

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the July 26, 2011 regular Council meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order – **Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – **Led by Mayor Henry**
- C. Invocation – **given by Fred Hull**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry
Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner
Council Member Fernando Fernandez
Council Member Armida Gonzalez

Council Member Steve Holt
Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Donny Young – **arrived at
6:07 pm**

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 July 12, 2011 Council meeting minutes: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the July 12, 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 \$111,038.66 for the period of July 1, 2011 to July 15, 2011. **Discussion and Action**
Council Member S Holt moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member A Gonzalez. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

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

- A. Old Street Signs: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to recycle and sell old Gila Bend “Monster” street signs. **Discussion and Action PWD Menard advised that his proposal is to sell the old street signs to the general public and recycle the ones that do not sell. Council Member T Sikes moved to put the street signs up for sale on a first come first serve basis for \$5.00 each with the remaining sent to Buckeye for recycling. Motion seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Full-Time Fire Chief Position. Authorization to create the position of a Full-Time Fire Chief and for staff to begin the professional recruitment process. **Discussion and Action. Town Manager Buss noted that this item would only allow staff to begin the professional recruitment process for a Fire Chief. Council Member S Holt moved to allow staff to begin the process. Seconded by Council Member T Sikes. Motion passed unanimously.**
- C. Interim Battalion Chief Program: Request by Town Manager to adopt and fund an interim Battalion Chief Program, raising the per day on call pay from \$50.00 to \$100.00, for one Battalion Chief per day. The program is intended to be interim in nature until a full-time Fire Chief is hired. **Discussion and Action Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to approve the Interim Battalion Chief Program. Seconded by Council Member T Sikes. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Resolution 11-11: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. **Discussion and Action Council Member S Holt moved to approve Resolution 11-08. Seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. After a brief discussion about salary and wage increases Council Member S Holt amended his motion to approve resolution 11-08 holding current wage and salaries. Motion seconded by Council Member A Gonzalez. Motion to approve holding current wage and salaries passed unanimously.**

- E. Ordinance 11-08: 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 30th Day of June, 2012; and declaring an emergency. **Discussion and Action Mayor R Henry read Ordinance 11-08 by Title only. Town Manager Buss noted that this Ordinance is required by State Statutes and is a primary property tax. Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-08 was made by Council Member S Holt and seconded by Vice-Mayor C Turner. Motion passed unanimously.**
- F. Authorization to Call for Bids: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on authorizing a call for bids for a Tinder and a Brush Truck for the Fire Department. Any purchases will require further Council approval and authorization to transfer funds from the Contingency Fund. **Discussion and Action It was noted that this is only authorization to call for bid not purchase. Assistance Chief Baldrige noted that new equipment would create new revenue advising that the Department has received \$1,100 in revenues for this year. He also noted this equipment could make a difference in the ISO rating. Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to approve the authorization to call for bid for a Tinder and Brush Truck. Seconded by Council Member T Sikes. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 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 F Fernandez reported that he, Council Member S Holt and Mayor Henry visited Rocky Point where they met with the Mayor and Staff of Rocky Point. Council Member A Gonzalez reported that she attended the Clinica Adelante Board meeting. Council Member S Holt reported on the trip to Rocky Point commenting the trip went well and in his opinion is a good start to the Sister Cities program. Council Member T Sikes expressed his gratitude to Assistant Fire Chief Baldrige for stepping in with the Fire Department. PWD B Menard reported that the auction has been scheduled for September; the contract for the jetting services is complete and the project should begin on Monday; backflow device has been installed at the Care 1st Facility and he advised that the environmental station at the sewer ponds are a breeding ground for mosquitoes and he is working with several entities to alleviate the problem. Planning and Economic Development Director E Fitzer reported that bids have been received for the Butterfield Trail Waterline and that staff will be recommending the installation of 12" line vs 8" line. He commented that a first scope of work is being completed for a Regional Transportation Study where the Town, MAG and MCDOT are all funding partners. PEDD Fitzer also commented that with the bid savings on some projects it might be possible to bring in another waterline off Business Loop 8 to complete the loop and eliminate the need for the booster pump station. Parks & Recreation Director C Turner reported that the mowers are down; softball tournament has been cancelled due to lack of entries; next week last week for pool to be open looking at extending; making preparations on Gatlin Site. Finance Director S Young commented that she attended a conference on Davis Bacon Wages; the budget has been inputted and balanced to work sheets; ATZMA grant application is complete and that Fire Chief Roach will be out to talk to the Town about the ISO rating. Assistant Fire Chief F Baldrige commented on the new on-call program, advising that the members are now more involved. Community Services Director D Dempsey commented that she is preparing emergency kits and the Power Plant has donated the containers for the kits.
- VI. MCSO REPORT
Sgt. Dan Jones reviewed the June report commenting that his guys are working hard and they are busy with an increase in copper thefts.

Mayor R Henry commented that the main part of the trip to Rocky Point was regarding the Sister Cities Program.

VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager R Buss spoke about the Sister Cities Program. He commented he met with a Sister Cities Board member; commented about Assistant Chief Fred Baldrige and thanked Council for their support on the Fire Department; A council work session is scheduled for August 23rd to discuss funding avenues for the department; meeting with Chris Mays of the Arizona Corporation Commission to discuss Solar summit; Regional Transportation meeting to discuss framework study to have rail brought through Gila Bend; the Town is in the final 2 for a potential locate; working on additional locates.

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, Librarian, asked if the Crossroads Project received their environmental compatibility.

Gracie Pinette commented that Mr. Pies should be commended for his assistance with the house fire on Norma; she also commented on the sale of the street signs asking why are we going to pay for signs if they are no good and pay for something we have already paid for; she asked the Council if they no how to just say no.

IX. 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) 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.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member A Gonzalez. Motion passed; Time 6:39 pm.

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 July 26, 2011, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk