

**NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
September 17, 2018**

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

Councilmembers absent: Councilman Bryce

Staff present: Town Manager Heath Brown, Town Attorney Matt Clifford, Police Chief Shaffen Woods, Fire Chief Mike Payne, Deputy Clerk Michelle Mortensen, Street Supervisor Tommy Nicholas, Engineering Tech Gary Allred

Visitors: Jon Johnson, David Sowders, Shannon Meehl, Russton Meehl, Christian Meehl, Tyson Richins, Carson Richins, Charles Willis

AGENDA

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order by Mayor Rivera at 6:01. He stated God bless our troops, our first responders, our customs agents, and border patrol. He stated that there was a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Woods.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve minutes of the August 8, 2018 Special Council Meeting
Approve minutes of the August 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.
Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
Police Monthly Report.
Approval of Invoices.

E. Financial Reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Canvas of Vote.

Mr. Brown read the votes for the 2018 election. The total number of ballots cast was 1,073. Heston Welker received 601 votes, Ryan Rapier 555, Ginaveve "Jenny" Howard 551, Sam Daley 548, and Eddy Carlton 340. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Allen to accept the canvas of the vote and was seconded by Councilman Larson. Motion carries unanimously. Mayor Rivera congratulated the winners.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 674-2018:** 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, AN IGA WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Mr. Brown stated that this is the IGA with ADOT for the construction of the Church Street Project. We need to approve this before we go out to bid. Today I got notice that as they have been updating the plans and the cost estimate they have significantly increased the cost estimate from 2.3 million to 2.9 million. So we need an additional \$495,000 in federal funds which increases our share about \$30,000. ADOT won't put up for bid until the whole amount is funded. I think when I take this back to SEAGO and explain what happened they will find the money. I propose we approve this with the caveat that if and when SEAGO finds can approve the additional \$495,000 that we can change exhibit A which includes the figures of the IGA and not have to bring that back to council. Mayor Rivera asked if Mr. Brown had talked to SEAGO today and Mr. Brown stated that I tried getting a hold of Chris Vertrees, but he must be out.

Councilwoman Smith asked why it was so much higher. Mr. Brown said that they told us that the last six months the cost of materials has gone up a lot and just the nature of the way they do the engineering estimates. Vice Mayor Allen asked who chooses the suppliers. Mr. Brown stated that this goes out to bid. Anyone who meets the criteria can bid on it. The Town does have some say. Vice Mayor Allen

asked what happens if the bids come in lower. Mr. Brown stated that the way this works is we approve this IGA and we pay ADOT our share upfront. They then bid out the project and after everything is done they reconcile it. If we paid too much then they refund it and if we didn't pay enough then we owe more. Motion was made by Councilman Rapier to approve Resolution 674-2018 with the addition of \$495,000 federal funds and \$30,000 local funds. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Allen. Motion carries unanimously.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Brown let the council know that as of Thursday we have a new Town Engineer, Tom Palmer. He will be helping the college out to get through the semester so he will be part time starting next week. Church Street water main project is still ongoing. Pending this funding issue everything is on schedule. Last week we finished the work in front of Carter's and did some drainage improvements there as well. It sounds like they have been busy and are having good success. I mentioned in our work session about the Red Lamp issue. We have received some new bids and have one for \$1000 per unit but we would be paying the landfill fees. The two new public works trucks are in and are being used.

We discussed our solar customers during our work session on how the trash and sewer works. Their credit can be put towards their garbage and sewer fees. We can separate those accounts so they are paying for garbage and sewer monthly. Councilman Welker stated to clarify the garbage and sewer is getting credited but they do not have credits that last into the winter anyways, so they end up paying the same regardless. So potentially if it ever was the case that those credits lasted into the winter then we would be crediting the trash but right now it's a wash. Right now we're getting the same amount of money, it's just how it's being applied. Vice Mayor Allen said that is my concern, so we're actually putting cash into the enterprise fund. Mr. Brown answered yes, those funds are being appropriated into the right accounts. Councilman Welker thinks that it would be cleaner to change it. Vice Mayor Allen agreed. Councilman Welker asked if we are going to send them a letter to let them know and Mr. Brown answered yes. Councilman Rapier stated I say for cleanliness purpose, let's change it. Mr. Brown agreed that he thinks it's cleaner as well and I think with your direction we can go ahead and make that change.

B. Fire Department Report

Chief Payne stated that we have a few preschool classes and second graders that will be coming through this week. We have a house that we will be burning on the 29th. October 9th will be our open house which will start at 6:00. We plan on doing the smoke room like we have done in the past. We usually have a good turnout. Mayor Rivera asked Chief Payne to thank the firefighters.

C. Police Department Report

Chief Woods mentioned that we have our law and legal update coming up on the 25th. We also have an officer attending some crime scene training for patrol officers. The substance abuse conference will be this Thursday that we'll be attending. Dr. Spiller has put together a school safety committee and I, Officer West, Vice Mayor Allen, and Councilman Bryce are a part of this. Our patrol vehicles should be here in the next few weeks. As part of our school safety meeting on Wednesday, Vice Mayor Allen stated that the school is going to start shutting the gate at the school on 1st Avenue at 10:00 every night to try to reduce the traffic at the school. Mayor Rivera asked Chief Woods to thank our officers on behalf of this council.

D. Council Reports

None.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Allen to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Smith at 6:38. Motion carries unanimously.

APPROVED:

Michelle Mortensen, Deputy Clerk

Bob 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 17th day of September 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michelle Mortensen, Deputy Clerk

