

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

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 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 Pastor Rich Richey of Payson First Church of the Nazarene.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CALL TO ORDER

- ROLL CALL:

Mayor McDaniel X , Vice Mayor O'Connor X , Council Member Coon X , Council Member McKinney X , Council Member Davis X , Council Member Stephenson X , Council Member Armington X .

- **HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018**

Hellsgate Fire District was not in attendance.

- **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 March 6, 2018.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from March 1, 2018 through March 15, 2018 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 Armington.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor McDaniel X , Vice Mayor O'Connor X , Council Member Coon X , Council Member McKinney X , Council Member Davis X , Council Member Stephenson X , Council Member Armington X .

The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Presentation by District 3 Supervisor Woody Cline regarding the summer work program.**

District 3 Supervisor Woody Cline reported the Youth Work Program (see attached) is geared toward youth ages 15 to 18 and that last year seventeen young kids worked in various departments within Gila County and the Forest Service. Recruitment will begin early in the spring, which includes an interview process to establish interest and placement. The program will begin on June 1st for a length of six weeks. The youth work participants are required to attend an orientation and work readiness training, reported Supervisor Cline, and the youth supervisors will receive an orientation as well. By completing this program, pointed out Supervisor Cline, the kids can earn up to six college credits through Gila Community College. Supervisor Cline clarified this is a Gila County program and that his constituent dollars are funding this program. The total cost, stated Supervisor Cline, is a little over \$3,000.00 per kid for six weeks – a low cost investment that pays off. Through an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) the Town would pay up front and be reimbursed by Gila County. Mayor McDaniel questioned the age of the youth. Supervisor Cline clarified that the Youth Work Program is geared toward youth ages 15 to 18 and the Arizona at Work Program is geared towards out of school youth and young adults up to age 24. Mayor McDaniel asked if Star Valley participants can work for the Town of Star Valley. Supervisor Cline responded he doesn’t see why not and that he is open to ideas and suggestions.

Council Member Armington asked in what capacity the youth could be used. Supervisor Cline suggested the Public Works Department – the youth can paint, rake, drag brush, roll rocks. Due to age regulations, explained Supervisor Cline, they are not allowed to use chainsaws. Mayor McDaniel stated he thinks it is a wonderful program and would like to see Star Valley participate. Council Member Davis questioned if Star Valley would be funding the program this year. The Town would pay in advance and be reimbursed by Gila County, responded Supervisor Cline. Council Member Armington asked if the youth would be covered under county insurance. Supervisor Cline stated he thinks they would be covered under the Town insurance. Council Member Stephenson asked what the biggest challenge of the program has been. Responded Supervisor Cline, he has had a positive response towards this program and hopes next year communities will step up to the plate and invest in the program. Council Member McKinney mentioned that there are a significant number of elderly people in our community who are unable to take care of their property and questioned if the Town could use the youth in this capacity. Town Manager Grier stated although a great idea, it would be a violation of the gift clause of the Arizona Constitution. Vice Mayor O’Connor questioned in what capacity the Town would be using the youth. Town Manager Grier asked if the youth will have the ability to drive. Supervisor Cline stated that is unknown at this time, and suggested the Town make it a requirement, if necessary. Mayor McDaniel suggested having the youth work at the community park.

Town Manager Grier stated he questioned how this program would work for the Town’s small, over-worked staff – noting he sees the value of the program to the Town, as the youth could be used for weed-control, picking up trash, and working at well sites and the community park. On one hand, stated Mr. Grier, this would require the Town to hire an employee to supervise the youth. On the other hand, the Town would likely need to hire a seasonal employee anyway. Mr. Grier advocated that this project would be of value for the Town and that he can make it work from a management and supervision standpoint. Mr. Grier commented it is important to invest in youth early and make a change in their lives, as he believes troubled youth turn into adult felons. Council Member Armington stated it’s a great idea. Council Member Stephenson questioned the liability issues. Mr. Grier clarified the liability would be covered under workers’ compensation. Council Member McKinney asked the number of hours the youth

can work. Responded Supervisor Cline, the 15 to 18 age range can work 40 hours a week. Council Member Davis stated he is in support of the program and challenged council to employ more than two youths. Vice Mayor O'Connor recommended the Town check on the child labor laws regarding power tool usage – pointing out he is concerned that the Town would struggle with tasks for the youth if they are not legally allowed to use power tools. Town Manager Grier stated he hopes they would be able to use a weed-whacker, if not, he feels the Town could keep the youth busy working at the well sites, the park, picking up trash and cutting back overgrown roads. Mayor McDaniel advocated that the Town needs at least two youth workers. Commented Mr. Grier, two would not be any more of an impact to supervise than one.

A motion to move forward with the Youth Work Program, employing two youths for the Town of Star Valley, was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Armington.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 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.

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

George Binney of 197 N. Valley Rd. stated the program is interesting and suggested having the youth work on the road crew under Roy Haught's supervision. The Town would not have to hire another employee, pointed out Mr. Binney.

Town Manager Grier made an announcement that the targeted date for the Community Garden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony would be Thursday, April 11 at 4:00pm. Reported Mr. Grier, the Town has applied for a grant with APS in hopes of either a donation or having them cater the event.

There were no further public comments and the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Stephenson.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.

APPROVED:

Ronnie O. McDaniel, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Eddie 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 20th day of March 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 22nd day of March 2018.

Eddie Chapin, Town Clerk