

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

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

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

Absent: none

Visitors: Robert Langer, Aaron Allen, Joy Martin and son

AGENDA

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order stating there was a quorum. Mayor said God bless our Troops their families and God bless the United States of America. Mayor also welcomed the newly elected Council members Joy Martin and Aaron Allen.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilman Morris

Roll Call.

PUBLIC HEARING:

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the October 9, 2012 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Morris made the motion to approve minutes and reports. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action

A. Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Supplement to Trust Indenture.

Terry explained that a number of years ago the people that got electricity from the Colorado River, Bureau of Reclamation and Western Power formed a group and funded that group to help in conservation efforts mainly endangered species. This agreement is being modified so the money that Arizona entities put in can be put into an interest bearing account. Everyone that receives any power from the Colorado River is a signatory to the agreement. The water attorneys we use have looked at it and approved it.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve the signing of agreement. Councilman Morris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

B. Canvass of the Vote.

Terry read the canvass of the General Election held on November 6, 2012. Number of registered voters is 2547 number of ballots cast was 1998 which is a 78% percent voter turnout. There were three Council seats open on the Council. The numbers of votes are Aaron Allen 790, Joy Martin 989, David Matthews 590, Nolan Reed 739, Bob Rivera 753, Bret Whitmer 702, there were 4 write-ins, 6 over votes and 1421 under votes. The new Councilmembers will be sworn in during January meeting and also the election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor will take place.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to accept the Canvass of the Vote. Councilman Merriman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

C. Portable Carport Discussion.

Terry said we have been having trouble with what is portable because there is no definition for portable. We have checked with other Cities and they are like us no definition or they don't have an ordinance allowing portable carports. Terry said one thought might be a 100 to 150 pound limit per upright. They are putting them in the side and front set backs of property and that is what is causing the problem. If they meet the regulation of being 10 ft away from house and 3 ft off the property line they are ok. It is hard to be consistent without a definition. Heath said it is hard when they want one that is 75 ft long and 15 ft wide and 15 ft high somehow does sound portable they are getting real creative. Innes so we need to define what is portable. Councilman Griffin said maybe we don't want to offer portable carports due to visibility and safety. Terry said that would make it a lot easier but again there are a lot of them out there. There are a number of variables to look at weight, size, height, set backs, parking. Mayor Rivera said this is probably something we need to discuss in our work session.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said the lot between Doc's and the John Deer store has been purchased by a retail store Tractor Supply it is a general store I think will compete with Wal Mart. The building is going to be 22 thousand square feet and the yard 15 thousand square feet. I am excited about it. Our paving will start next week we are not sure if they will start with 1st Street, 8th Ave to highway or Golf Course to Daley Stop. At the same time we will do some paving at the cemetery connecting all paved road, drive ways, increase a bar ditch, and Reay Lane to the splash park. We are cleaning the Frye Creek channel flood control. The water is back on at the cemetery. There is a possibility of a grant from Bureau of Reclamation to install a Scalping Plant in the area across from the City Yard. It would take about 80 thousand gallons per day from the wastewater at Daley Estates which would run through this plant and produce Class A water which we could use to water the grass at the ball fields and water for the Cemetery and maybe to bring down for the College to use. We have to have holding ponds so we could have a Thatcher Town lake and maybe stock with fish. Councilman Innes asked when we would know and Terry said probably after the first of the year. Terry said the Christmas Party will at 12:00 at the Fire Station on Dec 13th. Council agreed to change the Council meeting to Dec. 17th. Terry reminded Council of the Code review meeting on Dec 4th where the P & Z Commission and Council members are invited. The Council work session is Tuesday the 20th at 5:30pm.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said they had been working on building construction fire related activities. There were five of us that attended a Pipeline Safety meeting for natural gas. Graham County Utility came and gave a presentation on gas emergencies what we should do and how to work with them. On Dec. 18th we are doing a fit testing for the firemen's air mask this is an OSHA requirement. We are looking into how to handle getting all of the firemen their hepatitis shots whether it will be in a group or individually. Councilman Larson said if they go through their own health clinic then there will be a record of that being done. Terry said but how do we know it was done I guess that is what we need to decide.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods said we got through Halloween with no incidents the Criminal Justice students were a big help. We have a few programs going with the schools. We had a red ribbon week it is a lot like the Dare Program for the Primary School and tomorrow the High School will have a impaired driving class they like that. We had the Phoenix PD send four of their rifle training squad and provide some good patrol rifle training. They were very impressed with some of

our officers. Officer Norton and Carter attended a fire arms instructor program they both passed so they will manage our fire arms program. Officer Larson Aride training it's a DUI training class. We received our new police vehicle a 2013 explorer police package. We received all new the vests. I have also encouraged the officers to be more productive with their traffic contacts which they are up by 50% this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Safe House - Mayor Rivera said they had a business meeting. They are meeting business meeting. They are always looking for money or donations to help out. Mayor said they have room for 57 beds.
- B. Chamber of Commerce- Councilman Merriman this month the meeting was just changing the officers.
- C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera a business meeting nothing to report.
- D. Boys and Girls Club – Councilman Larson they have had some training for the Board of Directors. Aimee Staten has taken over as Director of the Boys and Girls Club.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Innes made motion to adjourn with a second from Vice Mayor Mulleneaux. The vote was unanimous meeting adjourned 8:05 pm

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

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk