

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
January 22, 2019**

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

Councilmembers absent: Mayor Bob Rivera

Staff present: Town Manager Heath Brown, Town Engineer Tom Palmer, Town Attorney Matt Clifford, Police Chief Shaffen Woods, Deputy Clerk Michelle Mortensen, Street Supervisor Tommy Nicholas, Gary Allred, Drake Hughes

Staff absent: Fire Chief Mike Payne

Visitors: Jeanette & Chuck Hayden

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order By Vice Mayor Allen at 6:30. He stated that there was a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilwoman Smith

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

None

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Jeanette Hayden asked what the procedure is for moving the recyclable bins from in front of my house at Quail Ridge; the trash keeps blowing into my yard. Mr. Hayden asked if it would be possible to move the cans down where John Martin's construction yard was off of Golf Course Rd. Mr. Brown answered that he liked that suggestion. Vice Mayor Allen asked if it was particularly bad because it was the day after a holiday. I thought we were making more frequent trips. Mr. Brown answered that we are picking them up more often, but the Quail Ridge cans do fill up more often. Vice Mayor Allen stated that we will have Mr. Brown talk to his staff and see what makes the most sense.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve minutes of the October 15, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Rapier to accept the consent agenda and was seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carries unanimously.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

#### Town Manager's Report

Mr. Brown started with an update on Church Street. The water line is continuing. I know it's a mess but we are sending our guys out once a week to try to brush things up. Councilwoman Smith asked about the metal plates on Church Street. Mr. Brown answered the plates are there when the trenches are still open. Once it is time to backfill the trench, they don't use the plates, but those areas aren't back filled well. Mr. Palmer stated that they are doing some cold patch, but when the moisture hit, a lot of that wore out. So we are after them to go in and re-patch those spots. We will be paying the 5.75% match for Church Street, which is \$162,000 this week.

The last resident that is in Red Lamp is no longer there and the Church is going to help move all of her stuff out this weekend. So hopefully we can have that trailer moved out next week. We have the General Plan Meeting next Thursday that Vice Mayor Allen, Mayor Rivera, and Councilwoman Smith will be attending.

Our recreation fees are low and my thought is to gradually increase those to help so we don't have to subsidize the costs for the different programs. Councilwoman Smith brought up the idea to buy reversible t-shirts that could be re-used for multiple sports. Council was agreeable to increase the fees.

#### Fire Department Report

None

#### Police Department Report

Chief Woods stated that the EMS community is putting together a mass casualty experience for April at Safford High School. I believe it is to gauge where we are at. We will be working with Safford PD. Two weeks ago our detectives served a search warrant at Twin Palms where they retrieved some meth, money, Xanax, and a gun.

#### Council Reports

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilman Rapier at 6:54 and was seconded by Councilwoman Smith at 6:55. Motion carries unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

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Michelle Mortensen, Deputy Clerk

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Michelle Mortensen, Deputy Clerk