

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
September 15, 2014**

Present: Mayor Bob Rivera, Vice Mayor Bill Mulleneaux, Councilmember's Don Innes, Ken Larson, Aaron Allen, Joy Martin

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

Absent: Councilman Wayne Griffin

Visitors: Ryan Rapier, Barbara Haralson, Matt & Jennie Baker, Ed Ragland, James Bryce

**AGENDA**

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone and called meeting to order stating there was a quorum. Mayor said God bless the Men and Women in the armed forces, first responders, Town of Thatcher and the United States of America.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Heath Brown

Roll Call.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

None

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

A. Boys and Girls Club Funding Request – Ed Ragland

Ed Ragland stood and introduced himself as a Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club with James Bryce as the President. Mr. Bryce stood and explained that is Boys and Girls Club is not just for Safford residents or for low income people. We are there to help all the communities and everyone in it. One of our main concerns is a safe environment and that the kids are learning. We have an after school program where the kids have to do their home work before any activity can be done. We have some kids that this may be the only place that they are given the chance to learn. The City of Safford gives us the building for 1.00 a year and has donated \$5000.00. We are here for the whole Gila Valley. Councilman Allen asked how many kids that attend are Thatcher kids. The answer was 16 the problem is the one bus we have is full and we need more transportation. Mayor Rivera asked how long have you known about this gap. James said late August we did not get the United Way grant we had expected. However we are not just needing to get through this gap we would like long term support. Mayor Rivera we have already approved the budget do you have fund raisers going on answer was yes the biggest is coming up the Salsa Fest. Mr. Bryce said we are asking Thatcher to be a partner with us. The Boys and Girls Club is a great benefit to parents and children in this valley.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Action Item

A. Approve minutes of the August 18, 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 consented agenda. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed.

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

- A. Donation requests for Community Garden and Boys and Girls Club

Barbara Haralson stood and she was with the Community Garden and Pantry and spoke with you last month. Explaining again that over 10% of the produce goes to Thatcher citizens. We did ask for \$1000.00 donations. We are a non-profit organization and need help, we also do a lot of fund raisers. Grants do not cover payroll and overhead. She thanked Council for giving her the time to speak. Councilwomen Martin said I think we should help the Boys and girls Club can we earmark some of the money we give to the Gila Valley Foundation to go to them. Terry said I believe you can. Councilwomen Martin said I think this program is important we should talk about it more in a work session.

Councilwomen Martin made motion to approve emergency donation of \$5000.00 to the Boys and Girls Club and revisit what needs to be done for future years. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made motion to approve donation to Community Garden of \$1000.00. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous Motion passed

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

- A. Bid Award for Municipal Buildings roof repairs.

Terry said this is for the roof next door and this building. We received 6 bids and think the two lower bids are the best. Mills Design Group at 92,097.86 for Asphalt Granulated and the Triple E Roofing 94299.00 60 mil TPO has plastic layers. Heath has talked to a number of people about the process we think this would be a better process for a flat roof. The warranty is 15 years for the Municipal building and 30 years for Town Hall.

Councilman Innes made motion to accept the bid from Triple E Roofing 94,299.00. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous Motion passed

- B. Canvas of Vote for the August 26, 1014 Primary Election.

Terry said in your packet you will see the official canvas. The number of registered voters was 2486 and the ballots cast were 925 which is a 38% voter turnout. There are three council positions that will be filled by Ken Larson, Ryan Rapier and Don Innes who had the three highest votes. They will be seated at the December meeting.

Councilman Allen made motion to accept the Canvas of Votes. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1)(3)(7) the Council may go into Executive Session to discuss or consideration of employment, evaluation assignment or appointment, to give advise on negotiations and for legal advise from the Town Attorney.

Terry said he would like Council, Attorney Clifford, Lona and myself to go into executive session.

Councilman Allen made motion to go into executive session. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Time 8:05

A. Decision on Executive Session.

None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said the walking path should be paved on Thursday. The county is about a year behind us. It will be nice when it is all connected. Councilman Allen asked how they would keep motorcycles off the walking path. Terry said by the Police it will probably be the same fine as driving on the sidewalks. Vice Mayor Mulleneaux asked if there would be signs the answer was yes. Terry said the Daley Estate Night Out will be tomorrow night. Officer West is taking that over with the help of the ladies that have done it so many years. We are trying to lessen their work load the College and the Boys and Girls Club will be doing the games. After this we will work on Church Street then move to Riverwalk and then the pipe line to get water from the well to the parks. We have a cover for the Daley Estate park and will pour flooring and curbing along with the rubberized flooring. Those will all be done at the same time. Terry said we also receive the programming box that should cut our water usage at the Splash Park in half.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said they had 11 attend the State Fire School. Had a lot of good classes and they are ready to share that information at Tuesday Fire Meetings. The ISO will be here Oct 6<sup>th</sup> for the Thatcher Fire Department review. We have had 7 groups of school kids, and the Boys and Girls Club came to see the Fire Station. We will have a Southwest Ambulance training and gas pipe line safety training. The Open House for the community will be at 6:00 pm on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> we usually have a really good turnout.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods introduced Jacob Shields who the Town sponsored at the police academy. Last week myself and Officer West were able to attend the Chief's Conference in Laughlin. We received a lot of good information as well as

networking with other chief's. It was a good week. Detective Carter attended the

Colt Armor School, Officer Whisman will attend a Simulation Instructor class and Sergeant Cauthen will attend Phlebotomy Training. Some of the grants we will receive this next year from GOHS will be the normal DUI grants netting 13 thousand dollars, we received an additional grant from them to refurbish the van which we are excited about. Detective Carter went online and found a grant from WalMart for 1200.00 for a new camera.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Safe House- Council women Martin said they have a meeting this week.
- B. Chamber of Commerce- Councilman Innes said there is an Emergency planning meeting tomorrow, the Annual Salsa Fest is Sept 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> there is the Mt Graham Hill Climb on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- C. SEAGO- Councilman Allen said Mayor Rivera asked me to attend the meeting in Duncan he was unable to go. It will be our turn for the funding of CDBG of around 116 thousand dollars they suggest not using it for parks and recreation projects. Talked about the Town doing our own grant writing that we could save money. Terry said Bonnie does a great job we have never lost the grant do to the way it was written. Councilman Allen said they also talked about us using fund balance.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Allen moved to adjourn meeting. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

#### **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 15th day of September, 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