

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
June 11, 2013**

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

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

Absent: Councilman Wayne Griffin

Visitors: Raymond Lonser

**AGENDA**

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order. Mayor Rivera opened meeting stated there was a quorum. He said God Bless our Troops, God Bless their families, God Bless Thatcher and God Bless the United States of America. We are glad to say that Troop 258 is home.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Raymond Lonser

Roll Call.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. 2013/2014 Budget

None

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the May 14, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Innes asked for the word phrases to be changed to phases.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve consent agenda with the amendment of the word phases. Council Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 611-2013:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF

THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA.

Terry said the budget hasn't changed from the work session and the approval of tentative budget. Staff would recommend the final budget.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve Resolution No 611-2013. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion, consideration and possible action

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 612-2013:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, STATING THE PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASING FROM THE MAYOR AND ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

Terry said this is the procedure we follow if we buy anything from a Councilmember. Anything over 300 dollars has to go out to bid.

Councilwomen Martin made motion to approve Resolution No 612-2013. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 613-2013:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, STATING THE SALARY EQUIVALENCY AND THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS.

Terry said this sets the salary for workers comp for our volunteers in our fire department. It set the base pay if they are injured. It is based off the salary of a Police Officer.

Councilman Larson made motion to approve Resolution No 613-2013. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 614-2013:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MANAGER TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, IGA'S WITH GRAHAM COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES, ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER SERVICES, ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AND WIDE AREA NETWORK COMMUNICATION SERVICES.

Terry said this is a yearly agreement with Graham County for services they provide to us. The only one that was different this year was the wide area network and it decrease slightly.

Vice Mulleneaux made motion to approve Resolution No 614-2013. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said we are doing some work at ball fields. The paving projects for this budget year will start on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Most of our paving is from done from July to October so our crews will

be working to get everything ready. They will be working on the park intersection, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Valley View, 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Porter Lane. We are going to try and bid all project at once so it will be bigger and the cost will be less. Councilman Larson asked about the well drilling. Terry said he called today and he was waiting on a part. Council suggested if he didn't that we start looking at someone else. Terry said the adult basketball starts tonight in the middle schools gym. Terry said on the Improvement District we have all signatures on 12<sup>th</sup> Street we are now getting signatures on the quick claim deeds. The annexation on River Walk we have contacted the last land owner they were ok with the annexation. We do need to decide how much of that area we are going to annex. The annexation will take at least three months because of the annexation process. Councilman Larson asked about the walking path. Heath said I think by January next year we should be able to bid the project out. Terry said you were given the draft of the code review. There probably will be some changes we have two public hearing and a couple of work shop meetings left. Heath said July 2<sup>nd</sup> is the work shop meeting. Terry said it will be up for approval at the August Council Meeting and then takes 30 days after the approval to become effective. Terry said we are looking at locking the waste water treatment pump so that we know who is using the water. It is being used more now will the shortage of water. We are thinking of charging commercial people a 4000 gallon water truck would cost \$20.00. If they are not a Thatcher citizen they won't be able to use it. Our well is producing half of what it used to. Council thought the key was a good idea. Terry said that Heath received plans back from the engineer on Church Street. The plan has 3 roundabouts at 1st Ave, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Stadium and at intersection put bulbs to narrow the lanes. Councilman Innes said he likes the round about for slowing traffic. Terry said there are bike lanes that will dress the area. Councilman Allen asked Terry to look at the cost to the Town if the electric was put underground, Councilman Martin agreed it would enhance the area. Terry said he gave Council a copy of City of Safford's resolution with the penalties for not following water restrictions. The first violation is a letter, second \$100 charge to bill, third \$250, and fourth \$500. These could take effect the first of September.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said we have been asked to participate in 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities by City of Safford parade and the County. Chief Payne said he had included an amendment that goes with the original report of the house burn last year. It is the foot notes or comments from the two captains that looked at the fire report.. Mayor Rivera asked if this investigation was now closed and if the firemen had seen it. Chief Payne answered yes it is over and we will go over this with men and use it as training. We have three new members and a new Captain Steve Curtis since BK Merriman quit. Mayor Rivera asked about Mr. Alaniz's wife. Chief said that he gave a report that she was improving slowly still in a lot of pain and her eye is still a problem. There is going to be fund raisers to help with medical expenses. Councilwoman Martin said there is an account open at Chase Bank for her. Councilman Larson asked about physicals for the firemen and Chief said that will probably be done in August.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods said they received authorization to proceed with the DUI grant of \$23,757.00 dollars to be used for portable breath testing, overtime and education. The PBT's have been ordered and our first task force will on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. We were also asked to participate at the County programs on July 4<sup>th</sup> Officer West has been assigned.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Safe House- Councilwoman Martin said the meeting was the 25<sup>th</sup> nothing new to report.
- B. Chamber of Commerce – Councilman Innes said next meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera said there was a business meeting and an evaluation of the Executive Director.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02 (A)(1)(7) the Council may go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and to consult with the Town Attorney for legal advice.

Councilman Innes made motion to go into executive session Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion the vote was unanimous. Time was 8:17pm; Terry Hinton and Matt Clifford were asked to stay.

- A. Decision on Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilman Allen to offer Terry Hinton a contract for another year with 3 ½ % cost of living increase and a ½% merit pay increase. His vehicle allotment will be reinstated with a monthly detailed report to Council of mileage. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was 5 ayes Mayor Rivera, Vice Mayor Mulleneaux, Councilman Innes, Allen and Larson. There was 1 nay Councilwomen Martin. Motion passed

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Martin made motion to adjourn meeting. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

**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 11th day of June, 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