

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the January 25, 2011 regular Council meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Henry**
- C. Invocation **Invocation by Town Attorney McClure**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry	
Vice-Mayor Fred Hull	Council Member Chuck Turner Absent
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member James "Bud" Turner Absent
Council Member Armida Gonzalez	Council Member Donny Young Absent

Staff present: Town Manager Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Town Clerk Turner, Finance Director Young, Social Services Director Dempsey, 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 motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez. No discussion. Motion to approve passed unanimously; 4-0**

- A. Approval of January 11, 2011 Council meeting minutes: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the January 11, 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 \$94,747.10 for January 1, 2011 through January 14, 2011. **Discussion and Action (BLUE)**

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

- A. Bid for Construction Services: Staff requests approval to advertise for bids for construction services related to the renovation of the Old Sheriff's Station located at 303 East Pima Street. The renovations are necessary to accommodate Care1st and First Things First. **Discussion and Action (SALMON) Vice Mayor Hull motioned to approve. Councilmember Fernandez seconded. Town Manager Buss noted that this relates to the approval for bid on the following two (2) items. No further discussion. Motion to approve passed unanimously; 4-0.**
- B. Grant Agreement with First Things First: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of a grant agreement between First Things First and the Town of Gila Bend. **Discussion and Action Vice Mayor Hull motioned to approve the grant Agreement with First Things First. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. Town Manager Buss spoke about the Towns desire to renovate/rehab this building for several years but it was cost prohibitive. Town Manager Buss gave a brief summary of both programs, First Things First and Care First. Discussion on amount of program funding to be \$365,000.⁰⁰, Town to provide \$15,000.⁰⁰ in funds and/or in-kind services, and funds available upon approval of both programs Boards. Discussion on hopefully having ready by September, approval of Agreements today are for capitol only and that two (2) more Agreements for operating will come before the Council in possibly May or June. Discussion on having Town staff and program staff recommend design of facility space. Town Manager Buss noted that there may be a chance of some very minor**

changes that will then come back before the Council. No further discussion. Vice Mayor Hull moved to amend his motion to approve the Grant Agreement with First Things First and authorizing Town Manager Buss to approve any minor changes if necessary. Councilmember Fernandez seconded. No further discussion. Motion to approve amended motion passed unanimously; 4-0

- C. Grant Agreement with Care1st: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of a grant agreement between Care1st and the Town of Gila Bend. **Discussion and Action** *Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve the Grant Agreement with Care 1st and authorizing Town Manager Buss to approve any minor changes if necessary. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded. No further discussion. Motion to approve passed unanimously; 4-0*
- D. Off-Site Data Storage Agreement: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve an agreement for off-site data storage with CityNAP. **Discussion and Action (GREEN)** *Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve the Off-Site Data Storage Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. Town Manager Buss noted that the Town currently has back-up for data but it is on the server, if something happens to the Town facility all data would be lost and that a T-1 line is needed to do daily back-up off-site. Town Manager Buss noted that research concluded that CityNAP looked to be the least expensive, the best solution with unlimited storage. Discussion on scanned documents, digitizing, equipment cost and ownership, save on monthly DSL costs and funds for off-site data storage were included in the budget. No further discussion. Motion to approve passed unanimously; 4-0.*
- E. Off-Site NAS Purchase: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action approve the purchase of NAS and Firewall equipment through All-Covered at a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,650.00. **Discussion and Action (SAME AS ITEM D. ABOVE)** *Vice Mayor Hull motioned to approve Off-Site NAS Purchase. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. A question on what NAS stands for was answered by Town Manager Buss' reply, Network Attached Storage. No further discussion. Motion to approve passed unanimously; 4-0*
- F. T1 Service Agreement with Qwest: Request by Staff to procure a T1 line for the Town Hall through Qwest Communications in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 per month, replacing the current DSL service. This is requested to enable off-site data storage and Qwest is a sole source provider, and is on the state procurement contract. **Discussion and Action (SAME AS ITEM D. ABOVE)** *Vice Mayor Hull made a motion to approve the T1 Service Agreement with Qwest. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. Discussion on T1 line will be beneficial when upgrading the phone system to a more flexible and user-friendly system and that the phone system upgrade will go before the Council in the future. No further discussion. Motion to approve passed unanimously; 4-0*
- G. 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 only) at the 2nd Annual Airfare to be held February 4th and 5th, 2011 at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport. **Discussion and Action (PINK)** *Airport Manager Drury noted that this will be the 2nd Annual Fly-In, many attendees from last year's event are requesting that beer be sold at the event and that beer sales generate revenue and boost attendance. Discussion on serving beer will be done by veterans who are volunteering, kids activities will not be near beer sales area, and plenty of other drinks will be available for purchase at separate booth. Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve the Special Event Permit. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez. No further discussion. Motion to approve passed unanimously; 4-0*
- 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: No report
Councilmember Gonzalez: Reported that she has been invited to become a Board Member for the Adelante Health Clinic, will be attending the first meeting on Thursday, believes

this will be a good thing and the interests of the Town can be brought up.

