

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
July 21, 2014**

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

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

Absent: Chief Shaffen Woods

Visitors: Ryan Rapier, Barbara Haralson, Deana Stone, Michael Smith, Max Crain

AGENDA

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order stating there was a quorum. Mayor Rivera also said our Heavenly Father bless the men and women in the armed forces our first responders, police and fire fighters to keep them safe Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilwomen Martin

Roll Call.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

A. Child Support Enforcement Proclamation.

Mayor Rivera said that the Governor of the State of Arizona is asking all cities to proclaim August as the Child Support Enforcement month. He then read the Proclamation.

B. Gila Watershed Partnership Annual Report – Deana Stone

Deanna Stone stood and introduced herself and Michael Smith. We are asking that you keep us in your budget and we are here to report what has taken place. We cover the area of Graham and Greenlee County we started in 1992. Our goals are the same water quality and quantity. The projects are for this community so we would like to know if you have a project we can help with. Some projects are the abandon vehicles, wells have been capped, E-coli reduction which also increased the number of bathrooms, erosion control, fencing and the water count program, one we are giving new attention to is the Tamarisk Leaf Beetle. You are welcome to attend our monthly meeting held on the second Wednesday each month at the Graham County General Service Building. We appreciate your support.

C. Graham County Interfaith Farm & Food Bank – Barbara Haralson

Barbara Haralson said she would like to tell Council about Our Neighbor's Community Farm which is in Safford but it is for all of Graham County. We help 2200 clients a month and this year we had about 25 thousand pounds of produce from the farm. Ms. Haralson introduced Max Cain as the Farm Manager who showed pictures of what goes on at the farm. He pointed out that there is a number of schools that provide this as a learning experience for students. They plant the seed and follow it through until the harvest is ready. It teaches them team work, public speaking, math, health, nutrition and plants. They have volunteer

teacher helping them. Hopefully we will have more schools next year. We have U of A Interns help and Eastern Arizona College everything we do is done by volunteers. The food is distributed to the volunteers and to the Food Bank. We give to the SEACUS, Safe House, St Vincent de Paul, to disabled person, children, seniors, shut-ins. Barbara stated they are a 501C3 so very little funds come out of the grants for salaries, rent and utilities. We are truly a nonprofit organization with many great volunteers. We hope you will come see the farm and that you might be able to help us.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the June 16, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Innes made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 625-2014:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF VARIOUS AGREEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPPR POOLING PROGRAM

Terry explained we have a current power pulling agreement that schedules our power. We are in that pool with about 30 other electric utilities which they schedule every 30 minutes to see who needs how much power. It is a complicated system. In the year 2015 we will have, though the SPPR Group, purchased 25% of the Mesquite Power Plant in Quartzsite. Originally AEPCO was the agent that was scheduling the power that will be changed. These amendments will remove them and they will be replaced by SPPA as our scheduling agent. They will also schedule all our Hydro contracts from the Federal Government. This should help us manage our resources better.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve Resolution Mp 625-4014. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved

- B. August Meeting possible date change.

Terry said Mayor Rivera will be out of town for the August 18th Council meeting due to the League of Cities Annual Conference. It was decided to hold the meeting August 11th.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said this week we are fixing sidewalks that are broken and sewer taps. Councilman Larson asked when the parking lot in Daley Estates is scheduled. Terry said they are scheduled to start 4th Ave and a little section North Stadium Ave. on August 4th so probably about August 18th when Brinkerhoff and Fairway are to be worked on, we will do the basketball court and the parking lot at the same time. Mayor Rivera said maybe hold the Council meeting on Aug 11th starting at 6:30 out at the Splash Park and have the Grand Opening. Councilwomen Martin asked if the employees received their gym equipment. Terry said they are still working on getting quotes.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said they are in process of signing up for State Fire School that will be Sept 3rd to 7th. So far we have 12 men that want to attend. Mayor Rivera asked if we were still having classes for Firefighter 1 & 2. Chief said no the college is not doing it this year and B.K. Merriman is not teaching anymore. We are trying to get someone to qualify as the instructor. We are hoping to get that done during the Fire School.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods was absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Safe House- nothing
- B. Chamber of Commerce- nothing
- C. SEAGO- nothing

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Innes made motion to adjourn meeting. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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 July, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk