

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
December 17, 2012**

Present: Mayor Bob Rivera, Vice Mayor Mulleneaux, Councilman Ken Larson, Wayne Griffin, Don Innes

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

Absent: Heath Brown

Visitors: Joy Martin, Derek J Martin, Dener Martin, Aaron Allen, Paige Allen, Ava Allen, Daisy Allen, Dennis Martin, Mary Martin, Tad Martin, Colleen Allen, Denise Payne, Murlin Larson, Pat Allen, Darrin Evans, Sarah Evans, Raymond Lonser

AGENDA

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone to the meeting stating there was a quorum. Mayor Rivera asked everyone to take a moment of silent's for the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut. He also asked to remember the evil that took place and continue to pray for those families who lost their little ones.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilwomen elect Martin and Councilman elect Allen.

Roll Call.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY Elected COUNCIL:

Mayor Rivera said we will have the swearing in of the newly elected official that being Joy Martin, Aaron Allen, Wayne Griffin and myself. Terry asked each to stand and repeat after him, after which they signed the Oath of Office.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR:

Mayor Rivera said he opened the nomination for Mayor. Councilman Larson made nomination to keep Mayor Rivera as our Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Vice Mayor Bill Mulleneaux. No other nomination was made. The vote was four yes Vice Mayor Mulleneaux, Councilman Griffin, Councilman Innes, Councilman Larson and two no Councilmember Martin and Councilman Allen. Motion approved for Bob Rivera to remain Mayor.

Nomination opened for Vice Mayor. Councilmember Martin nominated Wayne Griffin as Vice Mayor with a seconded from Councilman Allen. Mayor Rivera asked if there were any other nominations. Mayor Rivera made the motion for Bill Mulleneaux to be the Vice Mayor. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. Mayor Rivera said we have two nominations. Mayor Rivera asked for all in favor of Wayne Griffin to say I. The vote was

two yes Councilmember Martin, Councilman Allen and Councilman Griffin. Mayor Rivera asked for the vote in favor of Bill Mulleneaux. The vote was three yes Councilman Larson, Councilman Innes and Mayor Rivera and Councilman Mulleneaux. The no vote was Councilmember Martin and Councilman Allen. Councilman Griffin abstained from voting. Mayor Rivera said the Mayor will be Bob Rivera and the Vice Mayor Bill Mulleneaux.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

- A. Christmas Lighting Contest Awards.

Mayor Rivera thanked everyone for decorating their home it makes our community a beautiful place. Mayor read the winning places. Grand Prize Chad Rolfe, 1st Prize Joe Sedgeman 2nd Prize Raul Alaniz , 3rd Prize Murlin Larson, Honorable mentions go to G.A Espinoza, Mark Smith, Larry Kerrigan, William Sircy and Joyce Flamm. Mayor Rivera thanked them all again.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the November 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Griffin made motion to approve reports and minutes. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action

- A. Electronic Sign for the Town of Thatcher.

Terry stated that Councilmember Martin and I discussed a marquee sign out in front of Town Hall to inform people of what is going on in Thatcher.

Our staff pulled together cost on different types of signs. Councilmember Martin said I think all of the photo's that have been added to the Town of Thatcher sign all look really nice. We could use the sign for so many different things, Council meetings dates, basketball registration, to remember to vote. I think it will be a benefit to the people. Mayor Rivera said a couple of years ago Tom Blake came in and want a sign across the street from here and we declined him do to safety issues. Councilmember Martin said we already have the Town of Thatcher sign it could just be added to the top. Terry said or we could place it on a pole that has to be 3 feet high then it wouldn't block your view. Councilman Griffin said I personally don't think we need it. I understand the need to communicate but we have put a lot of effort on the web site. Maybe we use it by letting them opting in through email on the different topics of interest. Councilmember Martin said I think our web site is good but there is a lot of room for improvement. Mayor Rivera said maybe this should be something that is talked about when we are working on the budget items some of these are pretty expensive. Councilmember Martin said maybe we can start with the A frame sign they are about \$150.00 and see how it goes. Councilman Allen said I think it would help the public to know what is going on but I don't know that spending 30 thousand is the way to go maybe spending 2900 would be better. Terry said so do you want to go with the A frame. Mayor Rivera said yes that is a starting point.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said the Tractor Supply place will be submitting a sight plan. We will meet with them and ADOT about the drive ways. The paving projects are complete and look good. We have been working with Mr. Rowan across the street and ADOT about drive ways he will break ground in a couple of weeks. This week Mike and Heath have been reviewing plans for the Town of Pima on their Dollar General Store they don't have the staff to do the review so we are helping. The cameras are installed at both the Daley Estate and the Reay Lane Parks. At the Reay Lane Park we are going to have to set a couple more poles to be able to view what we need to see. Maybe by next week will be completed. We want to be able to monitor the parks from Town Hall the vandalism is a problem with both parks. The Splash pad equipment is ordered we are hoping by February to have it. Staff in the process of selecting an architect to design the bathrooms which is a CDBG grant. We are also in the process of cleaning the Frye Creek channel the sand is a real problem. We have permit from the Department of Water to drill our well. On Dec 19th at 5:30 in the afternoon with the 12th Street residents about the Improvement District if any of you would like to come. The garbage route will run for the whole town on the

Wednesday the day after Christmas. We will be crack sealing around the college while the college is out. Councilman Griffin asked about the sales tax comparison report. Terry said it is showing a comparison of this year and last year we are up about 14% from last year. We have picked up a few new businesses.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said we have nine members that have their hepatitis shots. We are going to request that they bring a form saying they have received the shot from their provider. It is part of the OSHA requirement. They can sign a waiver saying they do not want the shot. We are also fit testing all the firemen for the face mask. We have the NIMS system that has to be completed so we can qualify for federal grants. Terry said this is for all first responders like the Police Officers and the Fire Department. Mayor Rivera asked about report of the event that happen in June. Chief Payne said yes they suggested some things and after we talked they realized those things had already been taken care of and they were happy with what we are doing to correct the problem.

C. *Police Department Report.*

Chief Woods said due to the tragedy that happened last week in Connecticut I have had several discussions with the public as well as staff. Our officers have worked very hard with the school district to have a plan and prepared if something like that ever happen here. Today I meet with the Principal of the High School, Primary School and Elementary. We will be having an administration meeting and put some training together for the entire school district. We recently conducted a lock down training at the High School and then talked about it to the students. The school wants us to be there we have a good working relationship with them. Some of the training we will do as multi agency is the Safford shot house training for the Graham County Sheriff Office so all three agencies will be involved. Next month Officer Cauthen will start the advance leadership training program and Officer Mulleneaux will start it in March. The police policies revision is about 95% done after finished I will submit it to Terry. As of Jan 1st as you know Officer West has been working with Officer Curtis in investigations he will go back on patrol and Officer Larson will work with Officer Curtis. I believe it has been a good thing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Safe House- Mayor Rivera said he had nothing to report he could not attend last week.

B. Chamber of Commerce- Mayor Rivera assigned this to Councilman Innes and Council Griffin as the alternate.

C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera said there is nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

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 17th day of December, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk