

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

### NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL June 20, 2016

Councilmembers: Mayor Rivera, Vice Mayor Allen, Councilman Innes, Councilman Larson, Councilman Griffin, Councilwoman Martin, Councilman Rapier

Staff: Town Manager Terry Hinton, Town Attorney Matt Clifford, Town Engineer Heath Brown, Fire Chief Mike Payne, Police Chief Shaffen Woods, Deputy Town Clerk Michelle Mortensen

Visitors: John Howard, Randy Bryce, Andy Rodger, Harold Bob Lackner, Pat Allen, Mikaela Cope

#### AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order by Mayor Rivera at 7:00. We do have a quorum and I welcome all of you. On behalf of this council ask Heavenly Father to protect our armed forces and our first responders police and fire.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilwoman Martin.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
  - A. 2016/2017 Budget.  
No discussion.
  - B. Zoning Change Request – 877 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue: MH & C-2 to R1-8.  
No discussion.
4. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**
  - A. Fences – Harold Lackner – We have a lot of problems with our ranch and don't feel like you are helping us any. When you annexed that area a few years ago, everyone that had deeded land wanted me to fence it. You want me to put fences up but that should be other people's jobs to keep the cattle out. We think that every time you let someone move in out there you need to help us fence. We have state land around us, help us fence it. We would like to have a better relationship with Thatcher and want to know what you're going to do to help us.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Action Item
  - A. Approve minutes of the May 2, 2016 Special Meeting and the May 16, 2016 Regular Council Meeting. Motion was made to approve consent agenda by Councilman Innes seconded by Councilman Griffin. Motion passed unanimously.
  - B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
  - C. Police Monthly Report.

D. Approval of Invoices.

E. Financial Reports.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion, consideration and possible action.

A. Rezoning request decision. Terry stated the area in question falls into three different zones. It is the recommendation of staff to approve this request. Councilman Griffin asked Heath about the zoning going through the middle of the split. When Mr.Lutz split the land, he kept part of the field for himself. He understands what they are doing with the rezone and Heath kept it square on the map of the rezone. Councilman Griffin, I don't think it's an issue unless he splits it down the road. Heath answered, it doesn't meet the shape requirements to do that. Motion was made by Councilwoman Martin to approve the zoning change of R18 including the piece of land to the north, and was seconded by Councilman Rapier. Motion passed unanimously.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 640-2016:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA.

Mikaela Cope came to talk about the boys and girls club to answer any questions you might have regarding what we do before you decide on the donation. Councilwoman Martin asked if this was already budgeted, answer was yes. Motion was made by Councilman Griffin to approve Resolution 640-2016 and was seconded by Councilman Innes. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Health Insurance Modifications. Due to the complexity of our current insurance plan, and while the HSA is a very good plan, Obamacare is trying to get rid of it. We will still be self funded and will go with a more traditional insurance plan. I have talked with all our employees and they think that will be a better option. Staff would recommend approving this. It also puts it on the same schedule as our fiscal year. Motion was made to approve health insurance modifications by Vice Mayor Allen and was seconded by Councilwoman Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion, consideration and possible action

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 641-2016:** 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 stated county is a little late in getting us numbers. This went up in the 5-7% range so it fit into what was budgeted. Coucilwoman Martin asked do we negotiate with them on this? Terry answered no it pretty much is what it is. It is based on population, but we would like to have services based on usage. Motion was made to pass Resolution 641-2016 by Councilman Innes and seconded by Vice Mayor Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 642-2016:** 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 have to set a base salary. We use a base entry salary for an entry level police officer to calculate benefits in case of an industrial accident. Motion was made to approve Resolution 642-2016 by Councilwoman Martin and was seconded by Councilman Larson. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 643-2016:** 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.

Terry stated, again every year we have to do this. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Allen to accept Resolution 643-2016, seconded by Councilman Rapier. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Golf Course IGA.

Terry stated, City of Safford presented us with an IGA that discusses the management team for the golf course. Heath and I are both on the team. Matt looked this over and there were some indemnification clauses that weren't written into this that should have been, so we are waiting for Safford's attorney to draft the needed language. There's no problem with us entering into the IGA. Bottom line is it's still owned by City of Safford, and their council makes the final decision.

- E. Town Manager Evaluation.

Mayor Rivera stated, Terry requested to have his evaluation done in open meeting. Some comments that were made, Terry has done a great job in all aspects of his duties, in balancing the budget, responding to the needs of the town, improving recreational facilities, and sound fiscal management. Overall average was a 4.6 which is really good. Terry stated, I appreciate the comments of feedback so that I can react accordingly, so please bring me whatever you have. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier to retain Terry Hinton as Town Manager and was seconded by Councilman Larson. Motion passed with 6 ayes and one nay by Councilwoman Martin. Motion made to approve merit and cost of living increase by Councilman Griffin and was seconded by Councilman Innes. Motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 nay from Councilwoman Martin.

**10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Terry stated, we are finishing up on Chalmers Lane and will start on the skate park next Monday. We don't know yet if we will try to pour the tubes by hand or by machine to shotcrete it. Councilman Innes said he noticed the skaters are destroying the cement & benches at the splash park. We are hoping once we get the skate park done it will help. We are doing some work behind the retardation dam to prepare for monsoon season. Some of the dirt we will pull out will eventually be used to make the soccer fields on Reay Ln. Electric has done pretty good with all the heat, they have had to change out a few transformers but are staying on top of things.

- F. Fire Department Report.

Mike stated, we have 14 guys signed up to go to fire school. We had Kayden Curtis do his eagle scout project painting fire hydrants. We've gotten some good training lately with help out on a rescue on Frye Mesa. Still working on the fire truck, should have the agreement with the district put in place pretty quick.

G. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods stated, there hasn't been a lot of activity with it being summer. Pioneer Day will be in Thatcher from now on so we have that to look forward to in July. We had a vehicle that damaged some graves this weekend and Jim Ferrin caught them.

E. Training reports

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Safe House

Councilwoman Martin stated, we met last month and will again tomorrow. Not a lot going on and are staying about half full.

B. Chamber of Commerce

John Howard said Pat O'Donnal has taken over and is doing a good job. We are trying to get the Salsa Fest to be a bigger deal. Tourism committee put together packages to be able to offer people. Chamber is going to come back.

C. SEAGO

Mayor Rivera stated, the topic discussed last month in Pima at our meeting was to get a grant writer on board. It took another turn and they were going to contract one. That was turned down. The League is going to offer the same thing at no cost.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made to adjourn by Councilman Innes seconded by Vice Mayor Allen at 8:16 p.m.