

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
January 20, 2014**

Present: Mayor Bob Rivera, Vice Mayor Bill Mulleneaux, Council Members Wayne Griffin, Donald Innes, Ken Larson, Aaron Allen, Joy Martin.

Staff: Terry Hinton Manager, Heath Brown Engineer, Matt Clifford Attorney, Shaffen Woods Chief of Police, Chief Mike Payne Fire Department.

Absent: None

Visitors: JoDee Mason, David Bell

AGENDA

Mayor Rivera welcomed all and called meeting to order at 7:00pm stating there was a quorum. Mayor Rivera said God Bless our Men and Women in the military throughout the world, God Bless our first responders Police and Fire Fighters, God Bless Town of Thatcher and the United States of America and their families.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilwomen Joy Martin

Roll Call.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Rezone of Mr. Kenny Angle property on Reay Lane.

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

- A. STAR Advocacy Center - JoDee Mason, Director

JoDee Mason stood and introduced herself as the representative of STAR Advocacy Center. We are just getting started and trying to get our name out there. I have passed out pamphlets they talk about what an Advocacy Center is. An Advocacy center coordinates the professional response to reports of child abuse, sexual assault and family violence. This includes law enforcement, Child Protection Services, forensic medical, prosecution, advocates and mental health. We have been working on this since September and Chief Woods has been a great support at our Task Force meetings. We did some research and found that in Graham and Greenlee County there were 320 cases per year that does not include adults. The nearest center is Tucson which charges \$200 for each victim not including cost for the Police Officers time. If we have a center it will cut down on the expense to our County. A list of the things we do is helping officers with

rape cases, domestic violence, hold victim and child interviews, nursing exam, provide information to the victim, training, assist victims in court processing, life coaching, help agencies work together. Mayor Rivera asked her what was needed from our Council. Ms. Mason said they are looking for funding, a location and continued support from the community. We are going to apply for a non profit tax number from the IRS and will need \$1000 dollars. We are also having a Task Force meeting tomorrow at the Safford Library at 10:00 am and would ask that anyone that is interested to come. Councilwomen Martin said she would give her the phone number to call the Graham Greenlee Foundation to apply for nonprofit funds, and that is where we put our money each year. Council asked a number of questions and Mayor Rivera thanked her for coming this sounds like a good agency to have in the valley.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the December 16, 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 consented agenda.. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 173-2014:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA PURSUANT ARTICLE 3, SECTION 3.3 REZONING REQUESTS AND ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS, OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER ZONING ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FOR 1.6 ACRES LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF REAY LANE BETWEEN WEST 12TH STREET AND FRYE MESA ROAD; FROM "C-2" TO "MU". (CASE #Z14-01).

Terry said in the public meeting held there was no comment either way. The P&Z Board voted 4 to 1 to approve. Councilman Innes asked why the no vote. Heath explained that Mr. Morales question was what is the plan for the property, Mr. Angle said it is most likely residential. Mr. Morales said then why not zone residential. At the time I forgot to remind him that our main reason for rezoning to the MU was our general plan is commercial for that area. Multiple Use is a commercial zone but also

allows single family residents to be there. So we can change to a MU without making a general plan modification.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve Ordinance 173-2014. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

- B. Appointment of Hearing Officer to preside over civil traffic violation cases.

Terry said I provided the verbiage in the Town Code that will allow you to appoint Merri Aden our Court Clerk as the civil traffic violation cases officer. What that allows is say someone pled guilty to a speeding ticket and wants to pay the fine she has the right to do that without having to go to the Judge or some offense like have to prove they have insurance or a child restraint or a driver license. She can dismiss those types of things. She will have to have some training on this.

Councilman Innes made the motion to appoint Merri Aden as the Hearing Officer for the civil traffic violation cases. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 616-2014:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO AMEND AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR AN ASPHALT PATHWAY ON REAY LANE FROM CHURCH STREET TO GOLF COURSE ROAD.

Terry said this is an addition our first contact was \$3000 for review fee's it is now raised to over \$16000 and they received more federal funds of \$39,000 to account for any future review fee so our total review fee is up to 55 thousand dollars. Heath and I recommend passing the IGA.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve Resolution No 616-2014. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Resolution passed

- D. Planning & Zoning Board member appointment.

Terry said in the P&Z Minutes you can see they talked about the three names presented. Ray Tuttle was voted in unanimously. Councilman Innes said Mr. Tuttle was on the City of Safford's P & Z. Commission for 20 years. Terry said and they say good things about him, now he lives in Thatcher.

Councilman Larson made the motion to approve Ray Tuttle as a member of the Planning & Zoning Board. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said on 12th street by the end of week we should be about ready to pave. Heath, Tommy and myself are looking at how to deal with drive ways. We need to come up with a plan where everyone is treated pretty close to the same. We could start on Stadium Ave intersection as soon as next week. Councilman Griffin asked if a dollar amount has been assessed for the 12th Street project answer was no not yet. Councilman Griffin said I think the dollar amount should be filed in the public notice record for future sells? Terry said I thought that it was attached to the property on the last Improvement District we need to see what has to been done. Terry said that River Walk Improvement District probably won't start until fall. The scalping plant was more than we thought so we ask for different options, a smaller version half the size and that came in as 75 gallon per day at 1.5 million. The O & M cost will still be about 100 thousand a year and that won't change. We are still working at different options including grants. Rivera asked about where we are with the monument. Terry said he needed to get with Rob to start transplanting the rose because it is the right time.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said they had a couple of house fires this month. We took our guys over to the communicate center last week it was good for them to see how they work. Next week we will have an election of officers that is done every two years. We will also make a discussion on which air pack to purchase. Tomorrow night we will be doing a ladder drill.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods thanked the ladies from the STAR Advocacy Center this is a very good program it would help our officers and the victim it is a very good resource for the community. We sent 4 officers to Mesa PD for Drivers Training on the track and the next week the remaining officers will go. Arizona Post will be down the first part of February to conduct their annual training audit. One of our last DUI grants we had \$9,500 left over so they gave us an extension until June 2014. I am going to see if they will let us reallocate some of that money for equipment. We had a rash of storage sheds being broken into as did the City of Safford and the County. One man was caught in Safford but we believe there is more than one person involved. The places that were hit the hardest in Thatcher were Ticer's Storage and Angle's Storage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Safe House – None
- B. Chamber of Commerce- None
- C. SEAGO- None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Innes made the motion to adjourn meeting Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous meeting adjourn at 8:01pm

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 20th day of January, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk