

Unapproved Minutes
MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
April 9, 2013

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

Staff: Terry Hinton Manager, Heath Brown Engineer, Matt Clifford Attorney, Chief Shaffen Woods, Lona Duncan Town Clerk

Absent: Councilman Innes and Chief Payne

Visitors: Raymond Lonser, Matt Petersen, Scott Lee, Krista Olmstead

AGENDA

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

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Vice Mayor Mulleneaux

Roll Call.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Raymond Lonser stood and said he had called Chief Woods and wanted to know if I could do volunteer work a ride along. Two days later I received a phone call asking if I wanted to do a ride along with Officer Steve Carter. I was very impressed with his ability to see and notice things. He saw speeders, responded to life alert alarm, caught speeders with guns that were loaded, and when in Daley Estes he says that guy has a rifle I didn't even see it until he brought it to my attention. I want the Council to know the potential danger your police officers have. Officer Carter is very knowledgeable and very respectful. I would like to see something mention or done for Officer Carter. Mayor Rivera said it would be good if you could write it down so it will be in his file and he will see it. I would like to thanks Chief Woods for letting me do this I enjoyed the experience.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

- A. Stop Sign Placement on Church Street – Scott Lee

Mr. Scott Lee stood stated he lives on 3143 Church street. I would like to see what the possibilities are for speed control I was thinking a stop sign would work. I received a letter from your manager on showing information on why and where stops signs don't work. Since then I have looked at a lot of different possibilities. Terry said we are trying to have the presence of a Police Officer in that area to slow traffic down. Chief Woods said he checked on figures and last year we had 150 traffic stops on Church Street. I have assigned Officer Larson to that area in the morning but he also has to work 1st

Street in the morning. Mr. Lee said he learned about speed bumps versus the speed humps and the speed table, pavement markings or different textures for roads slow traffic more than a stop sign. Terry said that tomorrow we are having a public meeting on the reconstruction of Church Street with the engineers maybe they could give us some direction of what they think would work best. Mayor Rivera asked Terry to do more research and see what might work. Mayor Rivera thanked Mr. Lee for coming.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the March 12, 2013 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 the minutes and reports. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

- A. Thatcher Schools Reading Program support.
Terry said he asked Matt Petersen to give us a cost break down of what the school had put into last years program. Mr. Petersen said besides the building we have brought more books over the year and we use the primary and middle schools books. We are also working on having a public entrance in the new middle school building and have a Town Library with the help of the School. I think we will have a better product if we join forces. Councilman Larson asked if they had thought about charging a fee. Mr. Petersen said yes but decided against it. Councilwomen Martin said it thought it is a good program. Mayor Rivera said he thought it is a great benefit and you are asking for \$2500 answer was yes.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made the motion to fund the Reading Program of \$2500.00. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous – Motion passed

- B. Tentative 2013/2014 Budget approval.

Terry said this is the same budget you looked at in the work session. It is a tentative budget meaning it sets the upper limit which you can't exceed but we can go down on the budget before it is passed. I still don't have the State of Arizona figures or the Counties figures but I don't expect them to change too much. The Budget amount is 11,186,024.50 which went up about 6% from last year's budget.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve tentative budget. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action.

A. Fair Housing Proclamation.

Terry said we need this proclamation in order to be eligible for the CDBG grants. The Mayor can sign a proclamation without the vote of Council.

B. ATM installation on Town property by Arizona State Credit Union.

Terry said he talked with bank people yesterday. They want to come next month after Council had talked about it and thought of question you might have concerning the installation. Council came up with question like cost of installation, liability on injury or robbery, rental cost, power cost, parking issues, are we advertizing for the Credit Union. Terry said he would give these concerns to them and next month they will be here to give us answers.

C. Police Policy Manual approval.

Terry said this is the policy manual that we joined with other rural Police Departments it cost us \$4500. They have professionals that not only have law experience but have been police officers for many years. Mayor Rivera asked Chief Woods if he was ok with the manual. Chief Woods said he really liked it. It is a legal backing on all the new case laws. We have always been so different in policy from City of Safford but now they are using this policy so there are only a few things that we will differ on. I like that we work so much together. Terry said this also offers training opportunities and if a new law case comes up they will give it to us it is easier to keep current. Chief Woods said I am pretty excited about it.

Councilman Larson made motion to approve the Police Policy Manual. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said we have been working on pot holes so let me know if you have seen any. Today the crews starting working on the dug outs and the benches are together. There will be a flat slab with the bench on it. We are also going to put a water lines at the end each fields so if the dust needs to be knocked down they can do that. Next week the crew will work on the

sidewalks at High School and Hwy 70 they need to be repaired. We will now go back to the park. The design should be completed by August. Tomorrow is the Public Meeting on Church Street public meeting at the College at 6:00pm in the Bonita Room. The P & Z Code review meeting will be at 5:30 next Tuesday April 16th. Scott Powell will be at our next meeting to report on the audit. We have asked the State Purchasing Contract people to give us a quote on carpet for this building. Terry said I had mentioned in the budget work session that it might be a good idea to have member of Council be on the Recreation Committee to meet over not only baseball but any other recreation type program we might have or you might be interested in having. The volunteers are Councilman Allen, Griffin and Councilwomen Martin.

B. Fire Department Report.

Terry said that Chief Payne and Gary Allred are at training for building codes.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods said with the help of Mr. Lonser we are having a defensive driving school for Senior Citizens at the Fire Department on April 29th given by AARP it is a four hour program. Sergeant Cauthen will finish his leadership training this week and then Sergeant Mulleneaux will start that same training the following week. Officer West and I will attend FBI Active Shooters training on mass shooting. It will be on trends and things you can do to prevent the shootings. Dump the Drugs day is April 27th at Home Depot. Last week our department had a department meeting the officers are working some difficult cases.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Safe House- Councilwomen Martin said she did attend meeting. They are looking at way to raise more money. They have a 49 bed unit and for the month of January they used 726 bed nights. The next meeting will be June 25th. Mayor Rivera said they had the Greenlee Golf Tournament and raised \$4000 which is very good.

B. Chamber of Commerce- No report

C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera said his next meeting is May 17th in Bisbee. They have moved into their new building.

Mayor Rivera said I have given each of the Council a folder with an evaluation form for Terry for the last year only. If you will turn them in to me I will consolidate and review with Terry. Terry is requesting that he have a copy of your evaluation and comments. If you will return to me before May's Council meeting then we will go into executive meeting to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Griffin made motion to adjourn Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

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 April, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk