

**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
January 16, 2017**

Councilmembers present: Mayor Rivera, Vice Mayor Allen, Councilman Griffin, Councilman Bryce, Councilman Larson, Councilman Rapier, Councilman Innes

Staff present: Town Manager Terry Hinton, Town Engineer Heath Brown, Town Attorney Matt Clifford, Deputy Clerk Michelle Mortensen

Absent: Police Chief Shaffen Woods and Fire Chief Mike Payne

Visitors: John and Jenny Howard, Kathy Grimes, Jan Napier, Ainsley Allen, Eliza Barron, Pat Rowan, Roy Curtis, Patty Curtis

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order by Mayor Rivera at 6:00 p.m. He stated happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We do have a quorum. On behalf of this council, God bless our men and women in the armed forces, our police, and fire.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Michelle Mortensen

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Rezoning of Curtis Property

Roy Curtis stated that my wife and I own the property and we're for it.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

A. Substance Abuse Coalition – Kathy Grimes

Jan Napier stated that she is here for the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and Kathy Grimes is the president for the subcommittee. Jan stated in August there was a town hall meeting where the speakers where there were several speakers and shown there was a youtube video on recovery and substance abuse. There were over 200 people in attendance, which shows us that the people in this valley see a need for recovery. Out of that meeting came that meeting of this subcommittee. The goals are getting more community members involved, get a treatment facility, a list of options where they are needed, research for treating addiction, and fundraisers. Kathy stated that they are working on getting nolaxone which is used to counteract overdoses to the police officers. We are doing text a tip, it is more eyes and ears out in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve minutes of the December 19, 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 Councilman Rapier and seconded by Vice Mayor Allen. Motion carries unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Recycling for Thatcher.

Mayor Rivera stated that he wanted Mr. Hinton to do some follow up on this. Mr. Hinton stated that Mr. Skeet has said that the costs are about what they expected. The reality is the reason to recycle, would be to have more space in the landfill. Mr. Brown and I have discussed this and we have come to the conclusion that we should have a bin for recyclables at certain locations and take it to City of Safford and pay our share of what we put into the system. Jenny Howard stated that they don't collect plastic bags, glass, and cardboard. Councilman Rapier asked what areas you are looking at putting these in? Mr. Brown stated the Daley Estates Park, Reay Lane Park, and maybe by the city yard. Places that are convenient yet controlled. Mayor Rivera stated that we would like to see the trailer. Mr. Hinton stated that the price of those is pretty expensive, but maybe we would put out some big cans with signs stating they are for recycling. Councilman Innes asked how many locations are we looking at. Mr. Hinton answered probably three or four.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Decision on Rezoning Request.

Mr. Hinton stated that you have the packet of information that was presented to the P&Z board and the decision was unanimous in support of this. Vice Mayor Allen asked what still needs to be decided. Mr. Brown stated that it needs to be paved which is what the code says. This just states if this is allowed or not per what the code says. Motion made to accept rezone request of the Curtis Property by Councilman Rapier and seconded by Councilman Innes. Motion carries. There were six yays and Vice Mayor Allen stated nay.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Mr. Hinton stated that the intersection and parking by the ball fields has been paved and the road up to 8th street. What we have left up there to do is go in and

stripe the parking spaces. Then we are headed to do the drainage in Daley Estates to get ready for the roundabout. On the 18th at 6:00 at the golf course is an informational meeting on the roundabout. We are hoping to put in two bypasses to get traffic in and out while working on the roundabout. Mayor Rivera asked if we are going to put in a sign on the parking lot by the ball fields saying Town of Thatcher Public Parking, Mr. Hinton answered that we could do that. Vice Mayor Allen asked where we are at with the co-op. Mr. Hinton stated that we have ordered the switch gear, and we think we have the legal description together for the Corporation Commission. Councilman Griffin asked if the budget was on track. Mr. Hinton stated that we are a little bit under what was projected.

B. Fire Department Report.

Nothing to report.

C. Police Department Report.

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Safe House

Nothing to report.

B. Chamber of Commerce

Councilman Rapier had nothing to report. John Howard stated that Pat is doing a fantastic job as the director. They are doing a benefit, Dancing with our stars to raise money next month, and in April we working on advertising tourism in Graham County. We also replaced Terry Williams with Reed Richins.

C. SEAGO

Mayor Rivera stated that he had nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Councilman Innes and was seconded by Vice Mayor Allen at 6:45.

APPROVED:

Michelle Mortensen, Deputy 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 16th day of January 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michelle Mortensen, Deputy Clerk