

**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL**

Councilmember's present: Mayor Rivera, Councilman Griffin, Councilman Larson, Councilman Rapiere, Councilman Bryce, Councilman Welker

Councilmember's absent: Vice Mayor Aaron Allen

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

Staff absent: Town Attorney Matt Clifford

Visitors: Lori Rhinehart, Babette Daley, Nelson Daley, Tom & Donna Elam

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order by Mayor Rivera at 6:01. He stated, good evening and welcome to our monthly meeting. We have a quorum. On behalf of this council God bless our men and women in the armed forces, our first responders, and Thatcher.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Griffin.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - A. Preliminary Platt for Daley Heights.
 - B. Liquor License Agent Change Giant Store #632
 - C. Liquor License Agent Change Giant Store #654
 - D. Liquor License Agent Change Giant Store #902
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Approve minutes of the September 18, 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 to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Councilman Rapiere. Motion carries unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Decision on Preliminary Plat.

Mr. Hinton stated this is the decision on the Platt for Daley Heights. Councilman Griffin asked about the access way for Phase One. Mr. Hinton answered there were two ways in. Councilman Rapier asked if this is just south of the existing homes, Mr. Brown answered yes. Nelson Daley stated he hoped the economy was starting to improve. A lot of this is going to be marketed to people from out of town, not just locally. Mayor Rivera asked Mr. Brown if this preliminary plat is approved then all of the changes still have to be made before the final. Mr. Brown answered the preliminary plat is just the layout and roads. If we approve it then when we go to the final plat we will only be platting either just phase one or phase one and phase two. We will get more detailed plans and make sure we nail down all the issues. There are some drainage issues.

Mayor Rivera asked about the changes from the Planning and Zoning minutes, and Mr. Brown answered that those changes are being made and we are waiting to get those plans. Councilman Rapier asked if we are requiring street lights. Mr. Brown answered yes at least at the intersections and maybe midway because they are long streets. Nelson Daley stated that they are going to have ramadas, picnic tables, and grassy areas to take care of the drainage areas. Mr. Payne asked what the situation on the water was. Mr. Brown stated that Safford is reviewing the situation on the water. They think that preliminarily with the first phase and probably the second phase that there will be enough water flow. We will need to see the reports and make sure that Safford buys off on that. Phase three and four they definitely will not have enough water flow and so they will have to do something different. Councilman Bryce asked if they are selling lots or selling homes. Nelson Daley answered we will be selling homes. Motion was made by Councilman Griffin to approve the preliminary plat for Daley Heights and was seconded by Councilman Rapier.

B. Decision on Liquor License Agent Change Giant Store #632

Mr. Hinton stated that the Giant has sold to Conoco. There are three stores, the one at 1st Avenue, the one at Stadium, and the one across from Bashas. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier to approve the change of liquor license for Giant Store #632 and was seconded by Councilman Griffin. Motion carries unanimously.

C. Decision on Liquor License Agent Change Giant Store #654

Mayor Rivera stated this is the same thing. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier and was seconded by Councilman Larson to approve the change of liquor license to Giant Store #654.

D. Decision on Liquor License Agent Change Giant Store #902

Motion was made by Councilman Griffin and was seconded by Councilman Rapier to approve the liquor license change for Giant Store #902.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Town Manager's Report:

Mr. Hinton stated unfortunately we had some bad news today. We had a dump truck that tipped over and Jeff Jarvis hurt his shoulder. He has been checked out and I am very pleased that he is going to be fine. I'm not sure what happened, we will be taking the truck apart to try to figure out what happened. We are still putting in curbs on Hoopes Ave. and will probably still be there until after the first of the year. Councilman Larson stated that he noticed that the curb is lower than the road in some places. Mr. Hinton stated that when the curb is done the road is going to be pulverized and re-graded with a crown put on it which should help the water not to run down the road like it does now. Up on the top all but 10 feet will be taken out for the shoulder and then will be overlaid for the walking path which will start down on Valley View. When that is done we will go put the bridge in at First Avenue. That road will be down one, maybe two weeks, which is why we are doing that during Christmas break to avoid the bus traffic. Our flag pole is up at the fire station. We just need to put a light up there on the pole.

Mr. Hinton handed out the new design for the Town lake area. This includes an amphitheater. He told the council to take a look at it and show it to people so you can give us some feedback and ideas. Councilman Rapier asked about the fields that were shaped in a diamond, can they be soccer fields as well? Mr. Hinton answered they are soccer fields but we will put backstops in. I would like to see the t-ball and coach pitch games all down at those fields. Councilman Larson asked if 8th Street was staying the same, and Mr. Hinton answered yes. We are still a ways out for Phase One. Councilman Rapier asked what phase the amphitheater would be in and Mr. Hinton answered that it could be done in either phase one or two. Councilman Bryce if we had any rough prices on Phase One. Mr. Hinton answered about \$250,000 for the irrigation. Mr. Brown answered about \$50,000 for the bathroom, \$15,000 for trees and shrubs, so around \$300,000. This doesn't include lights and is for gravel parking lots.

I sent out the agreement from City of Safford for the water. Mayor Rivera stated that he thought we should leave it as is. Mr. Hinton stated that he might suggest that if there is a situation where there are more projects than they can do then and it has something to do with the Town of Thatcher then we let's deal with those projects on a case by case basis. If we want it done now and they can't get to it for several years then at that point we can put something in their fund making it a more project specific cooperation. Councilman Rapier agreed. Councilman Bryce stated that he is happy paying the premium and letting City of Safford figure it out. At Twelfth Street there are two pipes that we would like to take out and build a box culvert that will handle a lot more water. After that we will be working on curbs and sidewalks in town. Mr. Hinton said we probably need to put them in on College because of the flooding last summer. Mr. Brown stated that we talked about Stadium and from Church Street down to the Highway we still don't have anything. Councilman Rapier asked about the offer we put in on Red Lamp, and Mr. Hinton answered that he made a counter offer and he wouldn't come down from the asking price.

B. Fire Department Report.

We had our open house last Tuesday and had about 500 people show up. We let some kids squirt some water and go through a smoky room. Our brush truck is almost completed. Rusty and Steve are in Wisconsin tonight and will go inspect the new fire truck tomorrow. Ft. Thomas is interested in our Engine 4, and we have some other towns interested in the pumper, so we are going to get some prices together for that. We are anxious to get a flag up on our new pole. Firefighter 1 & 2 class will be put on by Safford this year and we have three guys that will be attending that. Tomorrow night at the Morenci Club someone will be there to give a presentation on the cancer problems that fireman are encountering.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods stated that we signed our contracts for the Governors' of Highway Safety. We have about \$20,000 for overtime. We applied for another vehicle and they haven't told us no, but haven't told us yes either. As we start approaching the holidays you will see a lot more DUI details. Our detectives and officers just recovered a lot of stolen property. On November 1 starts Red Ribbon Week so we will have some officers over there. Chief Bruggerman wrote a grant that will help us replace our radios. We are appreciative of his work. Mr. Hinton stated that they are making the departments purchase radios that are going to be compliant by the year 2020. Mayor Rivera stated please pass our thanks along to the officers and firefighters for all they do.

D. Council Reports.

Councilman Rapier stated that the chamber mixer for this month is at the hospital this Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilman Griffin at 7:03 to adjourn and was seconded by Councilman Larson. 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 16th day of October 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michelle Mortensen, Deputy Clerk

