

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the March 22, 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 **Led by Mayor Henry**
- C. Invocation **Attorney McClure gave the Invocation**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry
Vice-Mayor Fred Hull
Council Member Fernando Fernandez
Council Member Armida Gonzalez

Council Member Chuck Turner
Council Member James "Bud" Turner
Council Member Donny Young **–arrive
6:11pm**

Staff present: Town Manager Buss, Town Clerk Turner, Finance Director Young, Planning and Economic Development Director Fitzer, Public Works Director Menard, Parks and Recreation Director Turner, Fire Chief Birchfield, Airport Manager Drury, Records Management Clerk Eisenberger (arrived at 6:20pm)

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 **Councilmember C. Turner requested that Items B and C be removed from the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor F. Hull moved to approve Items A, D and E. Motion seconded by Councilmember A. Gonzalez. Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A, D and E passed unanimously; 6-0**

- A. Approval of March 7, 2011 Council meeting minutes: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the March 7, 2011 Council meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action (WHITE)**
- B. Mayor and Council Laptops: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the purchase of seven (7) Dell Latitude E5510 laptops, at a total cost of \$10,056.03, which includes Microsoft Office and a three (3) year complete care accidental damage protection policy. **Discussion and Action (BLUE) Discussion on Item B being removed and voted on when the new Council is seated and the same for Item C. Vice Mayor Hull motioned to remove Item B and Item C until the new Council is seated. Motion seconded by Councilmember C. Turner. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.**
- C. All-Covered Contract Adjustment: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on adjusting the rate for All-Covered to \$1,600.00 per month. The change is necessitated by the addition of 7 laptops/workstations. **Discussion and Action SAME AS ITEM B. ABOVE**
- D. Maricopa County Human Services Grant for the CAP Program: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to accept funding for the CAP Program. **Discussion and Action (YELLOW)**
- E. 2009-2010 Independent Audit Report and Financial Report: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action for the approval of Colby and Powell's 2009-2010 Annual Financial Statement and Independent Audit Report. **Discussion and Action (LILAC)**

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

- A. Resolution 11-04; Canvass Of Votes: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, approving the canvass of votes for that certain primary election of March 8, 2011. A copy of said canvass being attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as if

fully set forth. **Discussion and Action (PINK)** Mayor R. Henry read Resolution 11-04 by title. Councilmember J. Turner moved to approve Resolution 11-04. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor F. Hull. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0

B. Council Retreat: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve setting a Council Retreat for April 12, 2011, in place of the regular Council meeting. **Discussion and Action** Vice Mayor F. Hull moved to approve setting the Council retreat for April 7, in place of the regular council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember A. Gonzalez. Passed unanimously; 6-0

C. Change Orders 11-12 Waterlines and Fire Hydrants Replacement Project: The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend shall discuss and possibly take action to approve Change Orders 11 through 12 related to the Waterlines and Fire Hydrants Replacement Project. **Discussion and Action (SALMON)** Planning Director Fitzer reviewed the change orders noting delays were due to locates of utilities and the reconciliation with parts. He also noted the possibility of one more Change Order for the bore pit, and Sellers and Sons doing chip seal in front of the Mercado. There was discussion on the as-builts and it was advised that the as-builts will be provided once all change orders have been submitted. Town Manager Buss advised that this project is well under budget. Vice Mayor F. Hull moved to approve change orders as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember A. Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.

D. Butterfield Trail Waterline Bid Alternative Request: The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a request by staff to allow the Town to issue a bid alternative request for an 8" and 12" waterline along Butterfield Trail. **Discussion and Action (GREEN)** Planning Director Fitzer reviewed the request and noted that the 8" line will not meet requirements, need for 12 inch line to address fire suppression, and that USDA concurs with the increase in line size as long as the cost does not exceed the amount stated in the PER. Councilmember J. Turner moved to approve request as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember D. Young. Motion passed unanimously; 7-0

E. Annexation 11-01: The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend shall discuss and possibly take action to direct staff to file a blank petition, Annexation 11-01, in the office of the Maricopa County Recorder as proposed or request that staff include other properties adjacent To the proposed Annexation 11-01. **Discussion and Action (WHITE)** Planning Director Fitzer noted that the Town can annex the RO plant with only one signature and that this can be done with minimal issues. Discussion on the annexation process, the valuation process, annexation map, pros and cons of the inclusion of other property owners and Cemetery Road issues. Motion to approve filing a blank annexation petition was made by Councilmember J. Turner. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. Motion to approve passed unanimously; 7-0

F. State Trust Land Annexation: The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend shall discuss the Town of Gila Bend Proposal to annex approximately 11,461 acres of Arizona State Land which border the Town of Gila Bend Incorporated Limits to the east between that of the Town limits and the Sonoran Desert National Monument. **Discussion Only (WHITE)** Planning Director Fitzer spoke about the meetings with the State Land Department, their desire for renewable energy money being kept in the state and their land along SR85. Director Fitzer presented our solar overlay zone to them and noted that there are multiple steps required. Town Manager Buss added that Gary Smith of Jokake has been instrumental in fostering our relationship with State Land Dept.

