

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
TOWN OF GUADALUPE COUNCIL

A public meeting of the Town of Guadalupe Council was held THURSDAY, April 30, AT 6:00 P.M., 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe, Arizona, in the Council Chambers. The following members were present:

Mayor Rebecca Jimenez
Vice Mayor Andrew Sanchez
Councilmember Gloria Cota
Councilmember Angie Perez
Councilmember Joe Sanchez
Councilmember Faustino Valenzuela

Staff:

Interim Town Manager Rose Mary Arellano, Town Clerk
Town Attorney, David Ledyard

The following matters were discussed, considered and decided upon at the meeting:

- A. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Rebecca Jimenez.
- B. ROLL CALL taken and noted.
- C. INVOCATION by Councilmember Gloria Cota followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE..
- D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:
 1. Multi-Purpose Athletic Turf Field - The Town Council may take action regarding construction of the multi-use sports field, the project site plan and a use agreement set forth in the MOU between the Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley and the Town of Guadalupe dated May 19, 2014.

Mayor Jimenez referred to a Memorandum of Understanding between the East Valley Boys and Girls Club and the Town of Guadalupe agreed upon May 2014 in regards to the development of town property for a multi-use soccer field. She read a section of the MOU where the town will grant use of town property to the East Valley Boys and Girls Club for an athletic field as long as funding is received. Construction will not begin until plans and a use agreement is agreed upon by the town. Mayor Jimenez said she was told by a resident that the high fence on the perimeter of the field makes it look like a prison. She said the process taken by staff is illegal and backwards.

Ricardo Villa, resident, said he was extremely embarrassed of the Mayor's condescending comments and asked for new leadership.

Adrienne Encinas, resident, said she was not attacking any one member of council but finds it disconcerting that a member of council would not support a facility for the children of the community while at the same time other parks have been identified for baseball/softball.

Daniella Muniz, resident, said she is a resident of 23 years and went to college on a Boys and Girls Club sports scholarship. She said she is a member of the club and worked there for five years and when the club used Biehn Park staff would have to comb the area for syringes.

Joanne Hernandez, resident, said she understood the Mayor's points of concerns but it was time to move forward. She said the field was a good investment for the community.

Mayor Jimenez said she does not oppose the facility but questions staff's disregard to protocol in the development of the field.

MOVED by Vice Mayor Andrew Sanchez to authorize to continue construction of the project subject to concerns raised by the engineers be addressed before continuance.
SECONDED by Councilmember Angie Perez.

OPPOSED by Mayor Rebecca Jimenez.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Vice Mayor Andrew Sanchez to amend the motion providing for a 15 year lease of the property to the East Valley Boys & Girls Club for the multi-use field and for the EVBG Club be responsible to pay all utilities and maintain the facility.
SECONDED by Councilmember Joe Sanchez.

MOTION CARRIED.

E. ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by Mayor Rebecca Jimenez to adjourn.
SECONDED by Vice Mayor Andrew Sanchez.

MEETING ADJOURNED.