



Council Work Sessions & Meetings

June 2015



A Work Session to discuss the upcoming FY2015 – 2016 Budget is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2nd. The regularly scheduled Council Meetings for June are June 9th and June 23rd.

Work Sessions are meetings that are usually (but not always) held separate from the regular Council meeting with a separate agenda. Work Sessions are usually held when Council feels an item, like the budget, needs more in-depth discussion before they place the item on the agenda for action. No vote is taken for a Work Session agenda item since these are set as Discussion Only items. Work Sessions are open to the public. During budget time, council members attend more work sessions as they work towards approving the Final Budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Regular Council Meetings are meetings scheduled for predetermined days/times per Town Ordinance. The Town of Gila Bend set their regular Council Meetings for the second and fourth Tuesday's of every month, beginning at 5:00 PM at the Gila Bend Unified School District Media Center. If a regular meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting will be re-set or cancelled. During the regular meetings, council members vote to approve, not approve, or table to a future meeting any items listed for discussion and action on the agenda. Anything that is not listed on the agenda cannot be brought up for discussion and cannot be acted upon by council members. Though not required by law, the Town of Gila Bend allows comments from the public at regular council meetings during the agenda item titled, *Call To The Public*. This agenda item is included on every regular Council Meeting agenda. Council Meetings are open to the public. The public is encouraged to attend.

Executive Sessions can be held separately or as part of a regular Council Meeting. Executive Sessions, by law, can only be held for seven (7) limited purposes and no voting takes place during the Executive Session. Executive Sessions are not open to the public and the Minutes of the Executive Session are kept confidential. Council Members may not divulge any discussion that takes place

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Now You Can Pay Your Utility Bill On-line

June 1, 2015



Residents and business owners can now pay their Town of Gila Bend utility bill on-line using their credit or debit card. The Town has contracted with *Xpress Bill Pay* to offer this service, free-of-charge, to residents and business owners receiving a monthly utility bill from the Town for water and sewer service.

To pay your utility bill on-line, customers must first register with *Xpress Bill Pay*. To register for on-line utility bill payment, go to the Town of Gila Bend website at www.gilabendaz.org. Go to the *How Do I* section at the top of the home page and click on the the drop down box heading, *Pay My Utility Bill Online*. Follow the instructions provided on the page. Once you are registered, you can quickly access your account to pay future utility bills by clicking on the *ePay* link on the left side of the homepage.

Along with the instructions on how to register with *Xpress Bill Pay*, you will find information about the service and some answers to the most commonly asked questions about using *Xpress Bill Pay* to pay your utility bill on-line.

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during an Executive Session. For the Executive Session, the public will either be asked to leave the room or those attending the Executive Session will move to private quarters to attend to the business listed on the agenda. After an Executive Session has ended, members of the Town Council will reconvene to the regular meeting to address the next agenda item or adjourn. You can find more information on the law regarding Executive Sessions by reading Arizona State Revised Statute 38-431.03.

June Community Calendar



- **06/02 – Work Session-Budget: 5:00pm – Media Center**
- 06/02 – Lil D’backs Baseball Season Begins (9 – 12 years)
- 06/03 – Softball Begins: McMahon Field (13+ years)
- 06/04 – Farmer’s Market: GB Family Resource Center
- 06/05 – T-ball Begins: McMahon Field (ages 4 – 8 years)
- **06/09 – Council Meeting: 5:00pm – Media Center**
- 06/14 – Flag Day
- 06/21 – Father’s Day / Official 1st Day of Summer
- **06/23 – Council Meeting: 5:00pm - Media Center**
- **07/04 – July 4th Celebration**

Water/Wastewater Emergency Contact Numbers

June 2015



The Town of Gila Bend has an “On-Call” contact phone number for **Water/Wastewater emergencies** that occur during after-hours (Town Office closed), on weekends or on holidays.

Types of emergencies that warrant calling the On-Call Emergency phone number would include a break in a main water line, a break in a sewer line or a dislodged or missing manhole cover that creates a road/driving hazard or a public safety issue, etc. The On-Call Emergency Contact number **SHOULD NOT** be used to report a shut off/interruption in service that you want turned on, billing questions or any other type of water/wastewater non-emergency.

If you need to report a **Water/Wastewater EMERGENCY** situation and it is during the week-end, a holiday, or after-hours, please be prepared to report the following to the person answering your call:

- 1) the nature of the emergency (ie: a large amount of water gushing out and running down the street)
- 2) location where the emergency is occurring (ie: on the corner of Pima Street and Martin Avenue)
- 3) You may be asked to provide your name and contact information.

To report a Water/Wastewater emergency, please call the **Water/Wastewater Emergency On-Call Contact number: 928-220-2603.**

Please remember that this is a contact number for Water/Wastewater Emergencies only. If you are experiencing any other type of emergency, call 9-1-1.

Parks & Recreation Programs

June 2015

June 2nd begins the **Lil D’backs Baseball** season in Gila Bend for kids **ages 9 – 12 years old**. The following day, **June 3rd**, **Softball** season for kids **ages 13 years and older** begins at **McMahon Field**. **T-ball** starts for kids between the **ages of 4 – 8 years** at **McMahon Field on June 5th**.

To register your child or children to participate or to get more information on registration deadlines, cost, etc., please contact the **Parks and Recreation Department at the Town Office at 928-683-2255**.

Annual 4th of July Celebration Plans

July 4, 2015



This year the Annual 4th of July Celebration will kick-off with free access to the Community Pool from 12:00 noon to 7:00pm. Tired of swimming but still want to stay cool? From 4:00pm to 8:00pm there will be Water Park Fun to enjoy. At 7:00pm there will be a Hot Dog Eating Contest that is both fun to participate in or fun to watch.

Gila Bend’s awesome fireworks display will begin at 9:00pm and can be viewed from the Community Center Park/McMahon Field where all of the days activities, except swimming, take place. Music to accompany the fireworks display will be set up at McMahon Field also. The Gila Bend Volunteer Fire Department will be handling the lighting of the fireworks.

In June



On June 14th, Flag Day is celebrated nation-wide. Flag Day is the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 and was officially established by President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916 by Proclamation after decades of ‘non-official observance’. On August 3, 1949, President Truman designated **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day** by signing an Act of Congress. Pennsylvania is the only state that observes it as a legal holiday.

June 21st is the ‘official’ first day of summer and this year Father’s Day also falls on June 21st.

Flag Day information retrieved on May 26, 2015 from the world-wide web at <http://www.usflag.org/flag.day.htm> and from <http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/flagday.pdf>