

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
January 19, 2015**

Present: Mayor Bob Rivera, Councilmembers Wayne Griffin, Don Innes, Ken Larson, Joy Martin, Ryan Rapier

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

Absent: Vice Mayor Aaron Allen, Mike Payne

Visitors: David Sawders

**AGENDA**

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm stating there was a quorum. Mayor Rivera said God Bless our men and women in the armed forces, our police, fire fighters and our first responders.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Heath Brown

Roll Call.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. GIFT Building Use permit
- B. Giant Liquor License

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

None

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the December 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Griffin ask for corrections on the spelling of Rivera and that the vote was 5 ayes plus Mayor Rivera said in that same paragraph that Councilman Griffin made the second to the motion of nomination for Mayor.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve consent agenda with the correction being made. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

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

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

A. Decision on GIFT Use permit.

Terry said in your packet you have minutes of the P&Z and drawing. Currently they are using space on EAC campus. The college sold them the corner at Ball Park and Reay Lane. They want to build a 3500 ft sq. building facing Ball Park road. Our Planning and Zoning codes say that a school is allowable in a R3 zone with a use permit.

Councilwomen Martin made motion to approve the GIFT Building Use Permit. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

B. Planning & Zoning Board Member Appointment.

Terry said the P&Z board talked about the replacement for Mike Ajeman who moved out of Thatcher. Tom Palmer has expressed an interest in that position. He is an engineer and now works for the college. The P & Z Commission suggested he would be a good addition to the Board and staff would suggest you appoint Tom Palmer. It was asked how long to finish term and Heath said about a year and half.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve Tom Palmer to be a P & Z Board Member. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

C. Decision on Liquor License for Giant Store.

Terry said the Reay family has sold their properties in the valley and now it belongs to Western Refining Retail, LLC. Roger Kenneth Burton. They have applied for a Class 10 beer and wine store license it is the same type of license they currently have.

Councilwomen Martin made the motion to approve the Liquor License for the Giant Store. Councilman Rapier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said crews have been on Riverwalk for the last two week. They are working on culverts and ditches. The contractor has the pipes fused together ready to put

in the channel for the water line but hasn't started yet, probably due to the weather. We will start our part of the water line in about 6 to 8 weeks. We have a pad to pour on Reay Lane and Ball Park. It will be large enough for 4 tanks but will only put in 2 tanks and a pump house to start with. We are looking for a contractor to bore under the road so it won't have to be dug up. Heath attended a Tack Meeting concerning the Church Street Project. We have funds right now for engineering and the right a ways, they are waiting for environment clearance. Right now the earliest they will fund the money is year 2022 and that would be 1 million dollars and the whole project is 3 million dollars. However if anyone who was awarded before us falters, and we are ready we can get the money sooner. We are still at least a couple years out getting the right of ways. Heath said once we start taking money it will be done within 10 years. Terry said when we received the right a way on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave last year we could only complete one half of the ditch before the water was turned back in. We are working on the other half now and the cost will be around 20 thousand dollar. Councilman Griffin asked about pot holes on Bauer. Terry said we are aware of it but just don't have an available crew right not. That will be taken care of.

B. Fire Department Report.

None

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods said as you know we purchase Spillman Evidence Inventory module we were to get training but they could not fly out due to weather so that will be next month. Southwest Ambulance hosted a combat medical training this week end. Tomorrow we do our annual fire harms qualification training. The DUI van is due back Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. We received 7 hand held radio and 4 set of stop sticks from Stone Garden and an additional 50 thousand in overtime this two next years. We went to the Law Enforcement Walk on Main Street in Safford we appreciate everyone who came.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Safe House- Councilwomen Martin said their next meeting would be February or March. This is their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Safe House this year so they will be doing some brain storming for the open house and different activities during the year.

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

C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera said he has a meeting Wednesday and Thursday in Benson. I will attend the Wednesday meeting.

D. Training Report - none

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Innes made motion to adjourn meeting. Councilwomen Martin seconded the

motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

**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 meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Thatcher held on the 19th day of January, 2015. 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