

**MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
July 20, 2015**

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

Staff: Terry Hinton Manager, Chief Shaffen Woods Police, Chief Mike Payne Fire Department, Lona Duncan Town Clerk

Visitors: Kelly Mott Lacroix, Cameron Becker, Brittany XIV, David Sowders

AGENDA

Mayor Rivera welcomed everyone and stated there was a quorum at 7:00pm. Mayor Rivera said God Bless and men and women in the armored forces, first responder's fire and police, Town of Thatcher and the United States of America.

Pledge of Allegiance leady by Councilman Ken Larson

Roll Call.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Liquor License for Daley Stop Store.
None
- B. Temporary Use Permit for Elder Care – Henry Clifford.
None
- C. Amending C-2 Zone adding Conditional Uses.
None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

- A. Scenario Planning Presentation regarding the Upper Gila River Watershed

Kelly Lacroix introduced herself as the Senior Research Analyst for the Water Resources Research Center at the University of Arizona. In the past couple of years we have been working through a group called Gila Watershed Partnership here in the Gila Valley to help them think about the natural resources of the region. I am going to give you some of the scenario planning. We started in 2012 with a grant from Desert Landscape Conservation to create a water shed assessment. We worked on the statement of how do we provide long-term water supplies for community, preserve the rural and sustain and enhance the health of the Upper Gila River Watershed. We came up with four things that would affect that. (1)The fate of the New Mexico's CAP allotment whether they divert Gila water or conserve, they did divert.(2) The impact from the Tamarisk Leaf Beetle

that we believe will be here in 2017. (3) Local to Federal Control what would happen if increased local control or federal control. (4) The fluctuation in cotton prices low or high. I have some flyers we have made to show you the different scenario's of how the key drivers of change in watershed are influenced and changed by the major uncertainties. Scenarios just show what might happen so we can plan for the future. Mayor Rivera thanked them for coming.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the June 15, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilman Griffin made motion to approve consent agenda. Vice Mayor Allen 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 Daley Stop Liquor License.

Terry explained this is a change in ownership and the license is the same.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve the Liquor License for the Daley Stop LLC. Councilwomen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

- B. Decision on Henry Clifford Elder Care Conditional Use Permit.

Terry said the Planning & Zoning Commission approve the Conditional Use Permit. Henry Clifford Jr. has been living with his father and taking care of him. He is now married and would like to live in an RV by his father's home so he can continue to take care of him.

Councilman Innes made motion to approve Conditional Use Permit for Henry Clifford. Vice Mayor Allen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

- C. **ORDINANCE NO. 176-2015:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3, SECTION 3.3 REZONING REQUESTS AND ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS, OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER ZONING

ORDINANCE BY ADOPTING A ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1117 & 1146 N. STADIUM AVENUE; ZONING ADOPTED BEING "MU" (CASE #Z15-01).

Terry explained this is a clean up from last month when we approved it. We should have had the Ordinance ready.

Vice Mayor Allen made motion to approve the Ordinance No 176-2015. Councilman Innes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

- D. **ORDINANCE NO. 177-2015:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 153, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 7.3 D. CONDITIONAL USES IN THE "C-2" ZONING DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER ZONING ORDINANCE BY ADDING TWO ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL USES, PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §9-462.01.

Terry said we talked about this. We have several areas that are zoned C-2 which really do not lean themselves to commercial property. We think that the Town Council should have the ability to look at those on an individual case. The two conditional uses would be multi family dwellings apartments and the other small product distributorships.

Councilman Griffin made motion to approve Ordinance No. 177-2015. Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry said Polaris is open for business and already doing quite well. We are doing some work on the building like we did with the others they pay for materials and we do the labor. We are putting in new bathrooms at our cost. Vice Mayor Allen said you need to go look they have lot more items and it looks really nice. Mr. Shupe gave me a tour and I was really impressed I believe they will bring in 250 thousand dollars in sales tax revenue for the Town. Terry said we should be out of there by end of week. We have been working on the 1st Ave community playground area except when it rains. We started the park at Town Hall and will continue when finished with the Polaris building. Then the work will be on the concession stand and the retaining wall by the cemetery. Next Monday the 27th can we have an executive session with the attorney for the purchase of the Coop? Time was decided to be at 6:30pm on July 27th. Terry said we would also like to change the date of the August Council Meeting due to the Mayor not able to attend. It was decided to hold Council meeting on August 24th.

- B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said we have the Az State Fire School going in September. I have 11 men signed up for classes. We are also looking at purchase prices to replace

Engine # 4 and #5. Mayor Rivera thanked the Fire Department for putting up the big Flag on July 4th.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods said Officer Thatcher is on light duty and she has been able to put some of the bar coding in for us for the Spillman System. It has been a great help. We are still sending officers to training, leadership, homicide, rifle school, interviewing, GOHS grant training. We did find out that Az Post lost funds this year from the State of Arizona and so the 2 thousand we usually get for training will not be given to us this year. We took our two new cars to Phoenix for installation and should have them back by mid August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Safe House- Nothing to report
- B. Chamber of Commerce – Nothing to report
- C. SEAGO- Nothing to report
- D. Training Report.

Mayor Rivera explained to Council that the Transportation Committee will report to Council at the next meeting. They have information on the needs that are here in the valley and the cost of to each entity (Safford, Freeport, Pima, Graham County, College, and Thatcher) to provide transportation for our citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Innes made motion to adjourn meeting. Councilman Larson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

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 20th day of July, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Lona Duncan, Town Clerk