

## **UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

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

**December 18, 2017**

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

Councilmember's absent: Councilman Griffin

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

Visitors: Rhett & Alysia Dodge & kids, Dodge, David Ramirez, Joe & Lori Sedgemen, Daniel McDowell, Mark Smith,

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order by Mayor Rivera at 6:00. He welcomed everyone to the monthly council meeting and stated that we have a quorum. On behalf of this council, God bless our men and women in the armed forces, our first responders, police and fire, immigration, customs, and border patrol.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Clifford.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
  - A. CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS.  
  
Mayor Rivera stated that it takes one nano second to look at the lights and let it take you away from everything else. We appreciate you taking the time to decorate and on behalf of this council we thank you. Grand prize winner is Daniel McDowell, first prize David Ramirez, second prize to Carlos Montano, and third prize to Joe Sedgeman. We have five honorable mention awards Rhett Dodge, Mark Smith, Juanita Ornelas, Patty Ellerman, and Chad Rolfe.
4. **OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**  
  
There was none.
5. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**  
  
There was none.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. Approve minutes of the November 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Allen and was seconded by Councilman Larson to accept the consent agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 669-2017:** 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, AN IGA WITH THE CITY OF SAFFORD AND THE TOWN OF PIMA TO ESTABLISH A CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL COURT.

Mr. Hinton stated that nothing has changed since last month. I think it is a win win for everyone. We will all save some money and we'll use the Safford Court that has already done the security upgrades. The Safford and Pima Council have both passed a resolution already. We have a meeting with ADOT and our pushing to be able to do e-tickets. It will print out the tickets and generate any report that you might need. This information will automatically be entered into the state database which will save our officers as well as our clerks a lot of time. Safford has already been allocated the money to do this. Chief Woods is working with Tim Jordan to see if we can implement this. Motion made by Vice Mayor Allen to approve Resolution 669-2017 and was seconded by Councilman Rapier. Motion carries unanimously.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER DESIGNATING JANUARY 21-27 AS SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK.

**10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Town Manager's Report:

Mr. Hinton stated that the Town crew has done an excellent job putting the bridge in on First Street. By the end of next week we should be all done. When that is finished we will head back out to Hoopes Avenue. All the curbing is done, but we still have a few decks to pour. We have to get the milling machine out to mill it out. Most of the asphalt is high so we're going to see if we can take the asphalt out and get it down to sub-grade. If we can't use the milling machine to do that, we'll have to do it by hand. We will probably have to shut the road down while we are working on it. Once we get that done and set the grade, we'll do the AB, and then

CKC will come in and pave it.

We're in the process of putting in a sump at the Cota subdivision retention pond. On several occasions, we've had to pay Allen Pump to come in and pump the water out. We're working with them to put in a pump. We have to put a transformer up for the power and have some pipe to lay, but that should be complete in a few weeks. We have two new fire trucks and two that we have to get rid of. Ft. Thomas Fire Department wants the #4 engine, so if there are no objections then we'll transfer that to them. The new population estimate has come out and Thatcher is now at 5217, so we're still growing. We had a good turnout for Santa in the Park. Mr. Brown stated that he has had a lot of people ask what is going into the old animal hospital. Mr. Hinton answered that Morcomb Diesel will be moving over there.

B. Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne stated that we helped out with the light parade and Santa in the Park. Some of our guys went to the PTSD training last weekend. The lady who came and did the presentation on this is nationally recognized and travels all over. This was a good training for everyone. We are still getting all the equipment for our new fire truck. We used our humvee the other night on our first fire and it worked great.

C. Police Department Report.

Chief Woods stated that ADOT does this crash reporting. With the courts combining, it will save us a lot of time and we're excited to implement this. The PTSD training was done by Tonya Glen who has provided support and done counseling for the 9/11 responders, Oklahoma City Bombing, Orlando Night Club Shooting. If you look at statistics, there is a high suicide rate for first responders, EMS, medics, and flight medics. Mental health issues are becoming prevalent for first responders and now we have some signs to watch out for and resources to help. We sent a few officers to Santa in the Park and they had a good experience, there was a great turnout. Officer West is going to the school to teach search and seizure to Mr. Morales' government classes. We have two officers that volunteered to cook hot dogs at the carnival on Friday for the end of the year carnival and to honor the State Champion Football team. We had the opportunity to assist the Department of Corrections with finding an escaped convict in the 800 block of First Avenue. Luckily this was resolved peacefully. With the holidays, we will be doing DUI patrols with the Task Force.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilman Rapier and was seconded by Vice Mayor Allen at 6:36 p.m.