

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
June 15, 2015**

Present: Mayor Bob Rivera, Vice Mayor Allen, Councilmembers Wayne Griffin, Don Innes, Ken Larson, 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: Philip Palmer, David Sowders

AGENDA

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. 2015/2016 Budget.
None
- B. Zoning Change Request – 1117 N. Stadium Ave C-1 to R-3

Heath said the P & Z Commission recommended going with the mixed use permit instead of the R-3. It will work better for what he is wanting and it goes better with our general plan it also let him have different uses if he sell's it. Phillip Palmer said it sounds like I will be able to accomplish what I need

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the May 18, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice Mayor Allen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 629-2015:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA.

Terry said no major changes. Thought we would talk about the donations. Last year the foundation had 4000 and this year it has 10,000.00 because you indicated you might donate more plus there is another 5000.00 that could ear mark for someone specific. In the miscellaneous category there is 7 thousand for things that come up throughout the year. There is 5000.00 each for Safe House, Water Shed, Chamber, Fire Work and the summer reading program. All but the summer reading program could be rolled into the foundation and ear marked if you wish. Mayor asked what staff would recommend. Terry said it would be cleaner if we give it to foundation. I will make sure the one's we ear mark qualify to receive the money or we won't put it in the foundation. Terry informed the Council that the library reported that on first day they had 9 kids the 2nd day 26 and 3rd day 32 so they seem to building each day. Mayor Rivera asked about the adult program. Terry said he did not have that information but would find out. I am also getting an RFP together for the auditing service if that is what Council wants. Councilman Rapier asked is if there is a problem with the audit service we now have. Terry said no they do real well and they audit 40 to 50 different municipalities. Mayor Rivera said they all have to follow a set of standards. Councilwomen Martin then why, is it to see what others would charge. Terry said no I expect a new one would cost more I thought Council wanted to look at others. The overall budget that you need to approve is \$10,710,999.00 that is a 5% decrease over the last year. The actual budget is the number of expenses less the grants and contingency which is our money that amount is \$8,449,199.00, which is a 1 % increase.

Councilwomen Martin made motion to approve the Resolution 629-2015. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action

- A. Decision on Re-zoning request.

Terry said we have discussed that Mr. Palmer wants to convert and existing storage area into a new apartment unit. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend changing the zoning to MU rather than R3 would make it cleaner and comply with the General Plan.

Councilman Innes made the motion to approve the zoning change from C2 to MU. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 630-2015:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MANAGER TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, IGA'S WITH GRAHAM COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES, ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER SERVICES, ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AND WIDE AREA NETWORK COMMUNICATION SERVICES.

Terry said the next three items are annual housekeeping. I have reviewed the IGA's and the amounts are included in the budget.

Councilman Griffin made motion to approve Resolution No 630-2015. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 631-2015:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, STATING THE SALARY EQUIVALENCY AND THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS.

Terry said this is for the workers comp insurance. The dollar amount set is the entry level police office so they will know what to pay for our volunteer firemen and reserve officers.

Vice Mayor Allen made motion to approve Resolution No 631-2015. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

- D. **RESOLUTION NO. 632-2015:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, STATING THE PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASING FROM THE MAYOR AND ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

Councilwomen Martin made motion to approve Resolution No 632-2015. Council Larson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

- E. **RESOLUTION NO. 633-2015:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ENTER INTO AN IGA WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX PROGRAM.

Terry explained that the State of Arizona has always collected taxes for the Town of Thatcher but come cities have not. Now everyone will have the State collect taxes so the state is asking for an IGA signed by June 30, 2015. We will have we have a onetime fee of 10,547.00 to get this started.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve Resolution No. 633-2015. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said I am going to go through what Heath and I think our priorities are. Tomorrow and Wednesday we will fix pot holes in the streets. The following week will do 3 sewer taps for new homes and strip some of the roads. We are going to fix the side area here at Town Hall by taking out trees and adding sidewalk and more benches. That should take 3 to 4 weeks to complete. Then we will start on the concession stand taking about 6 to 8 weeks. Then Daley Estates shade structure another 6 to 8 weeks so we will be into November. If Council is interested in a skate park that would be a good time to start. Councilwomen Martin asked about the neighborhood parks. Terry said they are still on the drawing board. She asked about maybe Heritage Park. Heath said it still belongs to them and they have to landscape it before we can take it. Councilman Rapiere said he would like to see the connex building go away. The rest of the area looks so nice. Suggestions were made as to what might be done. Heath said after we finish the concession building we will look at it. Rivera I think we need to give direction for the skate board park. Councilman Innes said he thought it was a good thing to provide for the community. I think you know that the City of Safford is

