

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
April 22, 2014**

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

Visitors: Matt Peterson, Andrew Rodger, James Hopson

AGENDA

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order stating there was a quorum. Mayor River stated God bless our Armed Forces their Families, Thatcher and the United States of America.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilman Wayne Griffin

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Rezone of Mr. Ward Weaver property on 1st Ave and Church Street.

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

- A. Dennis Martin – Engine Brake noise.

Mayor Rivera said for the record Mr. Martin pulled his request.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the March 17, 2014 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 the consent agenda. Councilman

Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action

A. School Library Programs – Matt Peterson.

Mr. Peterson said he was here just to give an update. The new building is coming up and we have been able to advance some of our other construction by a year. That means the area in between the middle school and the elementary school will start on the 27th we are creating some class rooms and offices. That construction will affect the summer library program due to electricity being shut off and the safety of the kids going in and out of building we feel this will create a safety issue. Because of this we made the decision to postpone the library program until next year. I would also like to extend an invitation for you to do a walk through of our new building. I would like to show you the new media center for the library which will be for the town as well as the school. Mayor Rivera thanked Matt for coming.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action

A. **ORDINANCE NO. 174-2014:** 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 0.8 ACRES LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF 1ST AVENUE, NORTH OF THE UNION CANAL; FROM "C-2" TO "R1-8". (CASE #Z14-02).

Terry said that is Ward Weavers property. This is taking about half of the storage building he has out and combining that piece with the trailer. He has it sold and they want to build houses there. There has been no objection to the rezoning and you can see Planning and Zoning approved it. Councilman Griffin recued himself from voting do to his work.

Councilwomen Martin made the motion to approve Ordinance No 174-2014. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 1 abstaining due to conflict of interest. Motion passed

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 618-2014:** A RESOLUTION GRANTING A LICENSE TO VALLEY CONNECTIONS, L.L.C., TO OPERATE A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WITHIN THE TOWN OF THATCHER.

Terry said this Resolution 618 and 619 is the same thing. One if for Valley Telecom and the other is Cable One. This gives the license to operate the business in the Town of Thatcher. By granting this license they agree to abide by the Town Code. If they don't adhere their license will be revoked. It provides us with a 2% franchise fee and some sales tax.

Councilman Griffin made motion to approve Resolution No 618-2014. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 619-2014:** A RESOLUTION GRANTING A LICENSE TO CABLEONE INC., TO OPERATE A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WITHIN THE TOWN OF THATCHER.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve Resolution No 619-2014. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

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

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to go into executive session a seconded from Councilman Innes the vote was unanimous. Terry said besides Council and himself he would ask that Chief Woods, Attorney Clifford and Lona Duncan with a phone call from the Risk Pool attorney Justin Pierce (by phone) be present. It may take 45 mins. Time 7:56pm

- A. Decision on Executive Session.

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said you can see the park and splash pad are coming along. On the splash pad they are working on lights under ramada's and basketball and volleyball courts. I think we will have it ready for the week-end after school is out. Mayor Rivera asked if bathrooms were working answer yes and the basketball courts are being used we are not letting them on the playground equipment until the rubberized pad goes in about two more weeks. In your consent agenda we added to the monthly report for the police department activities by each officer. It shows miles, traffic tickets report monthly activity by officer showing miles, traffic citations, warnings, calls answered, sexual assaults If you want more then this let us know. Councilman Allen asked about help for the police department on animal control. I had Officer Larson help me with physical contact of two dogs from Daley Estates that murdered my chicken. Since the County is not open on Saturday's maybe we need to get something for each officer to carry in vehicles. Terry said that we have an employee that does that on the week end. He is equipped with the vehicle and the equipment. Chief Woods said there are not that many calls the officers try to take care of them, but if not Gary Allred is to be called out. Terry said if it starts to happen more we can revisit it issue. Terry told Council if any of you are interested in a League training class on Government 101 let Lona know.

- B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said we are working on a grant for air packs if that happens it will be the first part of September before we buy them. If we do get the grant, that will free

up money for the district so we have a committee looking into the cost to replace engine trucks # 4 which is a four wheel drive and engine # 5 that has a leak in tank. They are 1980 and 1981 models. Our ISO rating is affected by the age of our trucks. Councilman Griffin asked about the cost of a truck Terry said between 250 and 300 thousand.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods introduced the two new officers James Hopson and Andrew Rodger. Andrew has about 7 years as police office and James has almost 2 years, both of came from the Sheriff's Department and both are Army Vet's. Mayor Rivera thanked both of them for coming. Chief Woods said that Officer Carter has been moved into investigation. As far as training goes Officer Rodger will attend HGN (Advanced DUI Investigations). Both of our Sergeants will be attending the Gordon Graham Leadership on police leadership. DPS has implemented a program called Offender Watch that is related to sex offenders. Their information can be linked to our city web site where the citizens can go in and set up an email alert to be noticed if any sex offender moves into his neighborhood or if they move it will let you know. That keeps us from having to go door to door handing out pamphlets. It should be up and running in a couple of months. There will be information we will have to provide to them. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux asked if it would take in other location close to your home. Chief Woods said he understood that the citizen can select the geographical area they want. We sent Kendall and Steven over to receive the training I will let you know when it is ready to go. Things that are going on in the community is Kevin West will be teaching in Mr. Morales government class and the following week he and Office Larson will be teaching the Drivers Ed class. National Drug Take Back Day is April 26th however will not be at Home Depot this year every police department will have a container like we have in the lobby. Mayor Rivera said to thank the Officers for the work they do.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Safe House- Nothing
- B. Chamber of Commerce- Councilman Innes said we meet last Tuesday. I will be invited to the quarterly meetings, the Board of Directors meet every month. We met the new Pima Town manager, Jeff McCormick he had been in the Commerce Department working in the community and business development programs.
- C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera said that he and Terry went to a meeting in Nogales Sonora it was for the megaregion. There is a card called nexis that can be used within a 75 miles radius from the border it is called a zone free area. How does that help Thatcher, through tourism and economic development. They did sign a memorandum of understanding with Sonora and Arizona parties. Texas already has one in place they are way ahead of us. It creates corridors coming in through highways and ports of entries. I think this is a good thing for Arizona. Mayor Rivera said also the Gila Watershed Partnership has contacted the Walton family that do a lot of grants. Terry said they attended a meeting at the County this is to develop resources along the river to draw people here by developing walking paths etc. The Walton Family wants a committee to put the ideas together and they will help fund the project. They are asking for one staff member and one elected

official to be on that planning committee. Mayor Rivera asked for volunteers. Heath said he would be the staff person and Aaron Allen agreed to be the elected official.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Innes made motion to adjourn regular meeting. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm

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 22nd day of April, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk