

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
GILA BEND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday June 13, 2023; 6:00pm
Gila Bend Unified School District Media Center
308 North Martin Avenue
MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Call to order **meeting called to order at 6:00 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **led by Mayor Tommy Sikes**
- C. Invocation **given by Steve McClure**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Tommy Sikes	Council Member Chris Riggs absent
Vice Mayor James Turner	Council Member Scott Swanson
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member Donny Young
Council Member Clyde Kreeger	

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 following meeting minutes:
May 16, 2023 special meeting
May 23, 2023 regular meeting
Discussion and possible action
- B. **Payment of Claims:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$47,082.84 and approve claims in the amount of \$111,043.84 all for the period of May 18, 2023 through June 2, 2023. **Discussion and possible action**
Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented
Second by Councilmember Clyde Kreeger
With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed unanimously (6-0)
For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers
Fernando Fernandez, Donny Young, Clyde Kreeger and Scott Swanson
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Councilmember Chris Riggs

Mayor Tommy Sikes moved Item IV. J immediately after the Consent Agenda

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

- A. **FY 2023-2024 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Contract:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the FY 2023-2024 contract by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in the amount of \$74,474.00.
Discussion and possible action

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the FY 2023-2024 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Contract with the Town of Gila Bend in the amount of \$74,474 as presented
Second by Councilmember Clyde Kreeger

With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Contract as presented passed unanimously (6-0)

For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers
Fernando Fernandez, Donny Young, Clyde Kreeger and Scott Swanson

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Councilmember Chris Riggs

- B. **Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office contract for law enforcement services in the amount of \$729,251.24. **Discussion and possible action (ITEM TABLED 5/23/2023)**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Agreement with the Town of Gila Bend for law enforcement services in the amount of \$729,251.24 as presented

Second by Councilmember Fernando Fernandez

Resident Fred Hull spoke to Council about the MCSO contract renewal and suggested that Council sit down and talk about whether the Paloma Security contract is necessary as the Town is hiring for a Town Marshal

Vice-Mayor James Turner asked about the length of the contract and if the Town is able to back out

With no further discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Agreement as presented passed unanimously (6-0)

For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers
Fernando Fernandez, Donny Young, Clyde Kreeger and Scott Swanson

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Councilmember Chris Riggs

- C. **Easement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a request from Southwest Gas for an easement at the Papago Street Alignment between N Scott Avenue and North Johnny Street. **Discussion and possible action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Easement request from Southwest Gas at the Papago Street Alignment between N Scott Avenue and Johnny Street as presented

Second by Councilmember Fernando Fernandez

Sandra Hoffman with Southwest Gas introduced herself to Council and was available for any questions

A short discussion was had regarding the type of easement which is for a gas line

With no further discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the Easement for Southwest Gas as presented passed unanimously (6-0)

For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers
Fernando Fernandez, Donny Young, Clyde Kreeger and Scott Swanson

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Councilmember Chris Riggs

- D. **Easement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve an easement for a private sewer service across a property owned by the Town. **Discussion and possible action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Easement for a private sewer service across a property owned by the Town as presented

Second by Councilmember Fernando Fernandez

Councilmember Scott Swanson asked about the sewer line and if any other people such as neighbors tap into this same line

Town Clerk Beverly Turner confirmed that no, it is a private sewer

With no further discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the Easement for a private sewer service across property owned by the Town as presented passed unanimously (6-0)

For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers Fernando Fernandez, Donny Young, Clyde Kreeger and Scott Swanson

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Councilmember Chris Riggs

- E. **Grant Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to accept a grant from the Arizona Emergency Medical System in the amount of \$10,000 for two Gila Bend Volunteer Fire Department members to attend Paramedic School. **Discussion and possible action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Grant Agreement from the Arizona Emergency Medical System in the amount of \$10,000 for two Gila Bend Volunteer Fire Department members to attend Paramedic School as presented

Second by Councilmember Donny Young

Mat Taylor EMT with the Gila Bend Fire Department gave a presentation to the Council outlining the details of the program and the current staffing concerns

With no further discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the Grant Agreement from the Arizona Emergency Medical System in the amount of \$10,000 for two Gila Bend Volunteer Fire Department members to attend Paramedic School as presented passed unanimously (6-0)

For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers Fernando Fernandez, Donny Young, Clyde Kreeger and Scott Swanson

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Councilmember Chris Riggs

- F. **4th of July Celebration Road Closures:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to authorize the closure of St. Louis Avenue from Stout Street to Linda & Corine Way; Linda & Corine Way from just west of Sand Tank Wash to Logan Avenue on July 4, 2023 from 8:00 pm until 10:30 pm. **Discussion and Action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the 4th of July Celebration Road Closures of St. Louis Avenue from Stout Street to Linda and Corine Way; Linda & Corine way from just west of Sand Tank Wash to Logan Avenue on July 4, 2023 from 8:00 pm until 10:30pm as presented

Second by Councilmember Fernando Fernandez

With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the 4th of July Celebration Road Closures as presented passed unanimously (6-0)

For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers

Fernando Fernandez, Donny Young, Clyde Kreeger and Scott Swanson

Against: 0


Abstain: 0

Absent: Councilmember Chris Riggs

- V. **PALOMA SECURITY REPORT**
(This is the time Paloma Security may present a brief summary on current events. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented)
No Report
- VI. **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 except that an individual Council Member may ask that an item be placed on a future agenda)
No Current Events
- VII. **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 except that an individual Council Member may ask that an item be placed on a future agenda)
Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela reported on the West Valley Mayor and Manager's meeting and the discussion on Prop 400 regarding the impacts of Prop 400 if it is not passed. Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela along with Mayor Tommy Sike and Councilmember Scott Swanson will be meeting with Senator Mark Kelly to represent Gila Bend.
- 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 Fred Hall spoke to Council regarding the Waste Management contract and suggested the Town sell the \$275,000 dump truck and purchase a garbage truck to pick up trash in Gila Bend. Mr. Hull Spoke about Waste Management's relationship with Saudia Arabia a country that does not recognize women's rights and freedom of speech.
- IX. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's)
Vice-Mayor James Turner would like to have a discussion on whether or not to continue the Paloma Security Contract.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT**
Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm

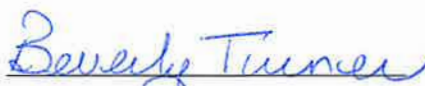

Tommy Sikes, Mayor

ATTEST


Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Council Meeting held on June 13th, 2023 and that the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.


Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

This agenda posted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting at the following locations:

Town Website: www.gilabendaz.org

Gila Bend Post Office bulletin board: 109 W Papago

Gila Bend Town Hall lobby: 644 W Pima

Community Center lobby: 202 N Euclid

Family Resource Center: 308 E Pima