

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
March 13, 2012**

Present: Mayor Bob Rivera, Vice Mayor Bill Mulleneaux, Councilman Eric Merriman, Don Innes, Wayne Griffin, Kenneth Larson

Absent: Councilman Charles Morris, Chief Mark Steven

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

Visitors: Erin Motes, Laurel Chapman, Rick Motes, Mercy Rivera grandchildren Connor and Carson Kessler, Rick Motes, Wyatt Motes, Colton McRae, Logan McMasters ,Stephany Robinson, Dawson Allen, Aaron Allen, Dale Turowski

**AGENDA**

Mayor Rivera welcomed all and called the meeting to order stating there was a quorum. Mayor said God bless our Troops their Families God bless America and God bless Thatcher. Mayor Rivera asked the Boy Scouts to introduce themselves, Wyatt Motes, Colton McRae, Logan McMaster, Dalles Allen and Scouts Leader Rick Motes said they were working on Citizenship in the Community.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Connor and Carson Kessler

Roll Call.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. Infamous Bar and Grill Liquor License.

Daniel Turowski stood and said he is the owner of Infamous Bar and Grill and has applied for a restaurant license in order to be able to serve liquor or well as beer and wine. We have to maintain 40% of sales being from food. Right now our food sales are at 80% so that shouldn't be a problem. Terry said it also says no liquor can leave the premises.

B. Motes Temporary Use Permit.

Erin Motes stood and said he was here because of the Temporary Use Permit we would like to build a house for my mother on my property. Terry said the house will have the same set backs as the house beside it and it sets so in the future it can be split off on it's own lot. Wayne Griffin asked why the variance versus just splitting the lot. Erin said we just didn't want to split at this time.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

None

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve minutes of the February 7, 2012 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Merriman made motion to approve minutes and reports. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous- Motion passed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Older Americans Month Proclamation.

Mayor Rivera read the proclamation of May 2012 for Older Americans. Mayor Rivera said we appreciate you.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Infamous Bar and Grill Liquor license application.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve Liquor License for Infamous Bar and Grill. Councilman Merriman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

- B. Motes Temporary Use Permit decision.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve the Temporary Use Permit for Motes. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

- C. Erin Motes Sewer Pay Back Agreement.

Terry said as we have done this in the past, as a developer puts in a sewer or water system that has the capability of other private individuals connecting we create a pay back agreement. It is the same as the one we did for Double D and Dale Blan apartments. Staff would recommend the approval.

Councilman Innes made the motion to approve Sewer Pay Back Agreement for Erin Motes. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed

- D. IGA with Graham County for Pictometry Imagery.

Terry said this is new tech knowledge were they can fly the area getting straight

down pictures as well as side to side pictures. You can also judge distances and elevations. The whole County is participating in this. It has been over 5 years that we bought an aerial mapping of the town this is cheaper and more detailed than what we did before. We think it will be an access for us.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made the motion to approve IGA with Graham County. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

- E. **RESOLUTION NO. 599-2012:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR A TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF US 70 (MAIN STREET).

Terry said through SEAGO Heath has submitted an application and presented a powerpoint presentation and we were selected number one in the SEAGO region. It now has to go to ADOT. It is a Transportation Enhancement grant like the walking path. The project we selected is on Main Street starting at Reay Lane and goes down to 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We will be completing sidewalks, adding trash cans, benches, lights and trees. Once it is approved we will hire a landscape architect to draft a design. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux asked what our percentage for participation, Heath said it would be 5.7% the grant being one million so our match is 57 thousand. Heath said if we get it the first meeting would be in January and because it is federal money it will be about 3 years before construction will start.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve Resolution No. 599-2012. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous Motion Passed

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02 (A)(1)(7) the Council may go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and to consult with the Town Attorney for legal advise.

Vice Mulleneaux made motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Mayor River asked for Council and the Town Attorney to stay. Time was 7:47

- A. Decision on Executive Session.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry stated we received federal safety money through SEAGO and ADOT to pay for our half of traffic signal so we get back 106 thousand. The traffic poles are here so the week after spring break they will install the traffic signal. We are still working on the school project we have another six to eight weeks. We still have to go down 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

Terry said a few months back the City of Safford received a grant from Freeport for an economic development study it is partnered with everyone in valley. The firm that was chosen was in town today interviewing different officials and some

business leaders to get ideas. The goal of the study is to bring economic development to the valley, diversify our economy and expand on what we have so we will have some growth. Mayor Rivera said all four entities the County, City of Safford, Pima and Thatcher are going in as one unit.

Terry said I am in the middle of the budget process in the next couple of weeks we might be able to have a budget work session. I am waiting on the League to get me figures from the State. We are looking at spending some money on the splash park the re circulated water system is the biggest cost. Heath and I are trying to find some place to go look at as far as size so we will know how big to make it. Before the budget is done we should have a cost for the splash park. Mayor Rivera asked about the Cota Town Home earth work. Terry said we are preparing the bid documents know. In the next couple of months we should have that ready for you to award that bid.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said there will be testing by the State for Fire Fighter 1 & 2. There are two parts to the test a skills test and a written test. We don't have a fireman in the class this year. Chief Payne said last month we had our elections, I was elected Chief, Rue Mattice Assistant Chief, Dwane Elders Captain, BK Merriman Captain, Justin Layton Capitan, Robert Casillas Captain, and Rusty Noland Chief Engineer. Mayor Rivera asked does the Council have to approve the Chiefs position. Terry said sense it is not changing I don't think so but I will verify that. Chief Payne said we added two members Justin Lawhorn and Sam Daley. We will lose Sandra Upshaw and Tyler Dixon both will be leaving the area. So we will be looking for two more members to replace them.

C. Police Department Report.

Terry said Chief Stevens is at an incident taking place out by Daley Estates right now so I will report for him. They have had a CPR class, training with other officers on the shoot house and search and seizer training. Every month we have had some type of training. We sent an officer to an accident reconstruction class, also a Desert Snow class on drug interdiction. On April 13<sup>th</sup> we will have our quarterly department meeting. We have also been able to add equipment for the officers. The vest replacement is coming up this year. Officer Woods is working on a grant to pay for half of them.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Safe House- Mayor Rivera said last month meeting was cancelled, but the annual golf tournament in Greenlee County that was a huge success.

B. Chamber of Commerce- Councilman Merriman said their meeting was not until March 21<sup>st</sup>.

C. SEAGO-Mayor Rivera reported their meeting was in Clifton and it was a regular business meeting. They did take us on a tour through the Chase Creek buildings it was very interesting.

D. Boys and Girls Club -Councilman Innes said the President resigned and the new President is James Bryce. Michael the Executive Director is working on a personal

degree in Personal Athletic Training and will leave in two to three years. They are changing the meeting time to every second Friday at lunch which conflict with my schedule so we may need a new representation. They have some good things started, they will get proceeds from a golf tournament in Apache Junction that will take place in June.

E. Library Committee - Nothing new to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to adjourn meeting. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Lona Duncan, Town Clerk

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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 13th day of March, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Lona Duncan, Town Clerk