Vice Mayor Hull: Congratulated Fire Chief Birchfield for receiving his EMT certification and noted that there are now a couple of EMT's in the Fire Department.

Mayor Henry: Reported that a second solar plant is officially in Gila Bend, information on the solar plant can be found on the Town of Gila Bend website and that construction on the overpass is to begin this Monday (January 31st)

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Buss gave a PowerPoint presentation on and summary of the tour he went on of the Acciona solar plant as a guest of Solar One. The plant is located 60 miles from Las Vegas and similar in situation to Gila Bend, with one difference being that the Acciona plant does not have salt storage for power production at night. Town Manager Buss reported that the Work Force Development Program is a job training program that Social Services Director Dempsey has been assisting to put in place. He noted that as solar plants go up and growing, a live training/internship for ASU students could be set up as several types of panels will be in operation. He mentioned that Acciona also showed an interest in the possibility of locating a small plant here. Mayor Henry asked if panels receive much damage and Town Manager Buss commented that the biggest concern is the wind, but that the plant(s) have an on-site weather station and turn down the panels when informed of approaching bad weather.

Mayor Henry asked for reports from:

Town Clerk Turner: Reported two (2) new business licenses for construction were submitted, the USDA interest rate is down, and working on getting the Election ready to go.

Finance Director Young: Reported that the auditors are finalizing the audit, completed the preliminary audit for water utility billing and found some issues that are being taken care of now. She noted that she will be attending an annual conference in Prescott next month and that a purchase order log has been put in place making the process more efficient.

Parks & Recreation Director Turner: Reported that work on the concession area is 75% complete, met with SunState and did a walk-through of the parks and discussed playground equipment replacement and adding splash pads and that he has been working on Butterfield Stage Days. He reported that he took several children to the Hoop Shoot in Wickenburg and that there has been an issue of drinking in the park that MCSO has been made aware of and will address. Reported that he is looking at the possibility of purchasing a stage coach as price for one is good right now and that without the shrimp farm in production the Shrimp Fest may possibly change to something else; a solar festival perhaps.

Public Works Director Menard: Reported ADEQ passed the Water/Wastewater, the second Solar Bee will be installed tomorrow, working with coordinating the block numbers on the street signs and we are moving forward with the airport museum. He reported that potholes are being filled in, cleaning up traffic control signs for use and that Well #4 area has been cleaned up and is looking good.

Social Services Director Dempsey: Thanked Town Manager Buss for all he has done to get the First Things 1st and Care 1st programs going, that Americorp will be doing their Silver Sneakers program for one year and that it is exciting that higher education will be available for job training.

Mayor Henry introduced Captain Brice with MCSO, who is now in charge of this area. Captain Brice gave a brief history of his 18 years of service with MCSO. He noted that there are lots of issues with a lot of things going on. He informed that they are evaluating detectives and Gila Bend will have another "floater" deputy available along with a "power squad" on weekends. Reported that a deputy will be on-site during future Council meetings for security purposes. Heather Goebel, resident, asked if anything could be done about the buildings that are an eyesore. Captain Brice commented that this should be done through the town and reported to the Town Manager. Social Services Director

Dempsey noted that abundance of tagging incidents and that she really liked Deputy Ortega, very nice officer.

Airport Manager Drury: Reported that the 2nd Annual Fly-In will begin on February 4th with a bar-b-que with no cost but asking for a donation and the Shack Shaker Band will be playing. Reported that on February 5th the Veterans will be doing a breakfast, lawn mower races, vendors, informational booths and beer. He noted that it might be the last time for the races due to the aviation museum building to be built in that spot.

- 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) **No Executive Session called**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT
Vice Mayor Hull made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. Motion passed unanimously; 4-0 Time of adjournment: 6:58pm

Ron Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held January 25, 2011, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk