

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2013 @ 6:30 pm
3675 East Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ
(Star Valley Town Hall)**

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- CALL TO ORDER
- PRAYER was offered by Pastor Gary Bowser of Star Valley Southern Baptist Church
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL:

Mayor Rappaport X, Vice-Mayor Newland Excused Absence, Council Member Hartwell X, Council Member Binney X, Council Member Coon X, Council Member Leis X, Council Member Henderson X.

- **GILA COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORTS FOR DECEMBER, 2012.**

Lt. Tim Scott gave the Sheriff's Reports for the month of December, 2012. Lt. Scott pointed out that the numbers on area patrols continue to increase, and that two new officers have been hired.

- **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be voted on with one motion. If discussion is desired regarding any Consent Agenda item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

A. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on December 18, 2012.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from December 16, 2012 through December 31, 2012, for the General fund and for the Water Department.

A motion to approve consent agenda items A and B was made by Council Member Hartwell, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

A roll call was taken:

Mayor Rappaport X, Vice-Mayor Newland Excused Absence, Council Member Hartwell X, Council Member Binney X, Council Member Coon X, Council Member Leis X, Council Member Henderson X.

The motion was voted on and passed 6-0.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Presentation by Brenda Hazlett, Arizona Public Service Relationship Manager, Northeast Division.**

Brenda Hazlett, Arizona Public Service Relationship Manager, Northeast Division introduced herself as well as Mark Kotschedoff, who works out of the Payson office. Ms. Hazlett stated her main function is to work with key accounts and community leaders. Ms. Hazlett expounded on several programs which Arizona Public Service provides to businesses and communities. Mr. Kotschedoff also gave a brief presentation on his role in the Payson office, and stated he and his staff are always available and want to be of assistance to the community.

Council Member Binney asked Ms. Hazlett what it would cost to have the electric lines along Highway 260 placed underground. Ms. Hazlett replied that it would be “very expensive.” Responding to Mr. Binney’s request regarding planting trees in this area, Ms. Hazlett recommended the Town contact Arizona Public Service’s forestry department. Town Manager Grier asked if Arizona Public Service had any grants or other programs to assist the Town in improving this area, and Ms. Hazlett stated this is something she would be happy to discuss further with the Council.

2. Update on status of the Town Special Survey and the CDBG Grant re: Milky Way Well Site Project.

Town Clerk Lois Johnson stated there are two components the Town has to meet before the funds under the 2011 CDBG grant will be awarded: (1) the special survey must determine that the subject area is low/moderate, and (2) the Environmental Review Report must be approved by the Arizona Department of Housing. Ms. Johnson reported that CAG is working on the Environmental Review Report, and the Town is working on completing the special survey. Ms. Johnson further reported that the Town must receive 167 completed surveys, and to date has received a total of 112. To date 84 residences remain to be contacted. Mayor Rappaport and Council Members Leis, Henderson, Binney and Coon have been going door-to-door in an attempt to obtain the requisite number of completed surveys. Approximately 60 more completed surveys are needed to meet the required 75% of the water users. Ms. Johnson stated until all surveys are in it is difficult to determine whether or not the 51% of the 75% meet the low/moderate income level.

Town Manager Grier stated that it may well be impossible to meet the 75% figure of 167 completed surveys. It is his intent to discuss with ADOH whether or not the vacant homes must be counted. In the event ADOH takes the position the vacant homes must be counted, then he will begin discussion regarding litigation. In anticipation of this possibility, Mr. Grier pointed out the importance of attempting to make contact with each of the yet unreached 84 households. Mr. Grier stressed every effort must be made to contact as many homes as possible, and good documentation must be maintained to provide proof to ADOH that everything possible was done by the Town to obtain the number of completed surveys required. These are factors that come into play if litigation becomes necessary.

Council Member Henderson stated she would work on her list within the next several days and only had until Saturday available on her schedule. Council Member Binney stated he would pickup her list from her and work on it on Sunday. Council Member Hartwell stated she would help Council Member Binney on Sunday. Council Member Leis and Mayor Rappaport stated they would also help work on her list on Thursday, and Council Member Coon stated he would be available on Thursday and Friday. Town Manager cautioned the Council Members in using the language “raise or not raise water rates,” due to inability to predict the future.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding authorizing the Town Manager to procure bids and accept the lowest reasonable bid for funding a project to improve and increase water production at the Milky Way well site.

Robert Rippy, Water Systems Operator for the Town, stated that several months ago one of the wells at the Milky Way site collapsed, leaving only one functioning well. Anticipating the possibility the CDBG monies may not be received, he has constructed another plan for the necessary repairs at this site. This plan is to put in a 45-50 gpm pump in the currently functioning well, and then replace the pump in the nonfunctioning well with the old pump from the functioning well. This plan would then allow the currently functioning well to produce 40-45 gpm. Mr. Rippy stated he has received one bid and is working on obtaining other bids. Mr. Rippy estimated the cost for this plan to be approximately \$8,000.00. Mr. Rippy stated this should be addressed within the next month in order to avoid potential problems during the summer months when water usage is much higher.

Discussion was held concerning the compatibility of this plan with the upgrade plans engineered by Tetra Tech. Further discussion followed relating to soft start motors and the utilization of a three-phase line, which is currently not installed at this location.

Town Manager Grier stated that whatever avenue is pursued for this well, it is his recommendation this well be fully operational by May 1, 2013.

A motion that the Council authorize the Town Manager to conduct the necessary research, procure bids and accept the lowest reasonable bid to fund the improvement necessary at the Milky Way well site to increase water production at the well site, was made by Council Member Binney, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

The motion was voted on and passed 6-0.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding beautification of the Highway 260 corridor. Presentation by Council Member Binney.

Council Member Binney stated his original idea was to plant trees or native plants every 50 feet along the Highway 260 corridor through Star Valley. Town Manager Grier suggested the formation of a committee to make contact with ADOT regarding obtaining permission to plan in the right-of-way, and also to pursue possible grants for such a project. Mr. Grier also recommended the committee contact Rich Pinkerton, Chairman of the Streets and Roads Commission, who has contacts at ADOT. Mr. Grier stated if a volunteer committee is formed which is not appointed by Council and reports to the Town Manager not the Council, this committee would not have to abide by the Open Meeting Law and the meetings do not need to have a posted agenda and minutes do not have to be taken by staff. Mr. Grier stated further that such a committee could have council members on it, and he would handle the Open Meeting Law if more than a quorum of members join the committee.

A motion that a committee of volunteers be formed for the beautification of the Highway 260 corridor in Star Valley, said committee to report to the Town Manager, was made by Council Member Hartwell, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

The motion was voted on and passed 6-0.

• COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

During this portion of the meeting, members of the public may address the Town Council on items that are not on the printed agenda. Any remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any individual member. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes per person unless additional time is granted by the Mayor. The Council may not discuss or act upon matters raised during public comments.

There were no public comments.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Leis, and was seconded by Council Member Binney.

The motion was voted on and passed 6-0.

APPROVED:

William S. Rappaport, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Lois V. Johnson, Town Clerk

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 Star Valley held on the 15th day of January, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2013.

Lois V. Johnson, Town Clerk