

**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
January 24, 2022**

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

Staff present: Town Manger Heath Brown, Town Engineer Tom Palmer, Town Attorney Matt Clifford, Police Chief Shaffen Woods, Fire Chief Mike Payne, Town Clerk Annie Reidhead

Visitors: County Supervisor John Howard, David Bell (EA Courier), and Vance Bryce (Graham County Chamber of Commerce)

AGENDA

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Bryce and he stated that this is a public meeting for the Thatcher Town Council. He stated that we do have a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Engineer Tom Palmer.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Open to the public, no comments were made.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

No comments

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

None

CONSENT AGENDA: Action Item

- A. Approve Minutes of the December 20, 2021, Regular Council Meeting
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report
- C. Police Monthly Report
- D. Approval of Invoices
- E. Financial Reports

Councilmember Howard made a motion to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith. Motion carries unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

- A. Contract Extension for Sewer Pipeline Cleaning & Inspection Services:
BCAC Underground, \$46,975.34

Mr. Brown explained that this is the 3rd year for the Town to do the sewer cleaning and CCTV. Last year this company was lower than the competition and therefore the contract allowed for a one-year extension. The Town has received the same cost per foot price as last year from BCAC. The area has been outlined for an estimated area and the Town will be billed for actuals.

Councilmember Rapier made a motion to extend the contract and it was seconded by Councilmember Howard. Motion carries unanimously.

B. Infrastructure Acceptance of Sunset Circle Subdivision

Mr. Brown explained that this is the street, sewer, and storm water improvements that have gone in for the Wayne Layton subdivision also known as the Sunset Circle Subdivision. It is completed, Town Engineer Tom Palmer has inspected it and stated it looks ready to go. The Town is ready to accept maintenance and will start maintaining the sewer and the streets. The subdivision is getting ready to sell lots. The retention basin will be landscaped with desert landscaping.

Vice Mayor Smith made a motion to accept the Infrastructure of Sunset Circle Subdivision and it was seconded by Councilmember Rapier. Motion carries unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Town Manager's Report

Public Works Projects

- Recreation Complex – Restrooms are under construction by Brandon Lunt off site. Brandon is shooting for late February, early March to finish.
- 1st Avenue Drainage – The extra pipe that was ordered is in and we are now placing the pipe back in.
- High School Avenue Project, etc.
All the power on the west side is underground and active. All the overhead power on that side is down and 75% of the phone and internet down. We will now be installing the underground storm drain on that side which is 2,000 feet. We started it today.
- Welcome to Thatcher Signs
Taking longer than anticipated. Steel was used to cover the electric on the back side of the signs.
- Playground Layout at the Recreation Complex
Committee was created to weigh the pros and cons. The committee decided to leave the majority of the playground and is adding a zipline.
- Red Lamp RFP
The RFP's are due Thursday and as of today one proposal has been submitted. Mr. Brown would like to schedule an executive session meeting to get feedback. Councilmembers and Mr. Brown decided on Monday, February 7th for the executive session meeting.

- Highway Beautification Grant
The Town only received 3 applications this year, Tom's Service Center, one residential, and Gila Outdoor. The total amongst the 3 is about \$28,000. Last year we awarded Kainoa's \$10,000 for their parking lot and it was not used. Mr. Brown asked the council about funding all 3 applications this year. The council agreed.
- SPPA Natural Gas Hedging
Dennis Daleny & KR Saline is recommending that we hedge the price of our natural gas and create a set price ahead of time. They are working on a resolution draft to present to the different entities.
- Monthly Financial Summary
- Police Department
Chief Woods stated that the K9 car has been built. Officer Maner will be attending the K9 school for 2 months starting February 8th. Dave Perkins has been hired to build a kennel for the dog that will reside at Officer Maner's home.
- Fire Department
Chief Payne stated that the reelections are tomorrow. There is also an upcoming house burn taking place on Church and 3rd Avenue.

B. Council Report
None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Bryce and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith. Motion carries unanimously.

APPROVED:

Heath Brown, Town Manager

Randy Bryce, 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 24th day of January. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Annie Reidhead, Deputy Clerk