

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

**Tuesday, April 16, 2013 @ 6:10 pm  
Lamplighter RV Park (Rec Room)  
3933 East Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ**

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   X  , 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 MARCH, 2013.**

Lt. Tim Scott, of the Gila County Sheriff's Department, gave the Sheriff's Report for the month of March, 2013.

- **HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT REPORT FOR MARCH, 2013**

Battalion Chief Dave Bathkey of Hellsgate Fire District gave the Fire District Report for the month of March, 2013.

- **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 April 2, 2013.**

**B. Approval of Claims Payable from April 1, 2013 through April 15, 2013, for the General fund and for the Water Department.**

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

**A roll call was taken:**

**Mayor Rappaport   X  , Vice-Mayor Newland   X  , 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 7-0.**

- **PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. Proclaiming April, 2013 as Fair Housing Month**

**2. Proclaiming May 2, 2013 as National Day of Prayer**

The Mayor read the Proclamations for the Council and public (see agenda packet information).

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action regarding maintenance, upkeep, and costs of the fire system, fire pump, and hydrants.**

Town Manager Grier stated there have been three meetings with Chief Hatch since the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the result they have compiled a list of five options for the council to consider at this meeting. Mr. Grier pointed out that the Town just received a proposal from Metro fire Equipment (which was distributed at this meeting) which indicates it would charge \$1,800.00 to rebuild the pump, which is considerably less than the \$5,000 originally estimated for this job, as set forth in option 1.

Mr. Grier also pointed out that option 5, which states “No action”, may be a viable solution as it has been determined that a possible cause of the “blowing out” of the pump seals may be caused when Hellsgate uses the fire hydrants on the hill. This problem may be eliminated if Hellsgate uses the lower hydrants and only uses the hydrants up on the hill for emergency purposes. Hellsgate has agreed with this solution. Mr. Grier stated as of the current date the leaking has been stopped. Mr. Grier stated the Council may want to “wait and see” on this issue.

Discussion by the Council Members followed. Council Members Coon, Hartwell, Newland, Leis, and Mayor Rappaport supported option number 2. Council Member Binney stated he feels Hellsgate should be responsible for the pump since it required its placement. Mr. Binney further stated he is against the pump being removed, and that he does not think the Town should have to pay anything. Council Member Henderson stated she supported option number one – where the Town and Hellsgate split the cost.

**A motion that the Council proceed with option two to rebuild the fire pump at an estimated cost of \$1,800.00 to be paid by the Town, that the Town shall bear the cost of repairs to the pump, and Hellsgate Fire District shall maintain the fire hydrants was made by Council Member Hartwell, and was seconded by Vice-Mayor Newland.**

The Mayor opened public comments on this discussion item. Larry Ralston, who resides at 259 Garrels Drive, in Star Valley, and stated he believes the Fire Department should pay for the fire hydrants. He stated \$1,000.00 of his annual taxes are paid to the fire department, so he does not think the Town should have to bear any of the cost of the fire hydrants.

**A roll call vote was taken:**

**Mayor Rappaport Yes, Vice-Mayor Newland Yes, Council Member Hartwell Yes, Council Member Binney No, Council Member Coon Yes, Council Member Leis Yes, Council Member Henderson No.**

**The motion was voted on and passed 5-2.**

2. **Discussion, public hearing and possible action regarding selection of Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) projects for FY 2013/2014. Ken Hebert of Central Association of Governments to make presentation.**

Ken Hebert stated at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting the Council had compiled a list of eight suggested projects. Tonight the Council must pick the actual project or projects. Mr. Hebert stated the Arizona Department of Housing has made an exception for the Town and is allowing it to pick up to two projects for this grant.

Town Manager Grier stated staff recommendation is to apply \$60,000.00 of the grant to the Meals on Wheels / Senior Ridership Program (for a two year cycle), and then use the remaining approximately

\$100,000.00 for the Quail Hollow well site project for rehabilitation of this site, including establishing of a workshop/storage area for the water department.

The Mayor then polled the Council Members, with the result that Council Members Coon, Binney, Hartwell, Newland, Henderson and Leis stated they were all in support of the two projects being the Meals on Wheels / Senior Ridership Program and the Quail Hollow Well Site Project.

The Mayor opened the meeting up to a public hearing. Karen Carlen, 28 E. Pine Canyon Drive, Star Valley, asked if Star Valley has ever considered an alert system, such as Payson has, for its senior citizens, and if this could be covered at least in part by the CDBG grant. Mayor Rappaport replied that the Council has stressed funding Meals on Wheels as this is the only human contact some of the Star Valley citizens have on a daily basis.

**A motion that the Council fund Meals on Wheels / Senior Ridership Program in the amount of \$60,000.00 with the FY 2014 CDBG monies, and use the remaining approximately \$100,000.00 to cleanup and construct a workshop/storage building for the water department on the Quail Hollow Well Site was made by Council Member Leis, and was seconded by Vice-Mayor Newland.**

**The motion was voted on and passed 7-0.**

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Selection Committee's recommendation of an engineer for the CDBG # 142-12 / Milky Way Well Site Project, and possible action to select an engineer and authorize the Town Manager and/or others to begin contract negotiations with the engineer.**

Town Manager Grier pointed out that this discussion related to "CDBG 1", or the Milky Way Well Site Project. Mr. Grier explained that the process for selecting an engineer requires that a request for qualifications be requested from interested engineering firms, and that these then be reviewed and graded by a selection committee. Statements of qualification were received from five engineering firms, and these were reviewed and graded by the selection committee consisting of Council Member Leis, Water Operator Rippy, and the Town Manager.

Council Member Henderson recused herself from discussing or voting on this discussion item as she has a connection with one of the interested engineering firms.

Council Member Leis stated the selection committee met on April 11<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of reviewing and grading the 5 statements of qualification. Statements were received from Woodson Engineering, Tres Rios, Tetra Tech, Verde Engineering, and Sunrise Engineering. Mr. Leis stated the engineering firm selected by the committee was Tres Rios, and he stated one of the primary selling features was the fact 50% of their business is repeat business and they have also dealt with CDBG projects for other municipalities.

**A motion that the Council accept the recommendation of the Selection Committee and select the engineering firm of Tres Rios Consulting Engineers as the engineer for the CDBG # 142-12 / Milky Way Well Site Project, and further authorize the town manger and/or others to begin contract negotiations with that engineering firm was made by Council Member Coon, and was seconded by Council Member Binney.**

**The motion was voted on and passed 6-0, with Council Member Henderson abstaining.**

**• 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 Hartwell, and was seconded by Council Member Binney.  
The motion was voted on and passed 7-0.**

**APPROVED:**

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**William S. Rappaport, Mayor**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

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**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.**

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**Lois V. Johnson, Town Clerk**