

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
August 28, 2017**

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

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

Visitors: David Sowders, Brooke Curley

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order by Mayor Rivera at 6:00. He welcomed everyone and stated there was a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Heston Welker.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approve minutes of the July 17, 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 was seconded by Vice Mayor Allen to approve the consent agenda. The motion carries unanimously.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Paving Bid Award.

Mr. Brown stated that he had a lot of interest but we only had one bid by CKC. I would recommend accepting that bid. Mr. Hinton stated that the reason the bid was so high was because we didn't pave last year and had that money carry over to this year. Councilman Griffin asked if this included all the streets that we identified for this year. Mr. Brown answered yes and a few others besides those. Councilman Rapier made a motion to accept the bid for \$579,965 by CKC and was seconded by Vice Mayor Allen to approve the bid by CKC. Motion carries unanimously.

B. CDBG Project Bid Award.

Mr. Hinton stated that this just closed today. Mr. Brown said we had three bids and the low bid was \$297,462. This was only for the Daley Estates Park and the Reay Lane Park. Mr. Hinton said that we would have to put in \$122,000 of our contingency fund to complete this. Mr. Brown stated that we only bid out two of the parks because we thought the cost might be high to do all three. Mr. Hinton that we could rebid, but it would be tight in meeting CDBG deadlines and it is going to put us behind on other projects. Mayor Rivera stated that he would like to see both parks done. Councilman Griffin asked if the material cost was why the bid was so high. Mr. Brown stated that the price of the concrete was really high. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Allen to accept the low bid by Ron Cox Builders for the CDBG Bid Award of \$297,462 and was seconded by Councilman Larson. Motion carries unanimously.

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 660-2017:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE POOLED TRANSMISSION AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWN OF THATCHER AND OTHER FIRM TRANSMISSION SERVICE CONTRACTORS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "POOLED TRANSMISSION AGREEMENT") AND TAKING ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mr. Hinton stated that the first three resolutions deal with transmission, which is how we get the power from the Hoover Dam to us. These agreements allow us to only pay for the transmission that we are actually using. One is for dynamic signal and ancillary services. Ryley, Carlock, & Applewhite and K R Saline are the attorneys that reviewed all of these. There are two agreements in here that are for the SPA agreement. The final one is for the Glen Canyon Power Pool to add the Roosevelt Water District.

This Resolution 660 means some days we may need power and another entity might not so they can lay their extra power off to us and vice versa, so we're not paying for something we're not using. Mayor Rivera asked if everyone involved in this pool has to pass this and how many entities are there. Mr. Hinton answered yes, there are 26 entities involved. Mayor Rivera asked if we are getting more power now. Mr. Hinton stated that our contracted rate of delivery went down 3%. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier and was seconded by Vice Mayor Allen to approve Resolution 660-2017. Motion carries unanimously.

- D. **RESOLUTION 661-2017:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION AND FIRM TRANSMISSION SERVICE CONTRACTORS FOR POOLED TRANSMISSION ARRANGEMENTS (HEREINAFTER THE "WAPA POOLED TRANSMISSION AGREEMENT") AND TAKING ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mr. Hinton stated that this is a companion to the first one we did. Councilman Griffin stated the first one was the pooling agreement and this one says we can use each other's reserve capacity. Mr. Hinton answered yes. Councilman Rapier made the motion and was seconded by Councilman Larson to approve Resolution 661-2017. Motion carries unanimously.

- E. **RESOLUTION NO. 662-2017:** RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER,

ARIZONA TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF EXISTING CONTRACT NUMBER 16-DSR-12703 BETWEEN UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION DESERT SOUTHWEST REGION AND THE TOWN OF THATCHER FOR FIRM TRANSMISSION SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS AND TAKING ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mr. Hinton stated that this is the one that allows us to lower our cost. Councilman Griffin asked for how long do we reserve it, is this daily or monthly? Mr. Hinton answered it is for the life of the contract. Motion was made by Councilman Larson and seconded by Councilman Rapier to approve Resolution 662-2017. Motion carries unanimously.

- F. **RESOLUTION NO. 668-2017:** RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE HOOVER POWER POOLING AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWN OF THATCHER, THE ARIZONA POWER AUTHORITY, AND K.R. SALINE AND ASSOCIATES, PLC, AND TAKING ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mr. Hinton explained this designates KR Saline as our schedulers. Mayor Rivera asked if we don't use all of our power do we lose it. Mr. Hinton said that we can sell whatever we don't use. Councilman Rapier made the motion to approve Resolution 668-2017 and was seconded by Councilman Griffin. Motion carries unanimously.

- G. **RESOLUTION NO. 666-2017:** RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE DYNAMIC SIGNAL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT AND THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA AND TAKING ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mr. Hinton stated that this gives AEPCO the right to use our pro-rated share of the dynamic signal that is coming from Hoover Dam. AEPCO becomes our agent to schedule our dynamic signal and ancillary services. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier and seconded by Vice Mayor Allen to approve Resolution 666-2017. Motion carries unanimously.

- H. **RESOLUTION 663-2017:** RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AND AMONG MESQUITE POWER, LLC AND THE TOWN OF THATCHER AND TAKING ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mr. Hinton stated this is through SPPA and we are a part of a group that has contracted with Mesquite Power. We amended it not long ago because of a sale and are amending it again because of the amount of power we are going to purchase in the future. The advantage of doing this is that it will lower the overall cost. This new resolution will end in 2046. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier and was seconded by Councilman Griffin to approve Resolution 663-2017. Motion carries unanimously.

- I. **RESOLUTION 664-2017:** RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE

EXECUTION OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND SCHEDULING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHWEST PUBLIC POWER AGENCY, INC., AS THE AGENT AND THE TOWN OF THATCHER, AS THE PARTICIPANT AND TAKING ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mr. Hinton explained that this one is cleaning up dates and allows SPPA on behalf of the parties to collectively purchase firm energy and modifies the purchase power agreement terms. Motion was made by Councilman Larson and was seconded by Councilman Rapier to approve Resolution 664-2017. Motion carries unanimously.

- J. **RESOLUTION NO. 667-2017:** RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA, TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO CONTRACT NO. 94-PAO-10592 (WITH WESTERN) AND AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED INTEGRATED SCHEDULING AGREEMENT.

Mr. Hinton stated that this is an amendment with Western Area Power and Parker Davis to add the Roosevelt District as an additional party. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier and was seconded by Councilman Griffin to approve Resolution 667-2017. Motion carries unanimously.

- K. **RESOLUTION NO. 665-2017:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO INTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BANK OF MONTREAL FOR A PURCHASING CARD PROGRAM.

Mr. Hinton explained that you approved this program last month. When Michelle went to submit the paperwork she saw that they had to have a resolution to enter into this agreement. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier and was seconded by Vice Mayor Allen to approve Resolution 665-2017.

## 10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Mr. Hinton stated that we are working on the shade structure at the Daley Estates Park right now. Next we will move on to Hoopes Avenue to install curbs and then to the paving. When that is finished we are going to move to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to put in box culverts. Intertwined in there we will be doing the canal crossings as well. After that I am proposing that we get back to put in some sidewalks and curbs in town. Mayor Rivera asked about the box culvert in Quail Ridge, and Mr. Hinton stated that we are going to play it by ear to see if the flapper that Mr. Brown designed will work. We will probably put in sidewalks and curbs in on College Avenue first. We are in the process of putting in some street lights on Spencer Lane, mainly the intersections.

We have paid the police officers all the money for the Parker Hall lawsuit but are still waiting on PSPRS to tell us how to pay back the interest and how to get our credit. We are going to pay a million dollars to our unfunded liability once they let us know how to do that. The last storm we had damaged the roof of the fire station. Next council meeting we hope to have the bids for the roof and then you can decide if you want to replace that now or next budget year. Mayor Rivera asked if we are still getting feedback on the electric, and Mr. Hinton stated not right now. We are looking at being able to accept credit and debit cards. I personally don't want to see us have to pay the service fees. We are trying to be able to pass the fees along and it needs

to be something that goes along with our accounting. Mayor Rivera asked about the Graham County Coop bill, and said that people have been inquiring as to have something comparable to that. Mr. Hinton stated that is probably something we need to do closer to budget time because of the price increase, but that is something that we can definitely do. Councilman Griffin stated that he has been noticing streets other places and ours really aren't that bad in comparison.

B. Fire Department Report.

Fire Chief Payne stated that we have fire school coming up in September and there are twelve of us going. We also have gas pipeline training which is coordinated with the gas companies in the area the same week. On October 10 we will be having our open house. The hydrants and curbs out in Daley Estates and have been painted which was done as an Eagle scout project. We just added five new members Tyler Gebbie, Jeff Boothe, Kevin Griffin, Brad Ferrin, and Daykin Schnell. Mayor Rivera stated that we don't have a flag pole at the fire station like other places do. Mr. Hinton stated that is something we can get done.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods said we had our law and legal updates last month. We have scheduled firearms training on September 11. We replaced our bullet proof vests and are in the process of getting reimbursed for part of that money. Sergeant West and I went and talked to the athletes over at EAC about drinking and what to expect from our agency. September 19, Child and family resources is having an event at the splash pad and we will have some officers there.

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Safe House

Councilman Bryce has nothing to report.

B. Chamber of Commerce

Councilman Rapier has nothing to report.

C. SEAGO

Mayor Rivera stated that they had a business meeting two Fridays ago.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilman Griffin and seconded by Vice Mayor Allen to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Motion carries unanimously.

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