

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
September 14, 2010**

Present: Mayor Rivera, Vice Mayor Mulleneaux, Councilman Ken Larson, Eric Merriman, Charles Morris, Wayne Griffin

Absent: Donald Innes

Staff Present: Terry Hinton Manager, Engineer Heath Brown, Dudley Welker Attorney, Chief Mike Payne, Lona Duncan Town Clerk

Visitors: Aimee Staten, Chris Gibbs, Jeremy Hughes Scout Leader, Chad Simmons Scout Leader, Jeff Richardson Scout Leader

AGENDA

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm stating there was a quorum. Mayor said God bless our Troops their Families and God bless America. Mayor Rivera asked the Boy Scouts to introduce them selves. Jeremy Hughes (leader) stood and explained they were Troop 5015 from Central and they were working on their citizen and community merit badge. The boys then stood Dallin McCormies, Derek Adams, Peyton Phelps, Bruce Jenkins, Justin Simmons, Austin Brown, Chad Simmons (leader), Shane Skinner, Tyler Adams, Tevin Hinch, and Jeff Richardson (leader) said they were from troop 5737, Aaron Angle, Reed Goodman, Carson Goodman, Jonathan Garcia, Jared Jorgenson, Conner Costello, McKay Keith, Daniel Richardson, and Grant Richardson.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Heath Brown

Roll Call.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Planning and Zoning Code Revisions.

For the last few months Heath and the P&Z Commission have been working on changes to code. Due to the Growing Smarter process there is an increase in the length of time and opportunity for the public to be aware of what changes are being made this is our third public meeting. The P&Z minutes on the second page show the revisions or changes which mostly consist of definitions, heights of accessory structures, heights of fences. We have given the Zoning Administrator the authority to give use permits to a carnival or circus because they are only here for a short period of time also display and open-lots for selling Christmas trees. Mayor Rivera asked about the item five where we make allowances for the old and sick is that change going to make a difference. Terry said no that would go to a public hearing and Council makes that choice. There is also a change in parking for quests going from two spaces per unit to two spaces for every five units. Also the animated signs shall be an Administrative Use Permit and the maximum length of cul-de-sacs will be 750 ft that is also fire code.

B. Liquor License Amendment for Safeway Market.

Terry explained that we received a letter today stating that Safeway had withdrawn the liquor sampling application.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve minutes of the August 10, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Morris made motion to approve minutes and records. Councilman Merriman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous motion passed

8. **OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration and possible action

- A. Canvas of the Vote of the August 24, 2010 Council Election.

Terry read the canvas of vote saying the number of registered voters was 2569 out of that there was 1072 ballots cast with a voter turnout of 41%, ballot rejected 0. Ken Larson received 612, Donald Innes 493, Bill Mulleneaux 471, Pat Rowan 454, Aaron Allen 402, Erin Motes 334 with 1 write in, 3 over votes and 446 under votes which means that they did not vote for 3 but only 1 or 2. This canvas shows that Kenneth Larson won a position in the Primary Election and there will be on the November General Election ballot the names of Donald Innes, Bill Mulleneaux, Pat Rowan and Aaron Allen running for the other two seats.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to accept canvas of votes and Kenneth Larson being voted in on the Primary Election. Councilman Morris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Decision on Liquor License Amendment for Safeway.

None

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 575-2010:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK AND ENTITLED "THE THATCHER PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.

Terry said we have discussed the changing and this makes it a public record so the whole manual doesn't have to be published only the Ordinance.

Councilman Griffin made motion to approve Resolution No 575-2010. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

- C. ORDINANCE NO. 160-2010:** A ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 29-3-3 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, SECTION 29-3-9 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF FENCES, SECTION 29-3-17 TEMPORARY USES AND STRUCTURES, SECTION 29-3-23 PARKING REGULATIONS, SECTION 29-3-25 SIGN REGULATIONS WITHIN ZONES AND SECTION 29-28-3 STREET STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS:

Terry said this is the approval of the changes and the way they will read in the P&Z code book.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve Ordinance 160-2010. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed seconded by Wayne Griffin- all

- D. Economic Development Program.**

Terry said he had given Council the presentation that was given in Safford. Safford has taken the lead and has a contact with Foote Consulting who will try to generate business that will generate jobs. I believe we have had three meetings. They develop a number of items like look for land for people who want to build, buildings for different facility. They have a net work of business looking to expand or want to move to our area. The County is going to participate and I believe we should also. I have agreed to contribute 2500.00 towards the total contact amount of 10 thousand, they went down in price because they know and have worked with David Kincaid before. Terry said I think until we have more jobs for people the retail is not going to happen. This needs to be a regional item we cannot just sell Thatcher without selling Safford or Pima. We need to work together on this. Mayor Gibbs said this company reaches a much bigger target they can look for the right business for this valley.

