

## **UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

### **NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL July 18, 2016**

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

Staff present: Town Manager Terry Hinton, Police Chief Shaffen Woods, Fire Chief Mike Payne, Deputy Clerk Michelle Mortensen

Absent: Town Engineer Heath Brown, Town Attorney Matt Clifford

Visitors: John & Jenny Howard, Randy Bryce, David Sowders, Brooke Curley

#### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order by Mayor Rivera at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Rivera stated there was a quorum, and also God bless our men and women in the armed forces, our first responders police and fire, the Town of Thatcher, and the United States of America.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Don Innes

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approve minutes of the June 20, 2016 regular Council Meeting.

B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.

C. Police Monthly Report.

D. Approval of Invoices.

E. Financial Reports.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martin to accept consent agenda and seconded by Vice Mayor Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. IGA with the Central Jackson Heights Fire District.

We have had a similar IGA with the fire district for years. This year the district will be purchasing their last piece of equipment for the department. They are going to replace the number five pumper truck. We are in the process of building All costs incurred by the fire department will be paid on a prorated basis. From now on this will include

trucks as well. Once we replace number four and five, we shouldn't have to purchase any more equipment for at least five years. Matt has reviewed the agreement and recommends along with myself that you approve this agreement. Councilman Griffin asked if this is billed a year in arrears, Terry answered yes. He also asked if there was any resale value on our truck, Terry answered maybe. Motion was made by Councilman Innes to accept the IGA with Central Jackson Heights Fire District and seconded by Vice Mayor Allen. Motion carries unanimously.

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 644-2016:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION TO THE IGA WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX PROGRAM.

Terry stated that in 2015 we entered into an IGA with the state to collect sales tax. They made several changes to the law at that time and this is just to keep up with that. Mayor Rivera asked if all cities have to do this, Terry answered all program cities have to. Motion was made by Councilman Griffin to accept Resolution 644-2016 and seconded by Councilwoman Martin. Motion carries unanimously.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action Approving the Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Thatcher Authorizing Execution and Delivery of the Post-2017 Power Sales Contract With the Arizona Power Authority and the Certificate In Support of the Legal Opinion.

Terry stated, this is a renewal of the contract that we have had for years which goes into effect October 1, 2017 and runs until September 30, 2067. It is a very valuable resource for us. This is not completely dependent upon Arizona but on Area Western Power. We have to do our part to get the AZ Power Authority qualified to be able to do their part to be able to get power from Western Area Power which gets returned to us. Councilman Innes asked if we had anything allocated away from us and Terry answered yes it was about 5%. Councilman Griffin asked if this is what authorizes APA to go into a contractual agreement, and Terry answered yes that price can't be put into the contract because it varies every year. The contract is just for the allocation. Councilman Rapier made motion to approve Resolution 645-2016. This was seconded by Councilman Innes. Motion carries unanimously.

- D. **RESOLUTION NO. 646-2016:** COMMITMENT OF LOCAL LEVERAGED FUNDS/RESOURCES. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER COMMITTING LOCAL FUNDS AS LEVERAGE FOR AN FY16 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION.

Terry told the council that this project has already been approved. This is to put the rubber accessible material under the Daley Estates, Reay Lane, and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue playground. We have to be able to cover the complete cost, so Heath did an estimate and our prints are at about \$196,000. Part of the fee is spent on administration, but we are in the \$160,000 range for actual money to use for the project. The way we are going to bid this is to put the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue park as an add alternate, which means if it gets really bad then we wouldn't have to complete this park. Councilman Innes made the motion to approve Resolution 646-2016 and seconded by Councilman Larson. Motion carries unanimously.

- E. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT MANAGEMENT OF THE MT. GRAHAM MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE.

Terry stated that City of Safford has already passed this and indemnification clauses

have been added. It's more of a formal agreement and is something that we could easily get out of if we wanted to. We have helped to replace things and there seems to be drastic improvements made out on the course. OB Sports is doing an excellent job, not only on the course but in play and packages. Jenny Howard stated that they are looking at opening the restaurant by the end of the month. Councilman Rapier stated that it's the little things that help to make it nicer. Councilman Griffin asked about amount budgeted and Terry stated that is was \$60,000. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier to accept IGA with City of Safford and seconded by Vice Mayor Allen. Motion carries unanimously.

## **9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

### **A. Town Manager's Report:**

Terry stated that June 30 ended the fiscal year, some highlights were fund balance was way less than we were expecting. We collected more sales tax than was budgeted, but it was still down from the year prior. In HURF we overspent however, the fund balance is still \$102,000. This goes up and down depending on how our projects go. Part of the reason is due to the chip seals that should have been paid for the year before but ended up getting put into last year. The Town of Thatcher HURF only goes to street projects for the year and some general liability insurance. Miscellaneous grants looks bad but we got the grant money the previous year and spent it this year. Sanitation is in the red, a \$2.50 increase would probably make it pay for itself. Financially I am very pleased with how the budget worked out. We spent over \$260,000 last year on parks alone. We are working on the skate park now and are starting on concrete work. We are going to put a curb and gutter that will go around and catch the road water and to catch skateboards from going out into the street. Summer baseball is over and went very well but our costs were more than they have been previously.

### **B. Fire Department Report.**

Chief Payne stated that we had three people pass the Firefighter 1 & 2 class, Nate McCall, Mike Nagy, and Balt Bermudez. Besides that we are still working on fire trucks.

### **C. Police Department Report.**

Chief Woods stated we have the Pioneer Day parade coming up and we are starting to plan detail for the start of school coming up. Officer Ellsworth just got back from training and we are waiting to hear back as to what the new DUI laws will be. Officer Whisman is planning a training at the Thatcher Middle School in which we will invite other agencies.

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **A. Safe House**

Nothing new to report.

### **B. Chamber of Commerce**

John Howard stated that the there are commercials being put out by the Chamber. We Are trying to put together golf packages for the different hotels and working with the tourism committee.

### **C. SEAGO**

Nothing to report.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Innes and seconded by Vice Mayor Allen at 8:11 to adjourn.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Michelle Mortensen, Deputy 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 January 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Michelle Mortensen, Deputy Clerk