

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

Present: Mayor Rivera, Vice Mayor Mulleneaux, Council Members, Wayne Griffin, Ken Larson, Don Innes, Aaron Allen, Joy Martin

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Matt Peterson, Tye Stewart, Larry Blaskey, Ryne Blaskey, Deanna Stone, Jan Holder, David Around, Jeff Richardson, Kent Hancock

**AGENDA**

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm stating there was a quorum. Mayor Rivera asked the Boys Scouts to stand and introduce themselves, Tracy, Gage, Garrett, Sam, Ryne, Romeo. Jeff Richardson stood and said he is the Scout Master of Troop #5737 we are here for the citizenship in the community badge he also introduced the Asst Scout Master, Kent Hancock and Larry Blaskey who is a father. Mayor Rivera welcomed them.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Joy Martin

Roll Call.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

None

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

- A. School/Town Library joint projects – Matt Peterson

Matt Peterson said he was here to report on the Middle School Library that the Town of Thatcher donated a thousand dollars to last summer. The library was opened 6 weeks from 9:00 to 12:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting in June until July. We used 400 of those dollars on materials and supplies and we averaged 30 kids per day except Thursday when it dropped to about 5 kids. This year we would like to request more so we can add another person. We would like to start on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and go until July 8<sup>th</sup> having in only on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 to 1:00 this year. The idea is the first 2 to hours will be for the young children up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and the last 2 hours for children ten years and above. We are

planning on using 800 hundred dollars for supplies and the additional person we are asking for \$2500 this year. The theme will be drive into reading. They would have the opportunity of the hard copy books, a tech lab the hopefully software with the capability for E- book. We are also looking for grant options for libraries services. This is a good program for the Thatcher School kids and residents of Thatcher we hope that you will continue to support it. Mayor Rivera thanked Mr. Peterson for coming.

B. EAC Video/Live streaming options – David Around

Mr. Around said he was Chairman of the EAC Media Teaching Department and we are here to talk to Council about bringing the Council into the television era. I have two students who will tape your meetings and then place it on your web site. We are also able to archive those meetings so it a permanent record. We will take care of the equipment and posting all we ask if you cover the student's time. Councilmember Martin asked if we would be able to see the number of hits that looking meeting and answer was yes. Mayor Rivera asked what the cost would be Mr. Around said again the equipment is free so it would be \$125 for each student. We could come next month and show you the process and what it looks like if you are interested. Mayor Rivera thanked them for coming.

C. Gila Watershed Partnership Presentation

Jan Holder said she was the Executive Director and the organization was founded in 1992 so that our community would have a say in the decision made by State and Federal Agencies. We are here to serve your community and work on community projects. Some of the projects have been abandon vehicle, clean up projects, sealed wells, abandon vehicles, river cleanup projects, erosion control, Peterson Wash crossing, E-coli reduction, restrooms on the San Francisco River and the tramarsik bug were just a few she explained to Council. We hope that Town of Thatcher will keep us in their budget and we appreciate your support. If you have any question please call me, my office is in the BLM building.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the January 14, 2013 Regular Council Meeting and the January 21, 2013 Special Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.

E. Financial Reports.

Wayne Griffin asked for the minutes of the January 21st meeting to be amended. I remember the motion was no further action is required at this time on the Allen action. The words at this time need to be added.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve the minutes and reports with the amended correction of January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration and possible action.

A. 12<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement District.

Terry said we have received all the approvals for the right a way on 12th Street. The estimated cost looks to be the same, Mr. Clifford is looking into placing liens on the houses. Before we spend any money we need to get the approval from Council to proceed and what the term and interest rate will be. Mayor Rivera asked how many feet for the right of way Terry said 50 feet. Councilwomen Martin asked and everyone pays the same price answer was yes. Councilman Griffin said one of his concerns is are we over riding our sub division code saying they don't have to have curb or sidewalks. Terry said I don't think so because we got that area having that problem, in an annexation you will run into problems like that. Councilman Allen said so can we set a precedent saying we will charge 2% above what we are making on our money so it will be consistent. Councilman Innes there are costs that we are not passing on to the district so I think that is good. Councilwomen Martin said maybe it should be rounded up to 2%. Terry suggested the bank rate plus 2% rounded up but never less than 3%

Councilman Allen made motion to approve the interest rate of bank plus 2% never less than 3% and to move forward on the Improvement District. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

B. Porter Lane Improvement District.

Terry said that Heath has had a meeting and they are in agreement for the Improvement District but it will have to be annexed first. I believe there is land there that is marketable and can be used in the future for home development so we should pull in as much area as possible. If you approve the Porter Lane Improvement District you also approve the annexation. Terry said this will take probably a year because of the annexation.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve Porter Lane

Improvement District contingent of the annexation and equal to the 12<sup>th</sup> Street project. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration and possible action.