Councilman Larson made motion to approve the expenditure for the Economic Development Program. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report.**

Terry said right now Jan Holder with Gila Water Partnership is trying to get a grant between us and the irrigation district. She thinks they can get enough for the materials so the canal can have another drain that goes into the Wal Mart channel.

We had a per bid meeting for the solar project there were three companies the bid will close September 23rd.

Next month the Magistrate is up for reappointment he would like to keep the position unless you want me to put an ad in the paper.

Heath and I will go over on the September 23rd and give our disposition with their

attorneys I just don't see how they can get out of the bond. If you will notice at the old Wal Mart building the door is cut and the new sign is coming for the Bealls outlet store. Mayor Rivera asked is anything was happening with the Joann material store. Terry said nothing as of yet the owner is still talking with them. Chief Payne said they were bringing people in to work on the floors and ceiling and Brandon Lunt is working on the windows. Terry said we have no date as to when they will be open but we are thinking the middle of November. Terry said he did a comparison on the electric bill for Town Hall due to the four day work week and there was a savings of 25%. Mayor Rivera asked about the shop building and Terry said he had not compared that or the gas used in vehicles he would look at that next. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux asked about the developments from Springbok. Terry said they bought in a preliminary plan with only 80 lots but they have not come back or haven't heard from them. Terry said I have also given you a letter from State Fire Marshall with the new fireworks laws I thought you might want to see if you want the Town to be more restrictive than these and we can discuss it at a later time.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne told Council that the annual dinner will be Oct 5th at 7:00pm please everyone come. The fire department has been at the school doing tours for the last few days. We have had school tours in the last few days we had 14 guys attend 5 went to basic live fire fighting class, 3 intermediate fire class, 1 to tactics and procedures, 1 to drivers instruction certification class, 1 to rope rescue and 1 to fire training safety. These classes always bring a lot back to us each year we get a lot of new ideas and enthusiasm. We are still working on getting everything done on the ladder truck we had to get a new radio and fittings. Mayor Rivera asked about not have a flag pole on fire house. Chief Payne said we are not sure where to put one maybe out front we will look at getting that done. Chief Payne also said they had been ask to be in the homecoming parade at Thatcher School. Chief Payne thanked Council for the opportunity of attending fire school.

C. Police Department Report.

Terry said they are going pretty good nothing new has happened Chief Stevens is attending a conference in Laughlin Nevada.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Safe House- Councilman Griffin said we meet later this month. I would like to see is I can change this assignment with anyone the meeting fall at a time where it hard to me to go. Their meetings are every 3rd month on the 4th week at 5:15 pm. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux said he would take it. Councilman Griffin said he would notify Safe House.
- B. Chamber of Commerce- Councilman Merriman said this week-end there will be the annual Cowboy poetry and Music then the next week Sept 25th will be the Salsa Fest with salsa tasting, balloons and a lot of other activities it should be a lot of fun.
- C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera said their next business meeting is Oct 22nd. They are going to have a meeting later on this month and the first week in Oct. so the members can look at and ask questions about the building they want to buy. That

way the officers are not the only ones voting on it. They will use reserve money for the purchase.

- D. Arizona Foundation - Councilman Larson said they have a meeting later this month. We are still working on training, to be an affiliate with the State and ways to build up our funds.
- E. Library Committee. Councilman Morris said they have had no meetings because of the economy the County doesn't want to put more tax on people. It will probably be about two years before anything is done.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Griffin made motion to adjourn meeting with a second by Councilman Morris. The vote was unanimous meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk

Robert Rivera, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular/special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Thatcher held on the 14th day of September, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk