

CITY OF GLOBE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MUNICIPAL BUILDING 150 NORTH PINE STREET GLOBE, ARIZONA

SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shipley at 6:00 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Alderman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Baker.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons present: Wheeler, Wilshire, Uhl, Baker, Casillas and Alderman

Councilpersons absent: All present

City Manager / Legal Counsel present: K. Kane Graves

1. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

A. Council Members

1. Councilwoman Casillas congratulated the Town of Miami for a successful Fiesta Weekend.
2. Councilwoman Casillas thanked Officers Yeager and Valenzuela for assisting her constituents during the passing of a family member. Expressing her sympathy to the family of Manual Estevane.
3. Vice Mayor Wilshire thanked all those for working at the Center for the Arts this weekend and announced that Ozball is planned for a coming weekend.
4. Councilman Alderman expressed his condolences to the family of Al Cooper who passed away last Friday.

B. Mayor

Mayor Shipley welcomed a full room of people to City Hall tonight.

C. City Manager

1. Mr. Graves announced a list full of activities in October, to include the Health Fair for Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center, Globe High School Homecoming Parade, Dogtoberfest, Octoberfest, and Apache Jii Day.
2. Mr. Graves stated that a Wastewater consent order was delivered on violations in 2006 that have voluntarily been lifted. He commended the fine efforts of Sam Polk, Superintendent of the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility and Public Works Director Leon Cons

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of County Attorney's Officer of the Quarter Award - Danny Rice

Police Chief Dan Melvin recognized Officer Danny Rice as the Officer of the Quarter declared by the County Attorney's Office. Chief Melvin stated that this award was

presented to Officer Rice and shared his commendations also and that Officer Rice is a good officer.

B. Presentation by Citizens of Globe Opposed to Becoming a Prison Town

Mr. Jim Moss, A resident and business owner addressed the Council expressing his opposition to the prison offer recognizing the many people in the audience as a full room. He urged the Council to pass a resolution opposing any future prison project. He thanked Councilman Wheeler and Councilman Baker for their support for not voting for the prison. He stated that he has spoken to hundreds of residents and the vast majority do not want this in our community. He stated that he has 50 volunteers that are circulating petitions and they have collected over 1,000 signatures already, he stated that they plan on going to the Gila County Fair this weekend for more signatures. He stated that he has provided a notebook of information to the Council, stating that the Globe citizens did not pick a site for this project he feels that he must raise awareness of social science research and that he thought that the council would provide this information, which they did not. He cautioned that a big prison in a small town carries real life consequences. He stated that easy money must not distract us to what is important.

Mr. Charlie Anderson addressed the Council stating that he was a construction planner in Montana and that the developers in Hardin Montana paid a great picture and heard stories of good jobs coming, business in support of, he stated that the developer came in and took profit and left the community. They provided very little jobs for this community, Hardin went bankrupt, and the private prison developers have no relationship to the community. He stated that his parents live in Canyon City Colorado, this is a pleasant town, a 2nd prison came in and now there are 5 prisons, they did not get huge development that they expected and it changed the character of this town. It is now a cold hard town, not welcoming, it has brought family members of the prison inmates into the community and they are non-productive members of the community. He asked the Globe City council to look at this.

Ms. Linda Gross, Owns Cedar Hill Bed and Breakfast, owner of the Globe Miami Times, stated that as a business owner you would never take on a partner that you did not trust. She stated that this Council did not fully trust Emerald Construction with Mr. Parky. She asked if the council is willing to bet on financial help. They are speculating prison beds being filled at 90% she stated that the state may cancel if there are not appropriate funds and we may enter a period of steady decline. She asked the Council to reevaluate DOC's policies and say no to this partnership and no to any private prisons in Globe.

Ms. Nadine Garcia a local Business owner stated that the followers of prisons are not contributors to a community, she wants industry that we all can be proud of and urges the council to bring in industry. She asked the Council to pass a new resolution opposing this prison.

Mr. Darren Lowrey, resident he moved here 5 years ago for our beauty. He stated that the tragic events of Kingman of killing victims should be a wakeup call. This prison could bring in potential gang members; how do we deal with this, they bring in drug operations for new clientele. The training of guards is not to par, there is a rapid turnover, transient population, drain on local social resources, he asked the Council

to rethink this and pass a new resolution that we do not want any prisons at all. He stated that the good people of Globe deserve more than becoming a prison town.

Ms. Therese Hicks addressed the Council stating that she is a rancher, she raised her daughter here, she has many employees, she has a clinic here and is the Vice President of the Cattle Growers Association. She stated that she is part of the quality of life committee and their mission is to attract quality industry and bring in senior housing, and stating that a 1,000 bed prison is a major recipe for disaster. She stated that it holds a major heartburn in economics, water issues and attraction. She stated that if another prison does come to town, this is the last place to raise little ones; stating that we need to think about the long-term quality and not the short term deals.

