoke on the agreement with Golden Eagle Distributing and arrangement with MCSO to have an extra deputy at the event. It was noted that the arrangement with MCSO is something new, implemented with the arrival of the new captain of this area, Captain Brice. No further discussion. Motion passed with 5 yea votes and 1 nay vote by Vice Mayor Hull.**

C. Gila Bend Fire Department Firefighter Appointments. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the appointment of volunteer firefighters to the Gila Bend Fire Department. **Discussion and Action (GREEN) Councilmember C. Turner motioned to approve Item C. Motion seconded by Councilmember J. Turner. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.**

D. Request for Proposal for Professional Audit Services: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to allow staff to send out a Request for Proposal for Professional Audit Services for the Town of Gila Bend. **Discussion and Action (BLUE) Councilmember J. Turner motioned to approve Item D. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. Finance Director Young noted that this is standard procedure, Colby & Powell have been excellent but the agreement was for three years, which is up, and now we need to send out to bid. No further discussion. Motion 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)

**Councilmember Fernandez: Absent**

**Councilmember Gonzalez: Will be attending two meetings tomorrow. The first meeting addresses services available to the homeless; one of the available homes has 400 beds. At 6:30pm will be attending the CDAC meeting where cities and towns will be doing presentations in hopes to receive funding and the only town not competing for funding is Wickenburg.**

**Vice Mayor Hull: Congratulated Casey Espinosa for passing her EMT certification test.**

**Councilmember C. Turner: Reported that EMS has experienced problems locating residences in need of emergency services due to no numbers on houses. The time lost trying to determine the correct residence could be critical to those needing assistance. He requested that something be put in the next newsletter addressing this situation.**

**Councilmember J. Turner: No report**

**Councilmember Young: Commended Parks and Recreation Director Turner and his crew for the good job done at the concession stand and also let Director Turner know that he has some ideas to discuss with them.**

**Mayor Henry asked for reports from:**

**Town Clerk Turner: Reported that election publicity pamphlet has gone out and residents should be receiving them. Reported that there were two new business licenses provided to the applicants.**

**Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer: Reported that he will be attending the CDAD meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> addressing the Capital Ave. Water Line Project. He noted that he has been very busy but, unfortunately, projects are still confidential at this time.**

**Finance Director Young: Reported that as a result of the water usage audit her department conducted, it appears there may be some customers with more usage than seems reasonable and information on how to save on water usage will go out in the next billing.**

**Parks and Recreation Director Turner: Reported that 85% of the concession is completed, there are 24 kids in Flag Football and they will be starting repairs at the arena on bleachers and announcer booth. Reported that the lighting at Rotary Centennial Park is on hold until he receives approval from engineers and that the Little League will be changing name to**

**Little Diamondbacks as there is a great program beneficial to the teams participating in it. Public Works Director Menard: Reported that there are workable toilets in the Museum and the door for the Pink House has arrived. Reported that they will be doing clean-up of area across from the Fire Station that belongs to the Town and that on Monday he met with ADOT regarding the airport. Reported that he has been working diligently on getting numbers for the signage which will be delivered to Buckeye by the end of this month. Airport Manager Drury: Reported that the Fly-In was not as well attended by the public as hoped but that the turn-out from the pilots flying in was great. Mayor Henry: Congratulated those appointed to the Fire Department and thanked them.**

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

**Town Manager Buss reported that he met with Solana and progress was made on clearing up the confusion experienced by job applicants and that questions on job opportunities should be addressed to Social Services Director Dempsey and Librarian Goebel at the Community Center or Library. He reported that Care First wants to spread funding over a two year period instead of one year with a few details to be ironed out but, hopefully finalized within two weeks. Reported that we should hear something on the CON Rate Adjustment this week and that over 1,200 bills have been submitted by the legislature, the most ever, meaning it will be busy, busy, busy.**

VII. 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.*) **No public comment.**

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Town Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice for any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S.38-431.03(A)(3); for the purpose of obtaining legal advice regarding litigation pursuant to the Helm/Sabre Aircraft v. Town of Gila Bend pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4); and for the purpose of discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(7) **Councilmember C. Turner motioned to go into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0. Time: 6:33pm. Regular Council meeting reconvened at 7:01pm.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Councilmember C. Turner motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously: 6-0. Time of adjournment: 7:01pm**

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Ron Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beverly Turner, CMC  
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held February 8, 2011, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, CMC  
Town Clerk