

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
August 11, 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 Department, Chief Mike Payne Fire Department, Lona Duncan Town Clerk

Visitors: Steve Curtis, Balt Bermudez

AGENDA

Mayor Rivera welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm stating there was a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilmen Ken Larson

Roll Call.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Liquor License request – Marriot Spring Hills Suites
None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

- A. PROCLAMATION - EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE WEEK.

Mayor Rivera read the proclamation stating the week of September 22nd- 26th as Guard and Reserve Week.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the July 22, 2014 regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Larson made motion to approve agenda with a second from Councilwomen

Martin. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action

A. Decision on Liquor License request.

Terry said they have a small store they want to sell alcohol. The license permits them to buy, but they have to take it their room or off site to partake of it. It is a license that can only sell beer and wine and those that buy will have to show their ID. There are a number of service stations and grocery stores in that area who already have a Liquor License. Councilman Griffin said he needed to recuse myself from voting due to business relationship.

Councilwomen Martin made motion to approve the Liquor License for Marriott Springhill Suites. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was 6 ayes, Martin, Allen, Larson, Rivera, Mulleneaux, Innes and 1 abstained Griffin.

B. Paint Striper Bid award.

The machine we have was purchased back in the 1990 used so it is pretty old. We feel like what we are paying City of Safford and the County for doing our striping it will pay for itself. We also can have it done when we need it instead of waiting for them. Heath said he called for references on the top two machines. The Kelly – Creswell is a little more than low bid but is a heavier machine I like some of the feature. The Ez Liner is a good machine also but more money. I like the Kelly-Creswell. Heath we need to strip every year and we are getting some of the roads done every 2 years.

Councilman Innes made the motion to accept the bid from Kelly-Creswell for the striping machine. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry reported on the paving, 4th Ave. striping is complete. The short section on Stadium is complete, Fairway is complete today and tomorrow will go to Brinkerhoff and then the following day the Daley Estes parking lot and the basketball courts. The Walking Path is coming along I don't think it will take them the 60 days. We received some numbers on what the splash pad used in water. It averages 1500 to 1600 gallons a day and we had told them about 1200 to 1400 we were close. We have ordered a program that will cut that amount in half. Heath said it cost about \$700 it is a computer chip to re-program the system. What happens instead of the valve opening into the sewer the valve will open to go back into the tank. Mayor Rivera asked when we will shut it down. Terry said not until it freezes or gets to cold for them to play in it. We also purchased a radar traffic counter which is on Church Street right now. It gives all kinds of data, speed,

number of cars, length of vehicles, timing that we can download. We are going to look at the data now and the after as school has been going for a week. Chief Woods said it will give us the data to know if this street has people speeding it will be a good tool. Terry said the Credit Union gave us a proposal for our banking services they were less than National Bank. We were thinking of doing a RFP to get quotes from other banks to see if we want to change banks. Terry said Verizon contacted him saying they did a survey which shows the tower here behind Town Hall is a good location. They are proposing that they add to our 30 foot pole making it 50 feet. If Council is open to that I will get more information. Mayor asked if they would pay rent answer was yes. Councilmen Allen asked if current zoning law would allow for that answer was yes. Terry explained that the Fire Department applied for a grant through FMI and found out that we would be granted half of the 264 thousand dollars we ask for to purchase air packs. We were granted 132 thousand dollars. Council while need to commit to finishing the cost of the air packs in order to receive the grant. I would like to thank Balt Bermudez and others for writing this grant they did a great job.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said they have 13 signed up to go to Fire School. We are still in the process of the ISO evaluation we are making sure all our records are complete. I would like to ask about the Neighborhood Night Out do we know if it is going to be held this year. Terry said Officer West contacted the ladies and they are still not sure it will happen, can't find volunteers. They are looking at Sept 8 or 9th but that is still pending. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux asked if we can help it is a good thing and would hate to see it go away. Terry said he would get with Officer West and see what needs to be done. Chief Payne said the Steak Fry has been set for the night of Oct 28th at 7:00pm please put that on your calendars.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods said school will be back in session on Wednesday so we will have extra officers on duty to watch traffic. The cadet Jacob Shields graduated from the Police Academy last week we hope to keep him around but it looks like the Cochise County Sheriff department is already looking at him. Safford PD is hosting a defensive fire arms training this week. We just learned that Stone Garden has recommended that we get a grant for seven hand held radio's, and stop sticks which will save us quite a bit of money. We can expect traffic to increase with all the schools starts up this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Safe House – Councilwoman Martin said the big news is they did get their non-profit status so maybe their funding will come back. Their bed capacity is $\frac{3}{4}$ full so they stay busy.
- B. Chamber of Commerce – Councilman Ines said the next meeting is Aug. 19th.
- C. SEAGO – Mayor Rivera had nothing to report. Terry said he had an SEAGO Admin Council meeting in Benson this Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Innes made motion to adjourn meeting with a second from Councilwomen Martin. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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 11th day of August, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk