

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

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
3675 East Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ
(Star Valley Town Hall)**

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- PRAYER was offered by State Coordinator for the National Day of Prayer, Jann Durst of Crossroads Foursquare Church
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CALL TO ORDER
- 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 .

- **HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2016.**

Chief Dave Bathke of Hellsgate Fire District gave the report for September, 2016.

- **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 October 4, 2016.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from October 1, 2016 through October 15, 2016 for the General Fund and for the Water Department.

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

A roll call vote 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. Presentation by Peri Cline, Member of the Rim Astronomy Club. Discussion regarding possible donations of a permanently fixed telescope and protective dome for B. Diane McDaniel Community Park.**

Peri Cline, Member of the Rim Astronomy Club, thanked the Council for the invitation to present. She stated the Rim Astronomy Club is interested in installing an Observatory in the Community Park. The Observatory would consist of a permanently installed 30 inch diameter telescope, and a Sky Shed Dome that would cover and protect the telescope. Ms. Cline explained the telescope is being donated, and a grant would cover the costs of the purchase, installation, and power source for the Sky Shed Dome. A concrete surface for the Observatory would also be required, stated Ms. Cline.

Ms. Cline reported the Rim Astronomy Club had recently organized an outreach program for Payson High School, and they are considering an outreach program for Rim Country Middle School, as well. She suggested to Council the idea of holding Public Star Parties, possibly 2 or 3 times per year, depending on the weather. Ms. Cline then stated the Rim Astronomy Club has interest in the Community Park barn, possibly using it as a monthly meeting place. She stated this would also be financially beneficial to the Town, as the barn could be rented out for meetings, weddings, and other events. The Rim Astronomy Club would be willing to put in the sweat-equity to repair and paint the barn, stated Ms. Cline.

Mayor McDaniel asked Ms. Cline for the number of members belonging to the Rim Astronomy Club. The Rim Astronomy Club is relatively new – less than a year old – and there are around 10 to 15 members, explained Ms. Cline. Council Member O’Connor wondered whether the Rim Astronomy Club meetings would be open to the public. Ms. Cline responded that they would be. Town Manager Grier stated he believes the Observatory would benefit Town citizens, and would be a valuable addition to the Community Park. Ms. Cline assured the Council that the Rim Astronomy Club would be willing to work with Council and the Town’s needs.

Council Member Coon asked Ms. Cline what type of material the Observatory is constructed of. Ms. Cline responded it is constructed of an extremely heavy duty, strong plastic material. She also pointed out the Observatory has a full size door, as many don’t. Council Member McKinney wondered how many people the Observatory could hold. “Five or six”, answered Ms. Cline. Council Member Binney stated he believes it is a great idea, and asked Ms. Cline if Town insurance would cover this. Ms. Cline responded she does not have the answer to that question. Council Member Hartwell stated she would love to see it come to fruition. Town Manager Grier pointed out to Council there is no financial impact at this time, and he would like Council to ruminate on what they like about the possibility of an Observatory being located at the Community Park.

- 2. Presentation by Mayor McDaniel, recognizing the contributions of District 3 Supervisor John Marcanti, and Gila County in supporting Meals on Wheels and the B. Diane McDaniel Community Park projects.**

Mayor McDaniel stated that he would like to thank District 3 Supervisor John Marcanti, and the Gila County Board of Supervisors in supporting the Town of Star Valley with a total of \$25,000.00 in donations. The Mayor reported that Supervisor Marcanti and the Gila County Board of Supervisors donated a total of \$15,000.00 towards development projects at the B. Diane McDaniel Community Park, and another \$10,000.00 towards the Meals on Wheels program.

The Mayor then presented Supervisor Marcanti with the Certificate of Recognition. Supervisor Marcanti thanked Mayor McDaniel and promised he would continue to help Star Valley and the Meals on Wheels program as much as possible.

- **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.

The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting up for public comments.

There were no public comments, and the Mayor closed this portion 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:

Edie Chapin, 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 18th day of October, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2016.

Eddie Chapin, Town Clerk