

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
January 14, 2013**

Present: Mayor Bob Rivera, Vice Mayor Bill Mulleneaux, Councilmembers, Wayne Griffin, Don Innes, Ken Larson, Joy Martin, Aaron Allen

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

Visitors: None

AGENDA

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order stating there was a quorum. Mayor Rivera also said God Bless our Troops their families, God Bless Thatcher and God Bless United States of America.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilman Larson

Roll Call.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the December 17, 2012 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Griffin asked about the minutes and the people that were nominated should their vote be counted. It was agreed that they should be showing and that the minute should reflect that change.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve reports and minutes with the change to minutes. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action

A. Bid award for side discharge broom.

Terry said we received two bids from Volvo Rents and Empire Rental. Jared went and looked at the one at Volvo it is 2 years newer and has 200 hours less than Empire. The cost difference is only \$350 staff thinks Volvo is the better option. Councilman Griffin said so the life of one of these is about 15 to 20 years answer was yes. Council member Martin asked how often do we use this. Terry said Tommy's crew uses it very week.

Councilman Innes made motion to accept the bid from Volvo of 32,277.20. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

B. CDBG Architectural Services award.

Terry said this CDBG grant is for the bathroom and a mechanical room for the Splash Park. Because it is Federal money we have to hire an architect to design the project. Federal regulations says you don't bid out professional services you go with an RFP (request for proposals). All the different firms that want to bid will give you information that tells you what they have done and why you should hire them, but they can't give you a price. You have to select them on qualification and not cost. After you select someone then you negotiate the price. After Heath, Mike, Gary and I looked at all of them we selected DESA. With all the things we have had to do it is pushing back the project to the middle of summer until we can start. Councilman Innes asked about after this projected is completed can we maybe upgrade the old restroom and keep it. Terry said we can't use any of this money for that but we can use our own. Councilman Innes said we need to allocate funds for that. Mayor Rivera said we can talk about that in budget session.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve DESA the service award of \$45,856.00. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said we are continuing to work on the Stadium Ave sidewalks we are up to the canal. The splash pad is being manufactured we are not pushing them because the warranty starts on the date delivered we want the bathroom project to be further along. We had to order two metal power poles so the electric could be rerouted over the splash pad they should be here in February. We have the camera's working at both parks. Terry said they are good enough to see detail and recognize people. Since we can't place them in the restrooms the idea is, if the employee goes in to clean on Monday and it is torn up then we know to go back 3 or 4 days and see who has been in or around it. Terry said at the last Council meeting I was assigned to get an A frame sign. They are not available in town so I think I will have Tommy build one. Today we received the Industrial Commission of Arizona report on our fire training accident. They have proposed a fine of \$3,750.00. One is for \$2,500.00, for setting the back fire and the other is \$1,250.00 for not having a written blood borne pathogen program. Both those items have been addressed. We still have a little more work on the blood borne pathogen. The insurance pool is going to send someone to present a class to all employees so we should be in complete compliance within a couple of weeks. We will review this report to see if there is anything we want to challenge. Mayor Rivera asked about the grant for the scalping plant. Heath said he talked to him and the current grant wasn't a good fit but there is another coming called water saving grant that is a lot better and he will write that grant. Councilman Innes said even if we don't get this would it be something the Town should do anyway. Terry said it is a doable thing we are looking at 800 to 900 thousand dollars. Councilman Innes said it has some income attached and does some good things. Terry said it is a good project just hope we get the grant. Mayor Rivera said the cemetery looks good with the new roads. Terry said the kick off meeting for the Church Street Project will be held here on Jan 29th. Councilmember Martin asked how the 12th Street project is going. Terry said Gary is working on contacting those that did not attend meeting most of which live out of town. Councilman Larson asked about the tractor supply business Heath said they would like to be open by July 4th they are pushing pretty hard. Councilman Allen asked about right a way on 1st Ave. Terry said I talked to one person to consider giving us 15 ft of right away in return we would put in a new ditch for them. I haven't talked to the other party. Councilman Allen said I talked to him today and he is waiting for a phone call from you.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said as was mentioned before the insurance pool is coming to train us on blood borne pathogens. They have agreed to train the town employees during day and fire department at night. Chief Payne said we have had the training we just don't have a written program of how we were going to have training each year. Chief said on the fit testing we lack three

people then we are done. The firemen will go to their own physician to get the hepatitis shot and bring that record to us to be placed in the medical records we have. Councilman Larson and Councilman Innes will look at the written reports to make sure we have covered everything.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods last month we had pretty good cases some being child abuse cases. They are filed and being reviewed at the County Attorney's Office. During the holidays we had a couple of impaired drivers which had accidents. One knocked out some power pole and the three people fled the scene. Clifton PD assisted us because the vehicle was reported stolen from their jurisdiction. There was a burglary at Audio Vision as of last night all of it was recovered. Last week Officer West and I meet with the school leadership last week to discuss some planning, training and response plans. The second phase is to go to each school because they are all different. They do have a good response plan in place our goal is to make sure any new person hired or moved from one school to the other they are current with where they are at. Mayor Rivera said the Governor Brewer's state address today she mentioned going after more money for resources officers. Chief Woods said I hope that happens. We were able to complete our annual mandatory training for fire arms so everyone is certified for another year. I have two spots at the DPS Swat training for two officers next month it will probably be Sergeant Mulleneaux and Officer Whisman. The reason they opened it up and let our Officer attend is because when and if they have to come out here it helps to have extra officers that are trained for a swat team.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Safe House- Mayor Rivera said he had nothing to report but I would like to appoint Councilmember Joy Martin to the Safe House Board. Mayor Rivera said he would also like to appoint Councilman Allen to the Gila Valley Water Shed Partnership. They meet on the 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00pm.

B. Chamber of Commerce- Councilman Innes said I think they meet tomorrow. Terry said yes they meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

C. SEAGO - Mayor Rivera said the next meeting they will have is here in Thatcher we are the host. The date is Feb 15th at 10:00 at EAC. Terry said Council is invited to this meeting. Mayor said I will not be able to attend and asked that Vice Mayor Mulleneaux take his place.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to adjourn meeting with a second from Councilman Larson. The vote was unanimous meeting adjourned at 7:54 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 14th day of January, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk