

**NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
July 16, 2018**

Councilmembers present: Mayor Rivera, Councilman Rapier, Councilman Bryce, Councilman Welker

Councilmembers absent: Vice Mayor Allen, Councilman Larson, Councilwoman Smith

Staff present: Interim Town Manger Heath Brown, Town Attorney Matt Clifford, Fire Chief Mike Payne, Deputy Clerk Michelle Mortensen, Street Supervisor Tommy Nicholas

Staff absent: Police Chief Shaffen Woods

Visitors: Eddy Carlton, McCoy Carlton, Jon Johnson

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 by Mayor Rivera. He stated that we do have a quorum. On behalf of this council God bless our men and women in the armed forces, especially those in harm's way, our first responders, fire police, emt's and border patrol.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Brown.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

None

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Eddy Carlton said that this is my son McCoy and he is here working on his citizenship merit badge. He is here to listen to discussion on the differing of opinions and discussion.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02 (A)(1)(7) the Council may go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and to consult with the Town Attorney for legal advice.

- A. Discussion of Town Manager Selection Process.

Motion was made by Councilman Rapier at 6:20 to go into executive session and seconded by Councilman Welker. Motion carries unanimously. Mayor Rivera asked Mr. Clifford and Ms. Mortensen to stay for executive session. Motion was

made to go back into regular session at 6:58 by Councilman Rapier and was seconded by Councilman Welker. Motion carries unanimously. Mayor Rivera stated that we are going to interview three candidates for the Town Manager position on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Mortensen will contact those from out of town. At the next council meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> we will go into executive session to make that selection and then come out and announce the new Manager.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve minutes of the June 18, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoice
- E. Financial Reports.

Motion was made by Councilman Rapier to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Welker. Motion carries unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **PROCLAMATION - PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS**
- B. August Town Council Meeting Date  
Mayor Rivera stated that with the annual League Conference being the same week as our council meeting, we need to move it to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Can everyone make it that day? Councilman Bryce stated that was the best day. Councilman Welker stated that he has a meeting at the College that night. Mayor Rivera asked him if he would be alright if they had the meeting that night and Councilman Welker answered yes because he has a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> as well.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Town Manager's Report

We are done with the culverts on Reay Lane and just have a little clean up left to do. We are working on the power at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Church Street getting some of that buried and putting in the poles for the street lights for

the roundabout. Then we will be on to the curb and gutter on Stadium. The water main reconstruction on Church Street should begin at any time. All the renters are out of Red Lamp and the power is off in all those units. The burned units are almost done being salvaged and we are getting ready to put out for bid the salvage of the remaining trailers. Councilman Rapier asked how long we are keeping the manager around at Red Lamp. Mr. Brown stated that she was there today and may be tomorrow but that should be it. Mayor Rivera asked how many people are living there and Mr. Brown answered five. They have until the middle of November to be out.

We have received about twenty applications for the street position and we will start interviewing for that soon. I have spoken with the City of Safford about recycling and they aren't very happy with the way that is going. The price they are getting to pay for the recycling material has gone from \$25 to \$1 and the company they are working with is trying to increase their fee. China has stopped taking plastic, so everything that is being shipped to Phoenix is ending up at the landfill. Safford is looking at getting out of recycling, so I think we should hold off for the time being. Mayor Rivera asked if we still have the recycling bins and Mr. Brown answered yes. We will continue to do that as long as Safford is.

Our housing is very active right now, with thirteen homes going in at Cota subdivision. Mr. Brown asked Mr. Payne how many houses we have under construction, and he answered twenty two. Mr. Clifford asked Mr. Brown if we are going to ramp up the police presence at Red Lamp with all the empty trailers. I have a concern that between now and the removal of those trailers that they could be vandalized. Mr. Brown answered that he has been in contact with the police and they have been patrolling that area more.

B. Fire Department Report

We did the Fourth of July parade and the parade in Safford. Last Saturday we did some rope training out by the airport. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we have a gas meeting with all the fire departments and Graham County Utilities. Annually they come in and give us a gas training. We do have another rope rescue at Frye Mesa coming up in August which should be a good training. Fire school is September 5 – 9.

C. Police Department Report

None

D. Council Reports

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made at 7:00 p.m. by Councilman Rapier to adjourn council meeting and was seconded by Councilman Welker. Motion carries unanimously.