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 610-2013:** RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, PERTAINING TO THE SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN ARIZONA'S 2013 HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN.

Terry said this Resolution is required by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety if we want to apply for any grant.

Councilman Griffin made motion to approve Resolution No. 610-2013. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said we are still working on Stadium Ave pouring more concrete. We are starting to get splash equipment, they set two of the metal power poles the power should be rerouted by end of week. The architect is still working on the design we have asked if possible to put a single shower on the outside with a timer. We are still waiting for the well driller to come look at park. A reminder of the code review meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Chief Payne met with the OSHA people and they have agreed to reduce fine to 1,875.00. We will have fork lift training and inmate training this month. I am working on the Budget, still waiting on figures from County and the State Shared Revenue. Heath and Tommy are looking at the streets to see what is needed. We will be crack sealing for about two more weeks. Councilman Innes said there is a good sized pot hole at the intersection by the Splash Park. Mayor Rivera asked if anyone has asked about the town houses. Terry said there has been two or three people and we sent them to the owners and have heard nothing. The new Town Code books I have given to you to look at. They have organized our ordinances over the years and put into one book. It was checked to comply with State Statues.

- B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said we have had 3 fires in last month Infamous Bar & Grill, Nielson and Henry's. The Firefighter 1 and 2 classes will be over in the next month. I have submitted the Nims report that we need to receive federal funds making sure we are in compliance with their regulations.

We will have more training from our insurance company on Hazard Recognition in March for the Town employees and Fire Department. Mayor Rivera asked do the people come every year to decide what rating our departments gets. Chief Payne said ISO comes and rates the fire departments and it is about every 10 years. Ours should be soon. We have a 4 rating which is very good for a volunteer fire department. Since the last rating we receive the ladder truck so we should do pretty well. Mayor Rivera stated that our homeowners insurance is affected by the rating the Fire Department receives. We appreciate the good job they do.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods said he had a presentation to make which is a touching story to tell. On January 18<sup>th</sup> Officer West responded to a call of a male that was unresponsive. Upon arrival he found the man not breathing and without pulse he immediately began CPR he continued until the ambulance arrived 7 to 10 minutes later. Paramedic Jeremy Claridge and John Clegg both reported that if CPR had not been performed Mr. Connelly would not be alive today. I would like to give to Officer West tonight the Chief's Award for his exemplary performance. Mr. Connelly is also here tonight. Chief Woods thanked Officer West. Chief Woods reported that he had two officers attending the swat training this week and next. We have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> phrase response plan with Thatcher School District. We are asking for grant money from Governor Office of Highway Safety. The grant amount is \$50,985.00 which will include DUI task overtime, defensive driving, youth alcohol, radar unites, camera, portable breath testing. We probably will not get it all but I am confident we will get something.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Safe House- Mayor Rivera said they had no meeting but have had yard sells.

B. Chamber of Commerce – Councilman Innes said he had not attended a meeting and had not received notice.

C. SEAGO- Vice Mayor Mulleneaux reported a representative from Bylas said they are looking for funding for their new complex with includes the school and a sub division on south side of Hwy 70.He asked if their allegation of funds could be moved up or make a trade. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux said the representative from Duncan reported they were getting a Dollar Store and have permits for 20 homes and getting a hotel in town. They are very happy about that. The Cochise County rep said they were happy with the results of elections most of their people were voted back in. They have a new complex for a senior housing in Sierra Vista. He also reported that 25% of the mall business in Sierra Vista comes from Mexico. Seago had their audit report and approved consent

agenda. Danny Smith was elected Chairman and Mayor Rivera was re-elected as the second Chairman. They talked about more funding and less mandates. Rural Arizona is going to receive 1 to 2 million dollars in funding and that will consist of 1 or 2 project as opposed to in the past having 6 projects competed they are concerned about that. They are also working to preserve the Enhancement Grants.

Heath said he met with ADOT today to discuss the Reay Lane Project (walking path). The previous project manager retired and they think it will get a burst of energy and should go faster. Heath said that Graham County is a year behind us in receiving their funding for the walking path.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to adjourn meeting with a second from Councilman Larson. The vote was unanimous Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

### **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 19th day of February, 2013. 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