Ms. Kellie Moss a Downtown Business owner addressed the Council asking the Council are you willing to sacrifice quality of life for a couple hundred non profit jobs: very unattractive jobs for our community. She stated that they could cut staffing expenses, fewer employees, lower wages, less training and the private prisons have a high rate of violence. They have less experience guards, riots, hostage, sexual abuse, escapees, not monitoring alarm systems, are we willing to sacrifice our quality and character for a couple hundred unattractive jobs.

Bryce Barnes a former employee of a private prison, he served as an academic instructor, sat in 5 weeks of training in classroom, no polygraph, a GED or High School, Background Check and a drug test. He cautioned the low standard of training given in private prisons to save money. He saw staff being assaulted by inmates, contraband, lack of security, no job security and long term desensitized staff, this is not an attractive place for our community. He urged the Council to pass a resolution opposing any new prisons in our community.

Ms. Sarah Bernstein, Business Owner, Stating that our town has demographic opportunities, with grand old buildings built by our ancestors: She stated that her family business moved from Miami to Globe, they chose to stay here. She stated that her mother in law stated that Copper never killed us, but a prison might. She stated that her and her husband love Globe, she asked the Council to not take the easy way out and to promote Globe with pride, it is time to rediscover our treasure. She stated that the people of Globe deserve better economic choices.

Mr. Jim Moss asked the Council to consider our community. He stated that private prisons are all about money. Why should the Citizens of Globe enable and promote this sort of enterprise. It is all about money and greed. He stated that Emerald has canceled the bid, but the City should not be fooled, they will be back, this is not a dead issue.

Mayor Shipley complemented everyone here tonight on how well they did. He stated that the economy is bad, at this time to bring 300+ jobs in, there aren't other sources beating down our door. He stated that many people are misinformed that if the prison goes bankrupt, the city is not out anything. He stated that in bringing the prison in it could help with the NE Corridor Masterplan for infrastructure in installing a 2 million dollar sewer line.

Mr. James Haley addressed the Council stating that his father worked in the prison industry in Minnesota and served time in the military, he stated that private prisons are corporate vultures of the worst kind, they profit from tragedy. He stated that

overcrowding happens, do we want complacent guards that don't check alarms, stating that our behavior is a positive model to this stance.

Ms. Bonnie Lewis stated that we don't have housing, this would be an extra burden on schools, social services, aid to dependent children, sign up for food stamps, tax payers expense. We have new lovely apartments for lower income; would they move into and take over; they bring terrible home environments and make problems for our police departments.

Councilwoman Casillas stated that she respects everyone's opinions that this is a difficult issue. She stated that she viewed the information in the book the Moss' put together and most of the information is outdated. She toured the local prison and hopes to tour an Emerald prison. She stated that our focus is on our community here.

Councilwoman Uhl stated that she spent time with the Florence Police Chief and he assured her that families of prisoners did not move into Florence, there have been no problems and he has been in contact with DOC.

Councilman Baker stated that Private prisons want you to see how well run they are, they are salespeople. He stated that we are not into the prison business; we are in the City business. He does not want to be Eloy, Florence, or San Luis. These prisons are for profit and they are profiting from illegal immigration, this is human trafficking for Federal money. Citizens can say one thing "Not here, Not ever".

Ms. Amy Olson, a resident of Globe addressed the Council stating that she lived in Florence, where are the people on the streets, their gang rate is out of control, it is a sad town and that is not where she wanted to live.

Mr. Gerry McCreary, President of EDC stated that he respects everyone here tonight, he has lived here since 1972, he is proud of this town and is not here to try and change our town. He stated that the Prison had talked to the County and City and was assured that this is what everybody wants. He stated that he is impressed with tonight's presentations, stating that EDC works for ideas and invited everyone to attend an upcoming meeting.

Councilman Wheeler thanked everyone that came forward to talk. He stated that he is against this issue and has been since the 1st prison came in. He stated that private prisons are a form of slavery. People are incarcerated for money. He stated that we need prison reform to rehabilitate and get these people back on our rolls and be productive citizens. He loves this community and has been here for 52 years, he does not want to detract our community, but wants to attract to our community. He stated that we don't need a private prison here.

Councilman Alderman stated that he is a Deacon of his church and administers to 30 families. He stated that they are upright citizens and not a leach on our society. He is fortunate that his family have not made bad choices, he does know families that have members in prison and they are not bad people. He thanked everyone for their input tonight.

Alex Day stated that at school today he wrote up a petition and interviewed 20 kids and only 1 kid wanted a prison and that was for jobs.

Ms. Pam Yerkovich, resident stated that she has been here for 16 years and came from a midwestern town. She stated that in her town a mental institution became a federal medical clinic overnight, this was terrible for their community. It divided their community and doesn't want to see this happen here. She stated that today she feels safe to walk in Globe with her grandchildren. She stated that the town has never forgotten the council for this.

