

**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
December 19, 2016**

Councilmember's present: Mayor Rivera, Vice Mayor Allen, Councilman Griffin, Councilman Rapier, Councilman Innes, Councilman Bryce, and Councilman Larson

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

Visitors: Jenni Bryce, Jim Palmer, Celeste Innes, Ellerman's, Luke Hoopes, David Ramirez, Joe Sedgeman, Mrs. Enriquez, Aaron Montano, Dale Rogers, Brenda Montano, Lamar Innes, Leisel Innes, Austin VanScoyk, Brian Ellerman

AGENDA

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order by Mayor Rivera at 6:00 p.m. and stated that we do have a quorum. God bless our men and women in the armed forces, our police and fire and God take care of them always.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman elect Randy Bryce

Roll Call.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL:

Terry asked the four men who were elected as Councilmember's to stand and repeat the Oath of Office. Bob Rivera, Wayne Griffin, Aaron Allen, and Randy Bryce stood and repeated the Oath.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mayor Rivera asked for nomination for the position of Mayor. Councilman Griffin nominated Bob Rivera for Mayor with a second by Vice Mayor Allen. Motion carries unanimously. Mayor Rivera asked for nominations for Vice Mayor. Ken Larson nominated Don Innes with a second by Mayor Rivera. Motion made by Councilman Griffin with a second by Councilman Rapier. The vote for Councilman Innes was three ayes Mayor Rivera, Councilman Innes, and Councilman Larson, and four nays Vice Mayor Allen, Councilman Griffin, Councilman Rapier, and Councilman Bryce. The vote for Vice Mayor Allen was four ayes, Councilman Griffin, Councilman Rapier, Councilman Bryce, and Vice Mayor Allen, and three nays Mayor Rivera, Councilman Innes, and Councilman Larson. Mayor Rivera and Vice Mayor Allen both retain their positions.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS.

Mayor Rivera said we thank all of you who make this town a bright and pretty place to be. The grand prize winner is David Ramirez, 1st place to Daniel McDowell, 2nd

place to Chad Rolfe, 3rd place to Raul Alaniz, and Honorable Mention goes to Luke Hoopes, Louis Enriquez, Patty Ellerman, Joe Sedgeman, and Carlos Montano.

B. Stage Stop #2 Liquor License (Doc's)

Mr. Hinton explained that Doc's Service Station changed hands and because the license cannot be transferred they have to get a new one.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Councilman Griffin wanted to thank Councilman Martin for her service for the last four years. Mayor Rivera also thanked Councilwoman Martin for the time and energy that she put in for the Town of Thatcher.

Austin Van Scoyk and Brian Ellerman stated that we are local real estate investors with CKC as a third investor and we are looking at the feasibility of working with the Town to develop this area. We have all the capitol, the bids, the general contracting, but I believe there are some voids like engineering and infrastructure that the Town could fill. We have the money to rehab the current townhomes and finish what is there and re-plat to accommodate residential homes. Mr. Ellerman stated we would like to joint venture and have the Town assist in the engineering and acquisition of this property. Mr. Hinton stated that if Council were to go ahead with this project, everything would have to go to open bid on everything we do. There is no way for the Town to sign an exclusivity clause with you. There are some things that we are bound by law to do.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve minutes of the November 21, 2016 regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Motion made to approve consent agenda by Vice Mayor Allen and was seconded by Councilman Griffin. Motion carries unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Decision on Liquor License request.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Allen to approve liquor license for Stage Stop #2 and

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was seconded by Councilman Larson. Motion carries unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action

- A. **RESOLUTION 650-2016:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, PRESCRIBING STANDARDS OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Manager Hinton stated that in the last legislative session the legislature made some modifications to the financial disclosure form which go into effect next year. Motion made to approve Resolution 650-2016 by Councilman Rapier and was seconded by Councilman Griffin. Motion carries unanimously.

- B. Possible replacement of welding truck.

Manager Hinton stated that we have a 1982 welding truck that we need to replace. Polaris has a ranger frame with a 300 amp welder, air compressor, hydraulics, and has everything that we need to do and I am asking for Council's approval to purchase this. The price out the door is \$26,000 which is cheaper than what we can replace the chassis for. Mayor Rivera asked if this was new, Manager Hinton replied yes. Vice Mayor Allen asked if it was the same type of welder we have now and Mr. Hinton answered yes. Councilman Griffin asked if it is Manager Hinton's recommendation to purchase this and he answered yes. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier to approve replacement of the welding truck with staff's recommendation for ranger with a second by Councilman Larson. Motion carries unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Mr. Brown is ill so I apologize for him not being here. Last month we talked about the property on the hill, and he is working on getting the prices for the engineering and what it would take to replat this. The crews still have a few more weeks to finish the parking lot across from the gift building. We've done more legwork on the lake idea and the infrastructure for the well and pipe should work out quite well. I made a deal with someone to use a CAT to smooth out the ground there and then we will look for a source of clay. There is a company that did the lake in Payson and I've asked Heath to reach out to them. After we tell them what we want to do they will tell us what it would take. Councilman Rapier wanted to clarify that we could possibly have both by the next fiscal year. Mr. Hinton replied yes. The soccer fields will be a lot more labor intensive than what the lake would be. We still have the roundabout, the cover at the park, and the box culvert at Quail Ridge which needs to be completed and the lake might be able to be worked in at the same time. Mayor Rivera asked if we are still going to pave by the ballpark headed towards the cemetery and Mr. Hinton answered yes which will provide more parking as well.

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B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne said that the fire district voted to buy a new fire truck which will probably be a year from the time we sign papers until we get it. Tomorrow night we are doing a joint venture with the police and ambulance crews. January 7 will be our house burn.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods stated that Officer Bruggman was hired by Apache Junction. We encourage everyone to be safe, wear seatbelts, and use a designated driver. We ordered our Stonegarden vehicle which is about 8-10 weeks out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Safe House

None to report.

B. Chamber of Commerce

Councilman Rapier stated that there's a fundraiser on March 4.

C. SEAGO

Mayor Rivera stated that they are going to have a strategic planning meeting in February.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Councilman Innes and was seconded by Vice Mayor Allen at 6:49 p.m. Motion passes unanimously.

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