

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
November 17, 2014**

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

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

Visitors: Celeste Innes, Ryan Rapier, David Sawders

**AGENDA**

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order. Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone and stated there was a quorum. Mayor Rivera said God Bless our men and women in the armed forces their families the Town of Thatcher and the United States America.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Vice Mayor Bill Mulleneaux

Roll Call

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. Liquor License revision for Bashas'.

Terry explained that with the passing of Mr. Basha they needed to change names.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Action Item

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

Councilwomen Martin asked why we need Wifi at the Splash Park. Terry said it is for the security system.

Councilwomen Martin made motion to approve agenda Vice Mayor Mulleneaux seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

- A. Health Insurance Proposal.

The committee has gone through the summary sheet that you have in your packet. We

currently are paying \$352,704.00 and if we leave it like it is the cost will be \$478,152.00. The proposals are from Arizona Public Health Plan at \$606,743.00 and the Raght Trust 402,000.00 without the Gap and Dental plan, the HealthNet had two plan one like what we have now and the other partially self funded with the Gap and Dental is 471,000.00. The current people we are with suggested self funded plan which includes the Gap, Dental and HRA or HSA will be \$372,072.00. Being self funded there is an individual limit of \$25,000.00 the Town could have to pay or 300,000.00 as a group. So if we have a bad year it would still be cheaper and if we have a good year we could get money back. They provide a Cigna Network. This plan also has a drug plan that we have not had in the past. With all that we won't go above 378,000.00 this is the plan the committee recommended. We also looked at having the HSA plan instead of the HRA which we had last year. The deductible is 5500.00 self and 11000.00 a family. Councilman Griffin asked if it would be cheaper to do the self funded for the Dental Insurance. Terry said very possibly we are looking into that. Councilwomen Martin asked if we could go back to the traditional insurance and any time. Terry said yes we can get coverage anytime. Councilwomen Martin asked if the Town was required to offer insurance. Terry said I don't think we do because we are less than 50 employees. Mayor Rivera asked when it would go into effect. Terry said I believe January 2015. Councilwomen Martin asked if we go with the self funded that it be review in six months to see how it is going. Mayor Rivera said a six month review would be July.

Councilman Allen made the motion to accept self funded proposal from IBG. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

B. Scraper Bid.

Terry we last month we talked about the need for a scraper. We have the six week project on Riverwalk and the Frye Creek damn. The rental fee was from CAT. Councilwomen Martin asked me about using it from the City of Safford or the County I do not know if they have one but the problem is we have to use their operator if we use their machine so that adds to the expense. Councilman Allen said so the pay off against the rental would be about 10 months, answer yes. Terry said the scraper is local so staff went and checked it out. They said it was in good condition and won't have to have much done to it. Councilman Allen asked are the tires 80% used or good, answer was 80% good. The tires are 80% good. Councilwomen Martin asked when the Riverwalk project would start answer was in about two weeks.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve low bid on the Colorado Tractor 613 CAT scraper for \$22,500.00. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

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

A. Pipe Bid Award for Park Well.

Terry said there is approximately 1100 thousand feet of 6" drisco pipe that needs to go into the control channel to get water to the Splash Park and Ball Fields. The well that was drilled puts out about 240 gallons a minutes which should be enough. The drisco pipe is fused together in long lengths which require a special machine. We suggest we buy the pipe installed in the channel. The Town will install the PVC pipe to make

connection from the drisco pipe to the storage tank and to the park. The town crew will install two storage tanks and a pump house, sprinklers and install sod. We received four bids and the low bid was from Allen Pump of \$64,363.00 for the base amount. Councilman Griffin asked about how much the total project would be, answer probably 105 to 110 thousand.

Vice Mayor Mulleneaux made the motion to approve the low bid from Allen Pump Company of 64,363.75. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was 6 ayes Rivera, Mulleneaux, Larson, Griffin, Martin, and Innes. Councilman Allen abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

B. Decision on Liquor License request.

Terry said as we stated this is a transfer of Liquor License to the people on the application for Bashas' Inc.

Councilman Allen made motion to approve transfer of the Liquor License to the names on application for Bashas' Inc. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said in the next two weeks of work Church Street sidewalks then will start on Riverwalk. The Splash Park is not being used. It was decided to close it for the winter as of Monday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Allen asked if it would be worth rerouting the cemetery water lines when all the other work is being done on the Splash Park. Terry said we don't use a lot of water so probably not worth it. Terry said the Reay Lane Park now has a new transformer and we have more boxes coming along with more cable. All booths will have power. We will have two light plants so both sides will be light. There are 22 booths signed up right now said Councilwomen Martin. Mayor Rivera asked if there were any grants out there for the Body Camera's. Chief Woods said I haven't found any yet. Terry said the biggest thing on the body camera is the storage of the pictures that are taken. We have looked at some that would cost 2 or 3 thousand a year to store all the video. Chief Woods said one of the really good things is you can set up parameters, like you need to save something for 90 days, after that time period it just drops off you don't have to go back through it . Right now I manually have to go through all them. Another good thing is if I have to give something to the media I can redact things like minor's face or name. Chief Woods said there is a lot that I don't know yet we have just starting gathering information. It is a more efficient way to do things. Chief said the high end of cost would be 22 thousand and 2 to 3 thousand a year. I will get more information for you. Councilman Griffin asked about getting lights on the pole by the walking path is that something we could do? Terry said we could do it up to about Bart Carter feed lot that is where it belongs to Graham County Electric. We would have to talk to them. Terry said the wires are there we would have to hang transformers. I will look into that and get some figures for you.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said he went to crisis management work shop at the mine it was good information and what our role would be. The Light Parade will be Dec 6<sup>th</sup> if any of you what to participate please let me know you are welcome to ride or put lights on the

trucks. Our ISO evaluation date has changed to Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Chief said this is Insurance Service Office grade us every 10 years. That is what your fire insurance is based on. We are now rated with a class 4 with 1 being the highest we would like to move up but how it at least stays a class 4. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade will have a home safety day next week which we will help with. We have already had all the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and Boys Scouts come through. Mayor Rivera thanked him and the fire department.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods said the Graham County Research did help with Halloween and would like to thank them. On Nov 25<sup>th</sup> the State DUI Task Force will have a kick off in Phoenix that will start the holiday season. Patrol car should be done in a couple of week. Detective Carter is attending his last week of Criminal investigations Transition Course. Officer Hopson is going to attend Basic Forensic Interview School. The Safford Police is hosting the Phoenix Police Department Fire Arms training. Officer West will be working with the Thatcher School to teach them on search and seizer and distractive driving and impaired driving.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Safe House – Councilwomen Martin said their meeting will be next week. Mayor asked about Spaghetti dinner she said they made about 300 dollar.

B. Chamber of Commerce – Councilman Innes said their meeting is tomorrow.

C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera said there regular business meeting is in Nogales this Friday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Innes made motion to adjourn meeting with a second by Councilman Allen. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

**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 November, 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