

**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
January 15, 2018**

Council present: Mayor Rivera, Vice Mayor Allen, Councilman Griffin, Councilman Larson, Councilman Rapiere, Councilman Bryce,

Councilmembers absent: 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

AGENDA

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 by Mayor Rivera. He welcomed staff and council to the first meeting of 2018. He stated there was a quorum. God bless our men and women in the armed forces, our first responders, police, fire, and border patrol.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Michelle Mortensen.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve minutes of the December 18 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 670-2018: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING A FINE SCHEDULE FOR THE GV CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL COURT.

Mr. Hinton stated that this is self explanatory. Pima and Safford have already passed this and it will go into effect February 1. Motion was made by Councilman Griffin to approve Resolution 670-2018 and was seconded by Vice Mayor Allen. Motion carries unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Town Manager's Report:

Mr. Hinton stated that we are still working on Hoopes Avenue. The machine that was here took out the first layer of asphalt and took it down to sub-grade on the second pass. That saved us a lot of labor, so we will start the AB this week. In about four weeks we should be about ready to pave. Councilman Larson asked about the asphalt we took out, do we use that. Mr. Hinton answered yes, we used it to build the parking lot over on the corner at the primary school. From there, we will move down to 12th Street to put in the two box culverts. From there if there is a window we may go in and put the pipe in on the county's property up at Little Tulsa, and if not then we'll go to College Avenue to start putting in curbs and sidewalks. After we finish there, we'll start picking streets that don't have any sidewalks and work our way down to the other side of town unless any of you have a preference. Councilman Griffin said that Stadium is pretty busy, so we may want to put the sections of sidewalk in there. Mr. Hinton stated that sounds like a good reason.

I have started working on the budget. We need a new garbage truck and right now I have \$235,000 in there for that. There is also money in there for a few new trucks for the outside crews and one for the police. Next council meeting I should have some preliminary numbers that we can start looking at. Councilman Rapier asked if we built a fence for the bigger garbage cans in Town if the garbage truck we have can accommodate those. Mr. Hinton answered we could build it so that we could, but it generally if that is the case we have those businesses go commercial. Next year our wheeling costs should be more and even with that being the case, we still should not have any rate changes and may even be able to reduce those. Since we have had the complaints about recycling we are picking up every day now. We are putting signs on the recycle bins to break down boxes so we think with that we shouldn't have any trouble. Mayor Rivera asked if we are done with the canal. Mr. Hinton answered yes. Vice Mayor Allen stated that it looks very nice. Vice Mayor Allen asked about the \$100,000 for the soccer fields. Mr. Hinton stated that the cost will be more than that with the sprinklers. Councilman Rapier asked if we don't get to that can we change the lights out at the ball fields. Mr. Brown stated that if we do that we're going to have to put the electric underground. Mayor Rivera asked if that can be done in phases and Mr. Hinton answered no.

Fire Department Report.

Chief Payne stated that we had a fire in Central last week but it was pretty much out before we got there. Next fire meeting we will be working on extracation and we have elections coming up. Tonight we have four people that are starting the Firefighter I & II class in Safford. Councilman Griffin asked how many fire trucks do we have? Chief Payne said we have air trailer, rescue truck, the ladder truck, and old Nat. Mayor Rivera asked Chief Payne to thank our fire fighters for all that they do.

Police Department Report.

Chief Woods stated that with our court consolidation we are working on a new program called AZ Tracks which comes with e-citaton. We have ordered the equipment for the our vehicles and we will be doing training towards the end of the month. Mayor Rivera asked Chief Woods to please thank all the officers for all that they do.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilman Rapier and seconded by Vice Mayor Allen to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

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 15th day of January 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michelle Mortensen, Deputy Clerk