

**NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
September 19, 2022**

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

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, Procurement Officer Gary Allred

Visitors: County Supervisor John Howard, Steve Curtis, CJ Mattice

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order at 6:30 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 Vice Mayor Smith.

AGENDA

1. **PUBLIC HEARING:** None

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

County Supervisor John Howard gave an update on the meeting he attended with ADOT. He talked about the upcoming projects ADOT has for Thatcher and the other surrounding areas.

3. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** None

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the August 15, 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 Howard. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

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

- A. Mutual Aid Agreement between Pima Fire Department & Thatcher Fire Department
Manager Brown stated this is to formalize fire services between the two departments. He referred to Chief Curtis to add any information. Chief Curtis stated the agreement is an opportunity for both departments to help each other if the resources are available. The agreement does not have an expiration date. Mayor Bryce stated that the agreement has been reviewed by the Town Attorney Matt Clifford.

Vice Mayor Smith made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid between Pima Fire Department and Thatcher Fire Department and seconded by Councilmember Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 709-2022:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THATCHER, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, ACCEPTING THE CANVASS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON AUGUST 02, 2022.

Mayor Bryce verified with Manager Brown that the resolution included the results of the election. Manager Brown stated that this election will not be going to the general election.

Councilmember Rapiere made a motion to approve Resolution No. 709-2022 and seconded by Councilmember Howard. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Infrastructure Acceptance for Cotton Valley Farms Subdivision

Manager Brown stated that this is Ben Allred's subdivision off Reay Lane. The road which will be the Town's responsibility is complete. Town Engineer Tom Palmer added that there has already been 2 C of O's issued for homes in the subdivision. To officially accept the infrastructure would allow the Town to provide any needed services to these homes. Sewer is complete. Sidewalks will be built as homes are built.

Councilmember Carlton made a motion to accept the Infrastructure for Cotton Valley Farms Subdivision and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Purchase Award for New Multi-Purpose Compactor – Bomag BMP 8500

Manager Brown stated this is the remote-control kind used mostly for trench compaction. Currently the one the town owns is 18 – 20 years old. This piece of equipment was budgeted for, and it did come in within budget. The quote is from a local vendor, Empire.

Councilmember Howard made a motion to approve the purchase award for the Multi-Purpose Compactor Bomag BMP 8500 in the amount of \$45,394.06 and seconded by Councilmember Carlton. Motion carried unanimously.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Town Manager's Report

- Public Works Projects – Recreation Complex, Reay Lane Project
Streets Split off for a week and cleaned out the vegetation out of the flood channels.
Sewer plugs were worked on.
Soccer complex, there has been 230 yards out of 500 yards completed.
- Highway 70 Beautification Grant Update
Applications are due October 1st. One application has been received from Ferrin's Automotive. Awarding will be on November 1st.
- Other Town Updates
AZ Community Foundation meeting is set for September 27th from 4 - 6 p.m.
The work on the GVC court office has been completed and they are fully up and running.
- Financial Summary
Working on catching up on the electric fund.
- Police Department
School has approved the IGA for the school resource officer.
An employment offer has been extended to Brooks Knight.
Fire truck and one police car should be arriving next week.
- Fire Department
Thirteen firefighters attended AZ Fire School last week.
Annual open house is scheduled for October 11th from 6 – 8 p.m.
Tours for the elementary schools are scheduled for the coming week.

B. Council Reports

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & POTENTIAL QUORUM'S

Councilmember Howard requested a broader breakdown on the sales tax figures from.

Councilmember Howard requested an update from Town Engineer Tom Palmer on the SEAGO mapping on streets for the maintenance plan.

Councilmember Howard requested an update on the Enterprise Fleet.

Monday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m. was decided for the fall work session.

Mayor Bryce inquired about the Town's Facebook page. Town Clerk Annie Reidhead stated that the page is up and running.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bryce.

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 19th day of September. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Annie Reidhead, Deputy Clerk