

MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
October 9, 2012

Present: Vice Mayor Bill Mulleneaux Councilman Eric Merriman, Wayne Griffin, Don Innes, Ken Larson, Charles Morris

Staff Present: Terry Hinton Manger, Heath Brown Engineer, Matt Clifford Attorney, Chief Shaffen Woods Police, Chief Mike Payne Fire Department, Lona Duncan Town Clerk

Absent: Mayor Bob Rivera

Visitors: Roy Curtis, Patty Curtis, Raymond Langer, Ned Rhodes, Kim Rhodes, Layton Rhodes, John Bryant, Jolyn Bryant, Collin Bryant, Cameron Bryant, Caitlyn Bryant, Caleigh Bryant, Joy Martin, Barbara Stailey, Van Green, Beckie Whitmer, Denise Payne

AGENDA

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order stating there was a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Ned Rhodes

Roll Call.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Conditional Use Permit for care of parent – Roy Curtis

Roy and Patty Curtis stood and explained that Patty's aunt has two children but are not taking care of her she been in hospital on two different occasions. Patty has been given the general and medical power of attorney. We would like to convert Patty's sewing room into an apartment for her to stay in. Terry asked did you say you had power of attorney and guardianship. Patty said she didn't have guardianship because she was advised for tax reason not to but I do everything for her. Terry said without the guardianship we may have an issue because of the way the ordinance is written. Attorney Clifford said the guardianship gives the parental figure so I think you need to get that. Patty said she would. Mr. Clifford said if she had any question he would help. Attorney Clifford said that can be accomplished in short period of time. Mr. Curtis said by the time we get the guardianship completed the home should be finished.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Barbara Stailey stood and invited Council to a seminar about the Making of

America on October 20th from 8:30 to 4:30 in the General Service Building. The cost is \$10 a person you get the lecture and a book. Earl Taylor will be the instructor this is through the National Center of Constitutional studies. I believe we all need to study the constitution and understand it this is an opportunity for us. We would like for our elected officials to come to the meeting if possible.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Vice Mayor Mullenau state we are going to swear in Ned Rhodes as the Municipal Judge. Terry said this will be effective Oct 15, 2012. Terry read the Oath of Office and Mr. Rhodes repeated after him.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the September 18, 2012 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 reports. Councilman Merriman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action

- A. Decision on Conditional Use Permit.

Councilman Griffin made motion to approve the Use Permit upon the condition of Mrs. Curtis receiving guardianship of her aunt. Councilman Morris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

- B. Infrastructure acceptance for Gila River Apartments.

Terry said there is a letter from Heath stating that Englewood Development is Gila Rivera Apartments they are requesting that we accept the roads. We required some work to be done and Heath has inspected it they meet our standards. Staff is recommending to accept infrastructure into our system.

Councilman Innes made the motion to acceptance the infrastructure. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

C. Bid award for 2012/2013 paving projects.

Terry said we bid out a mill and overlay of 1st Ave from the highway to new payment, and 8th Ave. from the highway to 1st Street and on Golf Course Rd from Daley Stop to the Golf Course. We have reviewed the bids and staff would recommend the low bid of \$264,987.50 from CKC. At the same time we work on those three projects we have a section of the walking path from Reay Lane to the Ball Park we are going to work along with a couple of drive ways . These are not included in the grant and will come from our budget.

Councilman Innes made the motion to accept the low bid from CKC of \$264,987.50. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

D. Proposals for Planning & Zoning Code update.

Terry said we received one proposal and that was from the same company that started our process. Heath and I have reviewed it and feel like it in is in line with what others have paid. The proposal is for \$42,480.00 from Contract Planning Services Inc. I believe it will be \$1500 for the legal review.

Councilman Griffin asked what the shelf life is, will we have to this again in ten years. Terry said the basic ordinances have been here since 1970 we have reviewed and made some changes. The items that normally change are technology, design standards and legislation laws.

Councilman Griffin made motion to accept the proposals from Contract Planning Services Inc. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said the three way stop is now in at ball park and the sewer and water lines are across the El Paso gas line. The four way stop at 2nd Street and Stadium Ave is in with good markings so it can be seen. We also have police officers there before and after school to watch the traffic. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux commented it looked real good. Terry said the cover over the play ground equipment at the Reay Lane Park is completed and a few more benches have been added. It looks good and we've had good comments. The water restrictions from the City of Safford may be modified

tonight and if so should take place on the Oct 15th they will turn water on at both cemetery and we can water three days. Water tables are recovering some but the galleries at Bonita Creek are not yet. They are pleased with the response from people which has helped with the problem but it has also lowered their revenues. They are looking at doing another rate study which we will be able to have some input but I expect them to raise their rates.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said that Rue Mattice stepped down as Asst Chief and Van Green has been chosen to take his place. Van has his Firefighter 1 & 2 and certified he has been with us for a few years he has good qualities, he is always dependable and the men respect him. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux congratulated Van. Chief Payne said that EAC Homecoming is this week end so we will be taking part in that. The Annual Steak Fry will be the first week of November.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods reported they have had no issue with the four way stop or the three way stop. We had a collision on the highway Saturday and a small child had to be flown out. We also had Officer Ellsworth involved in a collision. He was hit by two guys driving a stolen vehicle out of Tucson trying to flee from another officer. He wasn't injured and we were able to take both people into custody. Training for this month I have two officers going to Tucson for Fire Arms Instructor School which will be reimbursed by Az Post. I have a contact with the Phoenix Patrol Rifle Training Division and they agreed to send four Officers down for a 10 day training starting October 25th. We will be hosting that school and it will be open to local law enforcement agencies. As in the past we will partner with the EAC Administration Justice Club on Halloween in traffic control getting kids across the street safely.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Safe House- No report

B. Chamber of Commerce- Councilman Merriman said the meeting will be next week and this last week was on the Salsa Fiest.

C. SEAGO- No report

D. Boys and Girls Club. Councilman Larson said the main thing was the Salsa Fiest and I do not know the amount of money raised yet. The meeting is this week.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Morris made motion to adjourn meeting. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

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 9th day of October, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk