

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
May 18, 2015**

Present: Bob Rivera Mayor, Aaron Allen Vice Mayor, Councilmember's Don Innes, Ken Larson, Wayne Griffin, Joy Martin, Ryan Rapier

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

Absent: None

Visitors: David Sawders, Tye Stewart, Bart Carter, Connie & Ainsley Allen, Leah Meehl

**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 the Town of Thatcher and the United States of America.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Ainsley Allen

Roll Call.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. Liquor License for Safeway.

Frys bought Safeway so the Liquor License has to change.

B. Temporary Use Permit for Parents Care Trailer – Bart Carter

Terry said Mr. Carter is here to answer any question but this is a standard request. As you can see from the minutes Planning and Zoning Commission passed and recommend the temporary use permit.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

None

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Action Item

A. Approve minutes of the April 20, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.

B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.

C. Police Monthly Report.

D. Approval of Invoices.

E. Financial Reports.

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

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

A. 2015/2016 Budget.

Terry said he has given them a revised copy of the Budget. It is down by 1 million and half because if we take over the Electric system it won't happen until next July. That is the only change. The overall budget is down 5%. This is just information for you next month it will be on the agenda to pass the budget.

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

A. Decision on Safeway Liquor License.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve the transfer of Liquor License to Safeway. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved

B. Decision on Temporary Use Permit.

Councilman Larson made the motion to approve the Temporary Use Permit. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

D. Summer Reading Program/Citizen Library Projects

Tye Stewart stood and said that Matt Peterson had come in the past to make this presentation. We started this summer program in 2012 and asked for \$1000.00 and again in 2013 asking for 2500.00. We didn't have the program in 2014 due to the renovation of building. We have discussed putting the library into the new middle school on the highway because it has an outside door. The kids could use it in the mornings and adults in the evenings for two days in the week. If we have enough usage maybe keep it open during the rest of the year. We have WiFi access and in the future we would like to see purchasing computers or tablets so they can be used inside the library or they could bring their own and have access. We would like to have 2 librarians and 3 kids. We have books from K2 through 6 and looking into e-books. The school is on board with this program but it is really the Town of Thatcher who puts in the money the school just has the building and books. We are asking for 5 thousand this year. This covers the crafts, materials, book replacement and salaries. We are looking at hours being Monday & Wednesday 10-12am for the kids and Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 to 6:30pm for adults. Councilman Innes said we wanted a library and we should support this. Councilman Rapier said I would like to see a report showing what the money is being used for. Vice Mayor Allen said since it is the Town that is supporting it I think we should control and pay for the items used so we can see what is being spent. If you have a credit line of 5 thousand what is not used we will still

have. Terry said that could be done it can be a line item in our budget. Councilman Innes said he thought there should be a committee with a couple Council members and the people at the school for future details.

Vice Mayor Allen made the motion to give to the Thatcher School funding in the form of a line of credit up to \$5,000.00 to run the summer reading program and a test trial of the adult reading program. Councilman Rapier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said most of our work has been at the Splash pad tomorrow we will put up the new screen or netting up for softball field. The fields are ready they will be chalked and then should be ready to be played on. We have a few small things that need to be done like fence around pump house, work on the banks , more block for the retaining wall, we added more dirt on the southwest field it all looks good. Heath and I have looked at designs for a skate board park. We are looking at maybe by the yard over on 8<sup>th</sup> and Reay Lane for a place to put it. If this is something the Council would like to do we will go further with plans. It will probably cost about 50 thousand. Terry said for the future we have the lighting company that is going to look at our spec to see what type would be best for the fields , it has been a long time since we looked at that. Councilman Rapier asked if it might be possible for score boards to be on the ball fields. Terry said yes it is designed to where we add those and sometime you can get them donated by businesses for advertising .Terry said we have added more bleacher, we are repairing the parking lot and re- striping. Mayor Rivera asked if anything has happen with National Night Out at Daley Estates. Chief Woods said he would check with Sergeant West and see if he has been contacted. Mayor Rivera also asked if the Self Insured Insurance can be reviewed and reported to Council. Terry said he would. Councilwomen Martin asked on 1st Ave where we raised the ditch do we have any plans on adding a sidewalk or wait for a developer to do that. Terry said we have the right a way so we could have a shoulder there but we have not put that on any plan to do yet. I guess that is something Council will need to decide do it ourselves or wait for a developer to come in.

B. Fire Department Report

Chief Payne said they burned a house this week end and it went very good. Safford Fire Department came and we all got a lot of training. The first house we started with and couldn't finish due to weather will be knocked down and then burnt. Haven't heard any more about the air packs it will probably be another month.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods last month Office Larson and Officer Whisman helped with the Special Olympic. We had the Dump the Drugs day and it was very successful received a lot of drugs. Sergeant West and other officers help with the high

school constitutional law and drivers ed classes. They talk about drugs and how they are affected while driving impaired. The Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition has been doing a 6th grade project. They have created an educational program to teach them about the danger of prescription drugs, illegal drugs and alcohol. I attend the presentation given to the Thatcher School. It is a good program the kids were very involved. The Az Post has different schools throughout the year we were able to enroll Sergeant West into the Leadership program in June, Patrol Rifle Instructor school for Detective Carter and a General Instructor class for Officer Whisman in July. We have graduation this week and also Memorial week end so there will be DUI Task forces out. Mayor Rivera asked about community outreach program and how it is working. Chief Woods said it was working well. When it get slow the officers are out and talking to the citizens. With the body cameras I am able to view some of that interaction.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Safe House- Martin – Councilwomen Martin said that Basha’s hosted a Circus last month and donated several hundred dollars. Next week we have a planning meeting for their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House.
- B. Chamber of Commerce- Councilman Innes had nothing to report.
- C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera said there will be a Seago meeting at Graham County building this Thursday at 10:00 if anyone would like to attend.
- D. Training Report - none

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Innes made motion to adjourn meeting with a seconded from Councilwomen Martin. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

**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 this 18th day of May, 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