

**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
November 20, 2017**

Council present: Mayor Rivera, Councilman Griffin, Councilman Rapier, Councilman Bryce, Councilman Welker

Councilmembers absent: Vice Mayor Allen, Councilman Larson

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: Christine Thatcher

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 by Mayor Rivera. He welcomed everyone to the Thatcher Town Council monthly meeting. He stated there was a quorum. God bless our men and women in the armed forces, our first responders, border patrol.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Rapier.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. Bashas' Store #9 Liquor License Acquisition of Control

There was no discussion from the public.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approve minutes of the October 23 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 Rapier to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Councilman Griffin. Motion carries unanimously.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Decision on Bashas' Liquor License change.

Motion was made by Councilman Rapier to approve the change in ownership of the liquor license for Bashas and was seconded by Councilman Griffin. Motion carries unanimously.

B. Safford/Thatcher Municipal Court Consolidation discussion.

Mr. Hinton stated that we have been discussing consolidating courts. This started because Mr. Skeet's judge and court clerk are both retiring at the beginning of the year. I got to looking at it and based on the court work load, I thought we might be able to save everyone some money. Ned would be the judge, and Merri would be the court clerk. Their current assistant clerk we would absorb and they also have a part time clerk. Pima got wind of this and their judge is on the way out as well, and they would like to be a part of this also. We received the cases from each jurisdiction and added those to make a percentage and based on 2016 figures, Safford would have 59%, the Town 31%, and Pima 10% and using that against this budget, that saves every entity some money.

I have put an IGA together, and tomorrow I have a meeting to go through the numbers with Horatio, and Sean Lewis. I think we'll all have to have the same fine schedule. Ours is the cheapest, so I'm sure we'll have to raise those fees. The biggest issue is going to be for the Superior Court to give us the right reporting. We'll have to have some kind of coding so that the fines are distributed to the correct entity. We will be moving to the building up in Safford. They have already made most of the changes to that building that are required for compliance with the new security measures that the State Supreme Court has mandated. The only other thing I'm not sure about yet is security over at the court. Mayor Rivera asked when this was going to happen and Mr. Hinton answered the first of the year. Motion was made by Councilman Bryce to authorize the Town Manager to move forward on this agreement to consolidate the courts and was seconded by Councilman Rapier. Motion carries unanimously.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Town Manager's Report:

Mr. Hinton stated that things are going very smooth. The work out on Hoopes Avenue is going very well. After this week, they have about two more blocks to pour. Our bridge should be here next month. We still have a few things to do out on Hoopes, but when we get to a point where we can stop we will go get the bridge put in. We are looking at the 18th. When the miller's come in, we have some places that are about 12-18 inches too high, so we're hoping to get that level but aren't sure that the miller's are going to be able to get it down that low. The Daley Estates Park is open and looks really good. The Reay Lane Park should be open by the end of this week.

We received our credit/debit card machine and we are hoping to have training done this week, so it should be up and running within the next few weeks. Second

Street, Second Avenue, College, and Stadium have all been paved. It looks really good. We still have to pave Hoopes and around the Daley Stop so we'll be doing some prep work there. We will be paving part of Twentieth Street on Reay Lane so that we don't have issues when it rains. The fire station roof is close to being complete. We found a leak in our store room so we are going to have them fix that while they're here. Our fog sealing is done for the year on the walking path, around the splash pad, and the cemetery. Councilman Griffin asked if we found out about what happened with the dump truck. Mr. Hinton answered it's hard to determine with all the factors, but we think it was the front suspension. We are not going to use that truck again. Councilman Rapier stated that the lights on Spencer Lane look nice, but one doesn't have a light on it. Mr. Hinton stated that he will check on that tomorrow.

B. Fire Department Report.

Mr. Payne stated we have the Hummer over at the fire station. Our new truck is in Phoenix, and they are working on some of the hiccups that it had on the drive out here. We had a mutual aid fire on Saturday night where two trailers burned to the ground and the embers started a third one on fire. We all worked together well. Coming up we have the light parade on December 2nd and then the 8th is Santa in the Park. The 15th is a PTSD event at Discovery Park and they have asked for the first responders to attend.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods stated that we hosted some 40 millimeter training last week. Safford PD had several officers that attended the training. We also helped San Carlos officers on some taser training. We had several officers out at the primary school for Red Ribbon Week. The holiday DUI task force event kicks off Thursday and we will be sending Officer Ellsworth to take part in the statewide kickoff. We will be attending the PTSD event as well.

D. Council Reports.

Councilman Rapier stated that Heath, Randy, Heston, and I went to Morenci today to tour the rec center. We went through the facility and they answered our questions. Something to think about, they have a year round swim team that some of our residents are driving up there to participate in.

Mayor Rivera stated that he attended a SEAGO business meeting and the Vice-Mayor from the Town of Tombstone asked about what kind of security we have at our churches after that massacre that recently occurred in Texas. I just thought I would throw that out there, I don't know what the churches have. The Lions Club has taken over the Produce on Wheels Without Waste and I am inviting the Council and members of staff to come out and help. You pay \$10 to receive 60 pounds of produce. The next one is December 8th at 8:00 a.m. at Home Depot.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilman Rapier at 6:43 to adjourn and was seconded by Councilman Griffin. 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 18th day of January 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michelle Mortensen, Deputy Clerk