Mr. Greg Marin stated that he has friends in prison. He is a business owner and is starting a new business Marine Star Development, he stated that this will make for betterment of society, have a positive influence and will influence hundreds of millions of people. Globe is where his heart is and he wants to see a positive influence.

Mayor Shipley thanked everyone for attending he stated that he is not sure if the council could stop the prison if we wanted to. They can build their own sewer treatment plant, the land belongs to DOC already, what weight would our council have, he doesn't know if we can stop this. He asked everyone to pray for them, this is not easy for them and we do need the opportunity for people to work.

7:42 p.m. recess.

Called back to order at 7:48 p.m.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Wilshire moved to approve the consent Calendar items A,B,C,D,F,G and I.
Seconded by Councilman Alderman.

Motion carried.

A. Consideration of waiver of Section 2-4-10 (A) [Prior Discussion Rule] to allow action on the balance of the Consent Agenda:

Passed.

B. Accounts Payable

Passed.

C. Consideration of Approval of Special Event Liquor License by Pinal Mountain Elks on Behalf of Pinal Foundation for Higher Education for Oktoberfest, October 9,2010.

Passed.

D. Consideration of Approval of Renewal of Boys and Girls Club Contract for FY 2010-2011.

Passed.

E. Consideration of Approval of Amendments to Pinal Gila Council Senior Center Contract for FY 2010

Councilman Wheeler inquired about the Dietary conditions of the meals being served at the Senior Center. He stated that he knows someone that got sick because they did not eat a diabetic meal and encouraged these type of meals be looked into.

Finance Director Teresa Williams stated that she will contact the Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens and inquire about this request.

Vice Mayor Wilshire moved to approve item E. Seconded by Councilman Alderman.

Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Consideration of Approval of Special Event Liquor License for Cobre Valley Center for the Arts for the OZ Ball Event, October 23, 2010.

Passed.

- G. Consideration of Approval of Authorization to City Manager to Issue Purchase Order to Weber Group, L.L.C. in the Amount of \$123,386.90 to complete Well No. 5.

Passed.

- H. Consideration of Approval of Authorization to City Manager to Apply for a Public Safety Stabilization Grant

Vice Mayor Wilshire inquired about the fundable items for this grant. There is no match required. Mr. Graves stated that the Police, Fire and Finance Director met this morning and it was decided that this money be used to fulfill a vacant dispatcher position, and put money into coffers to support a police officer so that we do not have to layoff in this position. He stated that this grant is a \$99,000 grant and we will use it wisely in keeping our streets safe.

Councilwoman Wilshire moved to approve Item H. Seconded by Councilwoman Uhl.

Motion carried.

- I. Consideration of Approval of Addendum No. 1 to the Gila County Library District Service Agreement.

Passed.

- J. Consideration of Approval of Council Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting of August 16, 2010
2. Regular Meeting of August 24, 2010

Vice Mayor Wilshire had some corrections and asked that this item be tabled and reconsidered with the changes at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Wilshire moved to table item J. Seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Open hearing: 7:59

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Application for Liquor Store License (Series 9) Sampling Privileges for Safeway #3187 Located at 240 S. Hill St. Globe, AZ. 85501.
- B. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Application for Liquor Store License (Series 9) Sampling Privileges for Safeway #1274 Located at 2448 E. Highway 60, Claypool, AZ. 85532

The public hearing was opened explaining the proposed addition to the stores liquor privileges, Mr. Graves stated that Vintners would allow patrons to sample wares and purchase at retail.

Councilman Wheeler stated that this is not a good idea. Councilwoman Casillas also is not in favor of this new legislation.

Close public hearing 8:09 p.m.

Bring back to council at later time.

4B: 8:09 public hearing

5. ACTION ITEMS

None Scheduled at This Time

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Any citizen desiring to speak on a matter that IS NOT scheduled on this agenda may do so at this time. Comments may be limited to three minutes per person and shall be addressed to the City Council as a whole, and not to any individual member. Issues raised shall be limited to those within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the City Council cannot discuss or act on items presented at this time. At the conclusion of the call to the public, individual City Council members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken, (2) ask staff to review a matter, and (3) ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

7. **SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:**

Scheduling of meetings, which may be brought up at this time.

- 1. Council Retreat

Retreat:

October 30th from 9:00 to noon.

Health insurance reimbursements

Financial issues:

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

- A. Confidentiality Statement.
- B. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)1

1. Annual Review of City Clerk

Vice Mayor Wilshire moved to hold an Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Uhl.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

The Council adjourned from Executive Session to convene into Regular Session at 8:48 p.m.

9. POST EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Consideration of any item on the Executive Session portion of this agenda, which the Council may wish to take action upon in Open Session.

- 10. ADJOURNMENT.
8:48 p.m.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Council Retreat
REGULAR MEETING September 20, 2010
REGULAR MEETING September 27, 2010
REGULAR MEETING October 11, 2010

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Globe held on the 13th day of September, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Gina A. Paul, CMC, City Clerk