

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
October 21, 2013**

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

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

Visitors: Justin Echols, Kent Ellett

AGENDA

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm stating there was a quorum. Mayor then said God Bless our Troops their families, God Bless Thatcher, God Bless The United States of America.

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Councilman Aaron Allen

Roll Call.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Riverwalk proposed annexation.

Terry said this is the first of the public hearings on the annexation process. This is the time for the public to comment if they want or do not want the annexation. No one from the public commented.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the September 9, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

- A. Walking Path IGA with ADOT modification.

Terry said this is a modification of the IGA for the Walking Path with little change. Attorney Clifford has reviewed it. Heath and I have a meeting with them tomorrow if there is anything to report I will email you.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve the modification to IGA with ADOT. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said by the end of week our work of curb, gutters and sidewalks on Valley View should be done then we will start on 12th Street. Terry said we hope to start paving next month. The goal is to get everything done before the cold weather sets in. Frye Mesa Rd is graded beginning at the cattle guard area to Reay Lane which we will own and maintain. The sure pay is in the process of being completed just waiting for the bank to approve. I have been playing phone tag with the ATM Company hoping to get more details but it sounds like we would have to purchase the machine and service it ourselves. I also looked into the credit card device it will be the 2.7% charge to the customer. We can start that anytime. The Junior League Volleyball is over and we feel it was a success a lot of girl signed up they had tournaments and a lot of fun. Councilman Innes said he heard a lot of positive about the volleyball. The next thing will be Boys Jr. Basketball it will be on calendar when we get dates and cost. Gary Allred found a grant from The Arizona Tree Council that was funded by Freeport we received eight trees we have put them at the Splash Park. This Saturday is the valley wide clean up projects. We have a few places in Thatcher that will be on the list. We will also have a truck at the ball fields for people who want to dump. The meeting place for people who want to help is at the Ruth Powell School from 8:00am to 12am. Councilman Allen asked about the free dump for everyone else. Terry said it will be in the spring sometime and the Town pays for those fees's that is why they ask for a bill showing where you live. Councilman Larson asked about the Splash Park. Terry said they are starting the bathrooms this week should be done by December.

- B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne Mike said we conducted 10 fire safety tours, our Open House was good. The Steak Dinner is November 5th at 7:00pm be sure and come. We have

another house to burn it is the small white house across from Cash Lane so again good training for us. Councilman Griffin asked if they had vote on a new captain. Chief Payne said we will do that tomorrow if there are enough people at meeting.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods said we received \$15,157.00 for the purchase of 15 AED's. There will be one in each patrol car, one at the Town Shop and Town Hall. We will also have training for the AED along with CPR starting next week from Southwest Ambulance. Our taser's are old so we are in the process of replacing them and then retraining the officers. The new patrol cars should be in by next week. I had a lot of positive comments on the Cold Justice program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Safe House- Nothing to report

B. Chamber of Commerce- Councilman Innes said we weren't invited to meeting due to preparation for the roping. We did have a Grand Opening for the Tractor Supply Company on Saturday they had a good turnout it is a nice store.

C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera said he had noting to report on SEAGO but want Council to know I am setting up a meeting with Rick Mattice President of EAC Board and Preston Alder of Thatcher School Board to create a relationship and see how we can partner to help each other.

Councilwomen Martin said there is going to be a Santa in the Park Night on Dec 13th maybe 6:00 to 8:00pm what do you think. Terry thought maybe start at 5:00 or 5:30 pm. Councilwomen Martin said we are wanting lights and looking at having booths with face painting, kettle corn, selling hot chocolate, jumping castle, maybe the EAC choir and the Gila Valley Community Choir and we will have Santa there for it kids. She thought it would cost about \$500 to put it on and I would like any suggestions. Councilman Griffin suggested the High School Choir for selling hot chocolate they are trying to earn money. Terry said maybe contact the Chamber of Commerce and see if any merchants might want to put in a booth to sell their items. Councilwomen thanked them for suggestions.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Innes made the motion to adjourn meeting with a second from Councilwomen Martin. The vote was unanimous and meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

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 21st day of October, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk