

**NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
July 17, 2017**

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

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

Absent: Police Chief Shaffen Woods,

Visitors: Bret Whitmer, Matt Petersen, John Howard, Justin Layton, Heston Welker, Rue Mattice, Logan Rapier

AGENDA

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order at 5:00 by Mayor Rivera. He asked Heavenly Father to watch over our men and women in the armed forces, our first responders, and police and fire.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Rapier.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

PROCLAMATION – CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02 (A)(1)(7) the Council may go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and to consult with the Town Attorney for legal advice.

- A. Selection of Councilmember replacement and administration of the oath of office.

Mayor Rivera explained the interview process. Motion made by Councilman Rapier at 5:05 and seconded by Councilman Griffin to go into executive session. Motion carries unanimously. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier and seconded by Councilman Griffin at 7:12 to return to regular session. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier and seconded by Councilman Bryce to appoint Heston Welker to fill the remaining term of Donald Innes. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the June 19, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Use of the League approved P-Card program.

Mr. Hinton stated that we have sat through a couple of classes on the P-Card which is approved by the League. There are no fees and we can't really see anything wrong with it. You are able to set a limit on how much each individual can spend and where the money can be spent. We can still do business the way we normally do but think this will give us a little more control. Councilman Griffin asked what the check and balances is. Mr. Hinton stated they will still have to fill out a P.O. which will go with the bill. It's not a whole lot different with what we are doing now, only with no interest or fees involved. Motion was made by Councilman Griffin and seconded by Vice Mayor Allen to approve the use of P-Card program. Motion carries unanimously.

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 659-2017:** 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, A REVISION TO THE MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM WITH WAPA.

Mr. Hinton stated that because we get federal power we are automatically a part of this. A portion of our rates go towards this conservation along the Colorado River. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier to approve Resolution 659-2017 and seconded by Councilman Griffin. Motion carries unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report:

The roundabout is done. We have one more light to put in and we are looking for a brighter

light for the pole in the middle. We will be doing some clean up around there the next few days. We are dragging our feet to start the shade structure because we may get a ten day grant to move dirt behind the dam. Vice Mayor Allen asked who had been moving the sand. Mr. Hinton answered we have to hopefully have some of the sand drop out before it hits the dam. After that we will move to the shade structure and from there to the curbing along Hoopes Ave. Next council meeting we should have the bids for the paving. Next council meeting is during the league meeting, so we would like to move it back to August 28th. Then we would have the CDBG bid as well as the one for the paving. We should have a conceptual drawing of the town lake and soccer fields by that date as well. We have some sand bags already filled and are planning on using those for people who can't do it themselves. We have sand and bags ready for people to fill at the town yard, trying to be as proactive as we can. The biggest problem we have in Daley Estates is the bridge out in Daley Estates which was built too high. The wash builds up with sand and the boxes with debris and so when that happens, the water starts going around it and

there are houses on both sides. Councilman Rapier asked if we need to look at that. Mr. Hinton said it is something that will be a long term fix. The new Stonegarden truck is here. We ended the year with a \$30,000 surplus in general fund even after spending more on parks than we had budgeted. There was a deficit in sanitation and a surplus in both electric and sewer. Councilman Rapier asked if there was an increase in sales tax and Mr. Hinton answered no, it is still pretty flat.

A. Fire Department Report.

Mr. Payne stated that nine of us went to swift water rescue training getting prepared in case someone gets stranded in a wash. It was good training and we learned a lot. Some of our guys will have the opportunity to get certified in swift water rescue. Fire school is coming up in September. For the 24th celebration we will be wetting down the participants in the 5K run.

B. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods was absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Safe House

Councilman Bryce stated that they are trying to raise funds. They are also trying to work with the police departments. If they have a domestic incident then they can send over an advocate to help with the situation.

B. Chamber of Commerce

John Howard stated that the Chamber is looking to get more involved with the Salsa Fest. The Rural Policy Forum is also next month.

C. SEAGO

Mayor Rivera stated that there is nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilman Griffin and seconded by Vice Mayor Allen at 7:52 to adjourn council meeting. Motion carries unanimously.

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 17th day of July 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michelle Mortensen, Deputy Clerk