

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

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015 @ 6:00 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 Doug Newland of Nazarene Youth Church
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL:

Mayor McDaniel X , Vice-Mayor Binney X , Council Member Hartwell X , Council Member Henderson X , Council Member Coon X , Council Member McKinney X , Council Member O'Connor X .

- **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 16, 2014.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from December 16, 2014 through December 31, 2014 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 Binney.

A roll call was taken:

Mayor McDaniel X , Vice-Mayor Binney X , Council Member Hartwell X , Council Member Henderson X , Council Member Coon X , Council Member McKinney X , Council Member O'Connor X .

The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action regarding reappointment of Ronnie O. McDaniel as a Director of the Separate Legal Entity ("SLE").**

Mayor McDaniel stated his initial term as a director of the Separate Legal Entity had expired. Council Member Henderson inquired if he wanted to continue to serve, and Mayor McDaniel responded

that he would like to see the SLE's project of bringing a college to this area through. Mayor McDaniel recused himself from voting on this discussion item.

A motion that the Council reappoint Ronnie O. McDaniel as a Director of the Separate Legal Entity for a term expiring on December 31, 2017 was made by Council Member Coon, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor McDaniel Recused, Vice-Mayor Binney Yes, Council Member Hartwell Yes, Council Member Henderson Yes, Council Member Coon Yes, Council Member McKinney Yes, Council Member O'Connor Yes.

The vote was 6 – 0.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Jon R. Cline as a Director of the Separate Legal Entity (“SLE”).

Mayor McDaniel stated Jon Kline is a native of Payson, and that he is qualified to serve as a director of the SLE and would be a good appointee.

A motion that the Council appoint Jon R. Cline, to replace Stephen A. Drury, as a Director of the Separate Legal Entity for a term expiring December 31, 2016, was made by Council Member Hartwell, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding support of the Hashknife Pony Express.

Council Member Henderson stated based on the success of last year's activities in support of the Hashknife Pony Express, which included a letter being sent to each mayor in Arizona and a barbecue at Town Hall, it would be a good idea to do the same thing this year. Mayor McDaniel suggested the event be held at the new town park and the Pony Express riders be invited to attend if they have time and that they could park their horse trailers and trucks there. Town Manager Grier stated the Council did not need to set a budget, and that staff would work to keep the barbecue simple and not too costly.

A motion that the Council direct town staff to send a letter to all of the mayors in Arizona indicting the Town's support of the Hashknife Pony Express, and also purchase food and beverages for the Pony Express riders and the community to be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at the town park was made by Council Member Henderson, and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.

4. Presentation of the April Business Showcase scheduled to be held at Steve Coury in Star Valley. Presentation by Tiffany Bailey.

Tiffany Bailey stated the Showcase has previously been held at the Casino, but for the first year it is going to be held at Steve Coury in Star Valley on April 17 and 18. Ms. Bailey stated Steve Coury has to provide a large tent for the event, and she is seeking financial support from the Town to help pay for the tent for which she has a \$4,500.00 quote. Ms. Bailey stated the vendors' fees go entirely to the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Bailey stated she is also going to approach the hospital for financial support.

Mayor McDaniel stated he believes that if a local business is sponsoring the event, that the Council should participate and support the event. Ms. Bailey stated Steve Court has committed \$2,000 to \$2,500 at this time, and that currently her main concern is sufficient funds for the tent.

A motion that the Town contribute \$1,500.00 toward the cost of the tent for the April Business Showcase was made by Council Member Henderson, and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell.

The motion was voted on and the vote was 6 – 1.

A roll call vote was then taken:

Mayor McDaniel Yes, Vice-Mayor Binney No, Council Member Hartwell Yes, Council Member Henderson Yes, Council Member Coon Yes, Council Member McKinney Yes, Council Member O'Connor Yes.

The vote was 6 – 1.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding a parcel of real property in Houston Creek Landing currently owned by Gila County.

Council Member McKinney provided a map to the Council Members and indicated the small parcel of land located within Houston Creek Landing that is a small park and currently owned by Gila County due to delinquent unpaid taxes. Council Member McKinney pointed out that the county has not been maintaining this property and it is derelict and an eyesore. Mr. McKinney stated a possible solution would be for the Council to petition the county and request that it title the property to the Town. The Town would then be responsible for this parcel of property. Council Member Binney raised the issue that the Town would probably have to pay the back taxes if the county agreed to title the property to the Town.

Discussion followed concerning the feasibility of the Town taking over this parcel of property, what the Town would use it for, access to the property, lack of parking at the area, problems encountered at this location, current condition of the property, and what the residents of Houston Creek Landing really want done with this property.

Council Member McKinney stated he would prefer that the matter be let lay for now and he would attempt to get more information to bring back to the Council for consideration at a future date. No motion was made.

• 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.

Ray Lyons directed his comment to the parcel of property at Houston Creek Landing. Mr. Lyons stated that as a member of the public he is “dead set against it.” Mr. Lyons stated there is “no good reason for the Town to undertake something like that with all the other things we have to do that are very necessary.”

There were no further public comments, and the Mayor then closed the public comments section of the meeting.

• ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Henderson, and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.

APPROVED:

Ronnie O. McDaniel, 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 6th day of January, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2015.

Lois V. Johnson, Town Clerk