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: Congratulations to Steve Holt for winning seat on the Council

Councilmember Gonzalez: No Report

Vice Mayor Holt: Thanked Steve Holt for running for Council and congratulations

Councilmember Young: Reported that the ball team is 6 in 3 this far and we will be fine

Councilmember J. Turner: Thanked the citizens for voting and congratulated Steve Holt
Councilmember C. Turner: Noticed that some millings were being laid down next to Burger King and it was an excellent job that will help control dust. He hopes to see more.
Mayor Henry: No report

Mayor Henry asked for reports from:

Town Clerk Turner: Reported she is preparing for the May election

Finance Director Young: Attended a meeting, along with Town Clerk B Turner, regarding property tax and assessed value. We are looking at a 5% loss (projected estimate). Most towns looking at a double-digit loss

Planning and Economic Development Director Fitzer: Attended great meeting with a Swiss company and several other entities on bringing solar to Gila Bend that will benefit each other and that renewable energy is one of our Governors main points. Attended the Sonoran Institute meeting regarding solar and transmission line planning for other markets and large scale developments that generate jobs. SOLON is formally permitted and we received their check. First Solar submitted grading plans and should be in development in the next few months.

Parks and Recreation Director Turner: Provided breakdown on the Butterfield Stage Days, working on Lil D-backs registration, Vice Mayor Hull had some excellent suggestions on Memorial Day Observance, have been working with the fireworks people and it looks as if we will be spending \$9,000 just on the fireworks this 4th of July.

Public Works Director Menard: Safety supplies put in trucks, providing employees with equipment, began weed spraying, cleaning up illegal dump at wastewater treatment plant that could affect monitoring, had two groups show up for the tank removal bid and award of bid will be made soon. Reported that more new trucks came in to the dealership and should arrive here in 1 ½ weeks, the sign material is not in yet, airport lights are all operational, and the fence around airport has a 20 foot hole resulting from a high speed chase involving MCSO and a vehicle that crashed through the fence and fell in 20' hole, (they did not get the person who bailed out and ran on foot). Reported that the aluminum rowboat at wastewater pond has been stolen.

Captain Brice with MCSO commented that he is very interested in the town, did not know of rowboat, and had lots of activity this month. He reported that there have been three or four major incidents, there are two extra detectives now in Gila Bend, and that copper thefts outside of the city limits with seven or eight wells hit and stripped. Advised that the Town should watch city property and wells, there have been three incidents in town where train yard is being hit with actual tracks stolen and they have made several arrests. Captain Brice noted there is lots and lots of drug activity which is a common problem in this area, every week there has been three to five major arrests for 500 – 1500 lbs of marijuana, upcoming event soon will he make TM aware of logistics but cannot be specific at this time. He noted there have had changes in personnel, there are two detectives here on weekends and weekdays and spending nights doing surveillance, working with Parks & Rec last 2-3 events to help with events and address issues. Captain Brice commented that the Town has a great Town Manager and thanked the Council for all of their support. He noted that he will work on stolen boat and dumping, and noted that copper, steel and metal theft is really bad right now.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Buss thanked Captain Brice for significant increased communication which has been excellent and noted that Captain Brice has requested to be on the agenda for the last meeting of every month. Captain Brice apologized to Vice Mayor Hull as he had his number mixed up with the Town Managers and called him by mistake. Attended the Care First and First Things First construction meeting last week with Scope hopefully out by next week for beginning the bidding process. Today received a call from Mr. Santiago that there will be \$150,000 in this budget for operating cost and that by the next meeting he should be able to provide a list of services that will be provided. Manager Buss noted that there will be 14 different programs that attend to the whole person. Attended several conferences including the AZ Energy Conference with he and Eric presenting to several major entities and are making progress. Has begun the required process for the Terry Bradshaw show segment. Presented Mayor Henry with a special memento plaque recognizing his father, Bill Henry, and the contributions made to the Town and its residents.

- 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.*) **Dayle Birchfield, resident, suggested that the Town restart the Economic Development Committee like the Town had several years ago to promote solar area, noted that the TV promo is a good start, the committee can do special events since the Town has a department that does that and a committee that can be used. Ms. Birchfield noted that the Town has funds and can really work on promoting Gila Bend. Heather Goebel, resident, reported that a gang awareness workshop is taking place at San Lucy right now, that they have a speaker and workshop is from 6pm to 10pm this evening.**
- 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) **No Executive Session called.**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT
Councilmember C. Turner moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor F. Hull. Motion passed unanimously; 7 – 0. Time of adjournment: 6:46pm

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 March 22, 2011, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk