

**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL  
July 18, 2022**

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

Councilmembers absent: Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Welker

Staff present: Town Manager Heath Brown, Town Attorney Matt Clifford, Town Engineer Tom Palmer, Police Chief Shaffen Woods, Fire Chief Josh Curtis, Town Clerk Annie Reidhead

Visitors: John Howard, Brandon Homer, Rex Bryce

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Bryce and he stated that this is a public meeting of the Thatcher Town Council. He stated that we do have a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bryce

**AGENDA**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING:** None

2. **OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Dr. Rex Bryce addressed the council regarding "Feed My Starving Children" Mobile Event. This organization supplies a mobile unit stocked with dry food items, boxes, and storage containers. Volunteers then pack the dry food items in boxes and then the boxes go into storage containers. The organization then transports these containers all over the world to feed people in need.

Mr. Bryce and his wife have been searching for an organization of this type and visited their facility in Mesa, Arizona. They are now organizing to bring this event to the Gila Valley hoping to attract volunteers from all communities. Mr. Bryce requested a donation of \$2,500 from the Town of Thatcher which will go directly to the organization.

The event is scheduled to take place the Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend at the Safford Airport. Christie Lee will be handling the advertisement of the event.

3. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

A. Jerry Hoopes Presentation for Planning & Zoning Service

Mayor Bryce thanked and presented Mr. Hoopes with a plaque and gift for serving more than 20 years on the Planning & Zoning Board.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Action Item

A. Approve minutes of the June 20, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.

C. Police Monthly Report.

D. Approval of Invoices.

E. Financial Reports.

Councilmember Carlton made a motion to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Councilmember Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

6. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

A. Sewer CCTV Contract Award - \$57,785.24 – BCAC Underground

Manager Brown stated that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year that BCAC Underground can be awarded this contract extension. Next staff year it will go out to bid again. Staff recommends approval.

Councilmember Howard made a motion to award the Sewer CCTV Contract to BCAC Underground for \$57,785.24 and seconded by Councilmember Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Purchase Award for New Kubota L4701HST Tractor - \$35,008.98

Manager Brown stated that this purchase will replace the old tractor used by the Parks & Recreation department. The quote is under a state contract price and is from Bingham Equipment Company in Mesa, Arizona. Councilmember Vining asked why we were not purchasing the tractor local. Councilmember Rapier asked if the service and warranty work on the tractor would be done local or at Bingham in Mesa.

Councilmember Carlton made a motion to approve the purchase of the Kubota L4701HST Tractor in the amount of \$35,008.98 to a local vendor if possible if not then to Bingham Equipment Company and seconded by Councilmember Howard. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Landscape Architect Contract Award - \$35,250 – Logan Simpson Design

Manager Brown stated that the Town put out "Request for Qualifications" for a landscape firm as well as an electrical firm for the Red Lamp property. Logan Simpson Design was the only firm to submit an RFQ for landscape. Staff has also asked Logan Simpson Design to come up with concepts for the Cemetery/Ball Field wall area.

Councilmember Rapier made a motion to award the Landscape Architect Contract for the Red Lamp property to Logan Simpson in the amount of \$35,250 and seconded by Councilmember Howard. Motion carried unanimously.

D. **RESOLUTION NO. 708-2022:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, ARIZONA MAYOR, AND COMMON COUNCIL, DESIGNATING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR OFFICIALLY SUBMITTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 EXPENDITURE LIMITATION REPORT TO THE ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL

Manager Brown stated that this is a yearly resolution.

Councilmember Carlton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 708-2022 and seconded by Councilmember Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

E. "Feed My Starving Children" Mobile Pack Event - Funding Request

Manager Brown referred to Mr. Bryce's earlier presentation in this meeting. He stated that the Town would be able to donate an amount of \$2,500 with the council's approval.

Councilmember Carlton made a motion that to provide the funding request of \$2,500 to the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event and seconded by Councilmember Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Town Manager's Report
  - Public Works Projects – High School Avenue  
All driveways and sidewalks complete, approximately 4 to 6 weeks to complete the project. The community has conveyed their appreciation for this project.
  - Audit Complete
  - Landscape Architect & Electric Engineer Contracts
  - Parade Firetruck Acquisition  
We can purchase a 1939 fire truck from the Town of Clifton for \$1,000 for a second parade truck
  - Financial Summary  
Expenditures high due to paying an extra \$500,000 to PSRS, purchased the Platt property for \$210,000, Wastewater Treatment Plant loan due \$168,000, and Fire Department equipment for \$45,000
  - Movie In Park Night  
Partnering up with the Substance Abuse Coalition for this event
  - Police Department  
Received a grant for \$6,200 for protective shields from the 100 Club  
Working with the schools on ALICE training
  - Fire Department
  
- B. Council Reports  
4<sup>th</sup> of July event was good

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

Add the possibility of looking at an additional police officer to the next work session agenda.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. by Mayor Bryce.

APPROVED:

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Heath Brown, Town Manager

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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 18th day of July. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Annie Reidhead, Deputy Clerk