

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL June 18, 2018

Councilmembers present: Vice Mayor Allen, Councilman Larson, Councilman Rapier, Councilman Welker, Councilman Bryce, Councilwoman Smith

Councilmembers absent: Mayor Rivera

Staff present: Interim Co-Manager Heath Brown, Police Chief Shaffen Woods, Fire Chief Mike Payne, Deputy Clerk Michelle Mortensen, Street Foreman Tommy Nicholas

Staff absent: Town Attorney Matt Clifford

Visitors: Jenny Howard, Jon Johnson, David Sowders,

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order by Vice Mayor Allen at 6:02. He stated that we have a quorum.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Rapier.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

None
4. **OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

None
5. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

None
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Approve minutes of the May 21, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
 - B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
 - C. Police Monthly Report.

- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Motion made by Councilman Rapier to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Councilman Bryce. Motion carries unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. IGA with Graham County for Election Services.

Mr. Brown stated that this is our agreement for election services. They take care of the polling and it's a good deal for us. Motion was made by Councilman Larson and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the IGA for Election Services with Graham County. Motion carries unanimously.

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 672-2018** : 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, IGA'S WITH GRAHAM COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR DISPATCHING AND COMMON SERVICES, ANIMAL SHELTER, AND ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES.

Mr. Brown stated that this is an annual IGA that we approve with the county. The prices went up about 2% this year. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier to approve Resolution 672-2018 and was seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carries unanimously.

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 673-2018:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA.

Mr. Brown explained that this is our final budget for next fiscal year. This is similar to the preliminary one that we already passed so I am just going to over the items that changed; one was the state shared revenue figures. We added \$1,000 to First Things First and took that from the library. I added some money for seed and fertilizer about \$12,000. The biggest change was adding two police vehicles for \$87,000. Our HURF went up about \$30,000 so I increased that amount. We doubled our street light budget, so that has increased as well. After talking to our auditor he thought that we needed to add the purchase of Red Lamp to the budget so I took that money out of the two contingency funds to be able to stay where we were at and not go over the preliminary budget amount. Vice Mayor Allen asked what that did to our contingency. Mr. Brown said that we still have a million between our contingency funds and we still have the million allotted for the unfunded liability. So I would suggest we don't pay anything towards the

unfunded liability until the end of the next fiscal year. Motion was made by Councilman Welker to approve Resolution 673-2018 and was seconded by Councilman Rapier. Motion carries unanimously.

D. Interim Manager Compensation.

Vice Mayor Allen stated that he received a call from Mayor Rivera informing me that he and Mr. Brown had come to an agreement, adding an extra \$600 per pay period for the compensation of the Interim Manager. Are you ok with that? Mr. Brown answered yes that he was ok with that. Councilman Rapier clarified that this is to compensate for handling both jobs for the interim only. Mr. Brown responded that it was. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier to approve the increase of Mr. Brown's salary by 12% and was seconded by Councilman Larson. Motion carries unanimously.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Appointment of Board of Adjustment Member to Replace Don Innes.

Mr. Brown explained that the Board of Adjustment is the body that hears variance requests or appeals to zoning requests. It is composed of two councilmember's, two planning and zoning members, and three at large members. Vice Mayor Allen stated that we currently have Ken Larson, David Griffin, Ramon Morales, Mark Vining, Kenny Smith, and Jim Sullivan. Councilman Bryce volunteered to serve on the board. Motion was made by Councilman Larson and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept Councilman Bryce to the appointment of the Board of Adjustments. Motion carries unanimously.

10. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Brown stated that we finished our work over at Elite Eye Care Center. We are finishing up the culvert and will wrap that up in about two to three weeks. From there we will do the other culvert at Reay Lane and 20th Street. We will move on to curbs and sidewalks starting on College Avenue. Does anyone have a preference as to where we should go next? Vice Mayor Allen stated that I would suggest finishing the sidewalk on Stadium. Mr. Brown stated that there is a lot of traffic there with the post office. Mr. Brown and Councilman Rapier both believed it was a good spot and made the most sense. Councilwoman Smith said she did have some people ask about putting sidewalks in on the north part of 1st because they have kids walking to school. Mr. Brown stated that is a good spot. After Stadium we will begin work on the soccer fields, which will be approximately the first of October.

The Church Street project of relocating electric is ongoing and they estimate this being complete in October. The water main project will begin in July and take about six months. Vice Mayor Allen asked if we are taking the power mains underground anywhere that we can, like at Church Street and High School Ave. Mr. Brown said that is the one location where they will still be crossing the intersection. It will be higher and cleaner looking. The communication lines will all be on one side of the road instead of them running on both sides. There are a few portions that will be going underground, but most will still be overhead. Vice Mayor asked about the pole on Allred Lane. Mr. Brown stated that they got an easement from Pat Rowan at E.A. Glass to bury that portion of power underground. Mr. Brown said we want to eventually widen Allred Lane and it was more cost effective to take care of that now.

We have been cleaning up Red Lamp as we can. Some of those tenants have been moving out and that process is going good. The owners will be out by November. Councilman Rapier asked if the individual managing Red Lamp will be on sight until the end of June or until November. Mr. Brown answered that he originally told them the end of June, but we will probably keep them on until the end of July. Jeff Jarvis resigned and so we will be advertising his position. We renewed our health insurance and the cost did come down between 5-10%. Our providers have changed but the coverage is still the same. We finally have everything set up with Xpress Bill Pay to be able to make payments online.

Mr. Brown stated that Councilman Rapier asked for information on recycling. If we want to go to the Safford way of doing recycling, having both a blue and black can, then we would be looking at purchasing 2500 cans at \$63 a can. It does cost us more to dump recycle goods than regular garbage which would be about \$750 per month. Councilman Welker asked if we would have two days of regular trash pick-up. Mr. Brown stated no it would be one trash day and one recycle day. Vice Mayor Allen stated that Mr. Skeet said if he had to do it again he would do away with the lease and just purchase the cans.

Mr. Brown stated that Councilwoman Smith asked about the signage on 1st Street. Mr. Brown presented two options, one being signs with flashing lights and the other being just a street sign with school zone hours and speed limit. I would do the two blocks from 3rd to 4th to High School and have the lights flashing in the morning and again in the afternoon. Councilwoman Smith explained that I asked Mr. Brown to look at what the options were because there is such a big amount of growth in the Cota subdivision and I have seen kids standing at 1st for ten minutes trying to cross the road. Councilman Welker asked if we could put in stop signs there which would give them a crosswalk as well. Mr. Brown stated that the problem with the stop sign is that there will be higher speeds on either side of the stop sign. Mr. Brown stated that if we're going to do it I think we should do the flashing signs. Even though they are more expensive they would stand out a lot

more.

Mr. Brown explained that we had talked about auctioning off the trailers at Red Lamp, but the County contacted us and said that any trailer pre-1976 can't be moved unless it is up to code. So with the expense for people to bring those trailers up to code and move them, Mr. Clifford suggested that we just dispose of them. For \$400 a trailer we could have a scrapper come in and take what's recyclable and haul off the rest. Councilman Rapier stated that sounds like a good option.

B. Fire Department Report

Chief Payne stated that we had three trailers burn over at Red Lamp. We are still investigating that. We took the ladder truck over to help Safford with a fire this morning. Vice Mayor Allen stated tell the firefighters thanks.

C. Police Department Report

Chief Woods stated that we have some Alzheimer training tomorrow that several of us are going to. At the end of the month we will be hosting the second portion of the active shooter training. With 4th of July coming up the DUI task force will be in Clifton but our officers will be staying local for some enhanced DUI speed enforcement. We are working on policies and procedures for social media so that we can have some more communication with the community. Councilman Bryce asked if we have an idea of what the revenue is from the tickets. Chief Woods stated that after talking to Judge Rhodes the majority of that goes to the state. Not very much stays locally. Vice Mayor Allen told him thank you.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Rapier at 7:06 and seconded by Councilwoman Smith.