

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
August 17, 2020**

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

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

Visitors: Mark Vining, Eddy Carlton, John Howard, Kim Smith, David Bell

**AGENDA**

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order at 6:30 by Mayor Rivera. He stated God bless our men and women in the armed forces, our first responders, police and fire, border patrol, and ICE and everyone protecting our borders.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Eddy Carlton, Mark Vining, & John Howard.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve minutes of the July 20, 2020 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 Councilwoman Smith to approve the consent agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Child Support Awareness Month Proclamation
- B. AZCares Fund Grant Agreement with the State of Arizona

Mr. Brown explained that this is the agreement that we need to sign for the AZCares Grant Fund. Motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and was seconded by Vice Mayor Allen to approve the AZCares Fund Grant Agreement. Motion carries unanimously.

C. Mountain Vista (Cota) Playground Equipment

Mr. Brown stated that we talked about this during our budgeting process. Just recently we were made aware of some repair issues. We think it would be better to replace the equipment rather than to keep repairing it. This money would be taken from the contingency fund. Councilman Rapiere asked if we feel like this could be a liability issue and Mr. Brown stated I believe that it is. Councilman Bryce asked what the life of the equipment is, and Mr. Brown responded at least thirty years. Motion was made by Councilwoman Howard to move money from contingency in the amount of \$26,443.72 to replace the playground equipment and seconded by Councilman Welker. Motion carries unanimously.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Town Manager's Report

- Public Works Projects – Recreation Complex, 1<sup>st</sup> Street Sewer Tap, Ball Park & Other Striping, Daley Park, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Speed Signs  
Mr. Brown mentioned that the grass is coming in nicely at the rec complex. All our underground utilities are in place and the streetlights are in on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Reay Lane. Right now, we are putting in a sewer tap on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. We will wrap that up tomorrow and then we will go back to the rec complex. We will have to go back to 1<sup>st</sup> Street to put in sidewalks after City of Safford gets done there. We will be putting in the walking paths next at the rec complex. We finished the striping at the ballpark. We replaced the benches at the Daley Estates Park and the slide is currently closed because of a crack in it. We have installed the electronic speed signs at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.
- Financial Summary  
I put this on here just in case anyone had any questions.
- Census Status  
Councilwoman Smith mentioned that the census is currently going door to door. We are currently at 65% completed.
- Capital Improvement Plan  
Mr. Brown mentioned that Councilwoman Howard and I met on this and I am hoping to have some things ready for our next work session.

- Town Clean-Up  
What are going to be working on the blatant offenders. Gary Allred stated that we have been going around and hanging door hangers letting them know what the violations are.

- Work Session Date  
We will be holding our work session on October 5.

B. Fire Department Report

- Calendar / Events  
Chief Payne mentioned that they are still hose testing and we have been going over our plans for the schools in case of a fire. Towards the end of September, we will be burning a house down on Reay Lane. We have been doing different exercises down there as well. Mayor Rivera stated thank you and your firemen for all you do.

C. Police Department Report

- TRACS System Update  
Chief Woods mentioned that we moved from the County server to the State. There is a little glitch with our court getting them, but that should be fixed soon.
- New Body Cameras  
We redid our body camera contract, so we now have the latest and greatest in body cameras.
- Back to School  
Today was the first day of school and it went well. There was a little congestion on High School.
- ALICE Training  
Mr. Conrad is requesting some ALICE training for his new teachers, so we will be working on this. Mayor River stated please thank our officers for the work they do.

D. Council Reports

None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & POTENTIAL QUORUM'S**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Allen at 7:02 to adjourn council meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carries unanimously.

APPROVED:

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Michelle Mortensen, Deputy Clerk

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Bob Rivera, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Thatcher held on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August. 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