getting into the recycling business. The company they are dealing with says they will provide the can for three dollars a month per resident. They still pick up twice a week one time for the recycle bin and the next for regular trash. They provide a roll off container there provide we fill it up and then come pick it up when full that is about \$700 a load. They pay back to us depending on the going price about \$18 a ton. If it is not sorted correctly when they get it back to Phoenix there could be a sorting fee. Terry said I have a call into the company to see what they will do for us. This is something Council will need to decide if we want to do this when I get more information. We have sent out a lot of clean up letters and the walking path has been cleaned up. Another issue coming up is Church Street. We will not get construction money until 2021 and that street is not going to last that long. I am suggesting go in and fill all the pot holes and then chip seal it that it might last another five years. Next month Heath and I and the Planning and Zoning Commission talked about some changes to the P & Z code namely the C2. I am going to suggest adding the ability for the Council to grant conditional use permits for a couple of items Multiple Family Dwelling and Small Product Distributorship Wholesale Warehouse excluding transfer facilities for general freight. We think there are certain areas that the Council should be able to decide if it fits. Councilman Larson asked about the annexation that John Lucas purposed. Terry said Heath gave them a petition that needs to be signed and he has not brought it back yet. Then the Council will need to decide if they want to take on sewer, trash, improvement district etc. Until that petition is brought back there is nothing for us to do.

C. Fire Department Report.

Mike Payne we had another house burn in Central the Safford Fire came. We will help with the July 4th celebration in Thatcher. Safford has asked for us to help with their flag ceremony. We haven't heard about the fireworks yet. We will be doing training with the Southwest Ambulance. The Fire School will be in September and we will have about 12 people going. There is a scholarship available for \$500.00 we are going to try for. The Fire District has a meeting on Thursday here at Town Hall. Terry said them asked him to come talk.

D. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods said they received a grant from the 100 Club of Arizona for \$4,200.00. We asked for money to purchase rifle plates for each of our officers. It is going to cost about \$8200 so this grant will cover about half. We have a lot of training coming up general instructor school, rifle school and Brian Ellsworth as taken over the administration of the DUI grant so he will attend a three day school. DPS is putting on a class in Safford called Aride it is a two day advanced investigation class how to identify drug impair drives. As far as community programs there was an organization from Community Outreach and Protective Services at Home Depot on May 30th. The theme was Building Stronger Families. They gave books to kids, figure printing kits, inspected kid's car seats and taught parents to install. The GOHS program gave us 20 to give out to people had a correct car seat or expired or a recall. I have had no citizen complaint on the body camera.

D. Training reports
None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Safe House- Councilwomen Martin said they have a meeting next week.
- B. Chamber of Commerce- None
- C. SEAGO- Mayor Rivera said they had a meeting on May 21st it was a business meeting and they evaluated the director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02 (A)(1)(7) the Council may go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and to consult with the Town Attorney for legal advice.

Mayor asked for Terry Hinton, Matt Clifford and Lona Duncan to stay for the executive session. Councilman Innes made motion to go into executive session. Vice Mayor Allen seconded the motion was unanimous. Time was 8:25pm

Vice Mayor Allen made motion to reconvene into Regular Session. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Time was 9:00pm

- A. Decision on Executive Session.

Mayor Rivera said on behalf of the Council we would like to thank Terry for doing an awesome job this year. The Council offered the one year contract back to Terry. Councilman Rapiere with the merit increases of 2.5 and the cost of living of 3.5 a total of 6%. Mayor Rivera also invited all Councilmembers to set down with Terry and tell him what they expect of him. Terry invited them all at any time to come in his office and talk about any project or any question you or a citizen may have. We can't solve problems if we don't know what they are.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Innes made motion to adjourn with a seconded from Vice Mayor Allen. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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 this 15th day of June, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk