

**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL
October 17, 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 (via phone), Police Chief Shaffen Woods, Fire Chief Josh Curtis, Town Clerk Annie Reidhead

Staff absent: Town Engineer Tom Palmer

Visitors: County Supervisor John Howard, Steve Curtis, Heather Floyd (Valley Telecom)

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 Councilmember Rapier

AGENDA

1. **PUBLIC HEARING:** None

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

Heather Floyd with Valley Telecom announced that they have been designated with the Smart World Community Status. This designation is given to fiber optic companies that cover 50% or more of their designated areas and Valley Telecom is at 58%. They will be holding a business luncheon on November 15th at EAC to announce the recognition. She also thanked the Town of Thatcher for their collaboration with Valley Telecom.

3. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** None

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Action Item

- A. Approve minutes of the September 19, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.
- B. Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.
- C. Police Monthly Report.
- D. Approval of Invoices.
- E. Financial Reports.

Councilmember Rapier made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Councilmember Howard. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

6. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Town Manager's Report
 - Public Works Projects – Recreation Complex, Reay Lane Project, Crack Sealing Stripping for the Recreation Complex will be done next month. Sewer tap completed Riverwalk area. Started on the Reay Lane project. Crack sealing roads will start next week.
 - Parks – Highway 70 Trees, Overseeding, Vegetation Replacement Getting ready to do another stretch of trees on the highway.

Everything has been overseeded.

Replanting shrubs and trees.

- Graham County Utilities – Electric Projects/Sub Station
Met with COOP on the Sub Station project and our contract.
Would like to add the topic to the upcoming work session for more discussion.
- Highway 70 Beautification Grant Update
Received 5 applications, EA Glass, Tom's Service Center, Ferrin's Auto, Goodman Healthcare, and Highway Inn & Express.
Jenny Howard and John Howard volunteered to be part of the awarding committee.
- Online League Registration and Payments
We are fully up and running with online registration and online payment for our recreation leagues.
- Pre-Audit Visit
Colby & Powell were here last week for the preaudit.
They notified us of the GASB87, the new lease accounting standard issued by GASB.
We will have to start reporting the Enterprise vehicles using this standard.
- Emergency Management Coordination
Met with all managers and volunteered to establish an emergency phone directory for Graham County.
- Dan Hinton School Assistance
Met with Troy Thygerson and asked if it would be possible for the Town of Thatcher to strip their parking lot. We will get that completed sometime next month.
- Financial Summary
Negative in the General Fund due to the additional \$500,000 payment to PSRS and the purchase of the \$167,000 Loader.
- Other Town Updates
Youth event held at the ball fields on Saturday. Received some noise complaints.
Quail Ridge should be paved within the next week
Reminder of the upcoming work session on November 7th at 6:00 p.m.
- Police Department
Introduced Brooks Knight coming on board as a police officer.
Sergeant West received his new police vehicle.
- Fire Department
Received his new fire chief vehicle
Open house last week was a huge success
Planning a mass casualty drill on November 17th at EAC

B. Council Reports

Councilmember asked Chief Woods about Halloween. Chief Woods said that it would be handled the same way it is each year nothing will change.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & POTENTIAL QUORUM'S

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 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 17th day of October. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Annie Reidhead, Deputy Clerk