

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

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

Staff Present: Terry Hinton Manager, Matt Clifford Town Attorney, Chief Shaffen Woods Police, Lona Duncan Town Clerk

Visitors: Donna Harrison, Randy Morris

**AGENDA**

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm stating there was a quorum. Mayor also said God bless our men and women in the armed forces God bless there families, God bless the Town of Thatcher and the United States of America.

Pledge of Allegiance. Lead by Councilman Larson

Roll Call.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

None

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the January 20, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve the consented agenda. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

- A. Church Street design discussion.

Terry said we have talked about the roundabouts before we have given you designs we talked to the engineers to see if they could redesign them and they

can't. My recommendation is the roundabout's are not going to work. With houses built on corners it brings up to many conflicts with off street parking and entrances. One example is Mr. Householder's house the only way he can get into his drive way is from the north on 1<sup>st</sup> Street if he comes from any other direction he will have to go up 1<sup>st</sup> Street and flip a u turn. Heath and I believe the four way stop will work better. Councilman Innes said he had someone ask about the underground utilities. There is no grant money for it and the cost is a lot more. We can not use pubic money to hook the home owners on so they would have to pay for it. If everyone agrees to pay their part from the road to their homes then we could do something. However the cost to the town would also be greater the grant is paying the 300 thousand to relocate the pole but the underground would be a million dollars plus. Councilman Innes said what would be the cost to home owners. Terry said we do not have a figure but I would guess it to be 1000.00 to 1200.00. Councilwomen Martin said so we would have to have every home owner agree to do this, answer was yes. Terry said the project is still so far out it is hard to give a dollar amount. I need to know if it is ok to drop the roundabouts. Council agreed to go with a four way stop.

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

None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said the crew is working on the Splash Park and I have created another crew to work on taking out old ditch on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Before the new ditch goes in we want to get our conduit in and take out poles. Doing this will create a 15 ft shoulder. In the future there might be sidewalks. Tommy is working on getting the infrastructure, water line, electrical in at the Ball Park, then they start putting in the cement. My goal is to open the Splash Park the week-end that school is out. We have finished 12<sup>th</sup> street. We have completed what drive ways we can. Until we get rain we won't know for sure what needs to be done. The other thing we are working on is the baseball fields it is pretty level and the fencing should be here next week. We have fixed it so the junior high kids can use the field and we can use it this summer without moving fences. The bathroom had the final walk through and should be open before the first game begins. We are looking to see if the old bathroom can be fixed. Mayor Rivera commented on how well Valley View looked and asked if the children at play and speed limit signs would be put up answer was yes.

B. Fire Department Report.

None

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods reported that 8 officers attended the Mesa PD drivers training class. Az Post came and did our training audit they found we were overly efficient on

our fire arms because we did it twice in one year. Last week I meet with director of GOHS they have left over funds and they are looking at putting into DUI equipment. We have a DUI van that is pretty old they are going to refurbish and strip the van at no cost. The Drug Coalition and DUI are putting together a mock crash at EAC football field in March for Graham and Greenlee County high school students. It will be educational they will have fire departments, police officers, medical, and helicopters. We will be applying for federal grants for radars, camera and another patrol car. We also asked for Stone Garden money to upgrade and replace hand held radio's also ballistic rifle plates they are about \$450 and very light weight they fit in their vest. We are having a sergeant test on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilwomen Martin asked if that would be in house answer was yes. Terry said the two positions for an officer has been posted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Safe House
- B. Chamber of Commerce – Councilman Innes said there is a meeting tomorrow at noon.
- C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera said their meeting is February 28<sup>th</sup> this month.

Terry said one other thing Matt, Shaffen and myself are working on the timing for appeal there are some legal issue we need to get set so it will be a week to two weeks. Councilwomen Martin asked if it needed to be a public meeting Terry said yes that was our attorney's advice. Councilman Griffin asked if the Council meeting scheduled during spring break in March needs to be changed? Council agreed to have it Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Innes made motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7: 42 pm

**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 17th day of February, 2014. 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