

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

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019 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 Dixie Neal of Payson First Church of the Nazarene.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CALL TO ORDER

- ROLL CALL:

Vice Mayor Coon X , Council Member McKinney X , Council Member Davis X ,
Council Member Armington X , Council Member Binney X , Council Member
Rappaport X .

- **GILA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2018 AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019**

Lt. Scott with the Gila County Sheriff's Office gave the reports for December 2018 and January and February 2019.

- **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 January 15, 2019.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from January 16, 2019 through February 28, 2019 for the General Fund and for the Water Department.

A motion to approve consent agenda items A and B was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Armington.

A roll call vote was taken:

Vice Mayor Coon X , Council Member McKinney X , Council Member Davis X , Council Member Armington X , Council Member Binney X , Council Member Rappaport X .

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Presentation by Vice Mayor Coon recognizing the contribution from the Tonto Apache Tribe.**

Vice Mayor Coon thanked Mr. Hubert Nanty for the generous contribution of \$11,780.07 and stated that the generous support of the Tonto Apache Tribe has made it possible to provide playground equipment at the community park and improvements at the community garden. He then thanked the tribe in their support in hosting the Celebration of Life service of Mayor McDaniel and for their continued investment and faithful support of the community. Vice Mayor Coon presented Mr. Nanty with the Certificate of Recognition. Mr. Nanty explained the donation is part of a requirement in the compact for the tribe to give to counties, cities and municipalities adjacent to the tribe. This year he suggested and recommended to tribal council that they split the donation in half between the Town of Star Valley and the Town of Payson. Mr. Nanty stated he is excited to hear where it is going to go and that it immensely enhances what they do and how it allows different residents to participate in the generosity of the tribe.

2. **Discussion and possible action to consider street lights along the main street corridor.**

Town Manager Grier reported that staff has done some research and it is now time to come to council to see if there is interest in proceeding forward with this project. We have bids from three engineers that range from \$9,000.00 to \$12,000.00 and have met with APS and ADOT in a joint meeting. Scott Jones with APS is in attendance, pointed out Mr. Grier, who will be better versed to answer any questions. Mr. Grier explained the Town has received two ballpark figures from APS. The first proposal comes in at a cost of approximately \$60,000.00 for .07 miles of lighting which would run from Plant Fair Nursery to Milky Way. The second proposal comes in at a cost of approximately \$80,000.00 for one (1) mile of lighting which would run from Plant Fair Nursery to just past Steve Coury Ford. For an accurate cost-analysis the engineering bid – which is required by ADOT and APS – of \$9,000.00 to \$12,000.00 would need to be added on. Tonight, explained Mr. Grier, we are looking to see what council’s interest is in this project and whether or not to move forward. We are at a point where many of the questions will only be answered by an engineering study. All three of the engineering studies are beyond his \$5,000.00 spending authority and would need council approval, explained Mr. Grier.

Council Member Rappaport asked if construction cost is included in the proposal. Scott Jones explained there are two parts to this project. The Town needs an engineering consultant to do a lighting study to determine the number and size of light fixtures along with the type of poles. APS comes in after the engineering study and can put together a little tighter budget that will include their engineering cost. They will probably ask for a little money up front – about \$1,500.00 – so they can do their design and engineering. Council Member Rappaport asked if the poles and fixtures will be furnished by APS. Mr. Jones responded that is correct. Town Manager Grier asked council to keep in mind that any cost proposals, except from the engineers, are very ballpark. Until the engineering study is done, we don’t know the number of lights that will be required. Pointed out Mr. Grier, ADOT is not going to supply pedestrian crossings for the Town and their recommendation is lighting along the 260 corridor to make it safer for pedestrians.

Council Member Rappaport recommends taking this project a little bit slower and asked if digging is included in the proposal. Mr. Jones answered it is included and that APS would dig the pole hole, install the pole and run 300 feet of overhead wire. Council Member Rappaport asked if it would cost more to put it underground. Mr. Jones responded it would cost more to put it underground because the Town would have to pay for trenching and conduit. Council Member Davis asked what type of poles will

be used. Mr. Jones responded they will be 38-foot round steel poles more than likely. Mr. Jones explained that in the case that the engineer comes back and says that some of the existing poles can be utilized they can decrease the cost on those ones and install the light fixture right on those poles. Council Member Rappaport asked if these are based on the same lights in Payson and if solar lighting is available. Mr. Jones answered she is correct, and that solar powered street lighting is not available through APS. Council Member Binney asked if the poles in the bid are break-away. "No" answered Mr. Jones. Council Member Binney stated he thinks it is a great deal with APS as they will be providing all the maintenance. According to his research solar lights will cost \$48,000.00 and an additional cost to the Town to maintain. Council Member Binney stated he is in favor of solar, but it doesn't really pencil out. Council Member Rappaport stated she would like to explore solar. Town Manager Grier stated exploring sounds good at the table, but the Town and the taxpayer would be paying an engineer to do so at a cost of about \$200.00 per hour to explore various ways. He encouraged council to resist if that's not the path the majority would like to take. Any answers that will be forth coming from this point on will be answers from engineers, reiterated Mr. Grier. Council Member Rappaport stated she would like a month to research solar lighting.

Vice Mayor Coon stated he thinks council needs to narrow the options otherwise it will cost a lot of money to start going in too many different directions. Council Member McKinney asked Council Member Binney for more information on the break-away poles. Council Member Binney responded they are designed to fall a certain way if hit by a car and questioned if they are required by ADOT. Mr. Jones stated he cannot speak to that. Town Manager Grier stated that Council Member Rappaport has a valid concern with light pollution and that the Town can anticipate some friction from the major RV parks along the 260. Council Member Davis stated it's a really good price at \$2,400.00 per pole and questioned Mr. Jones if they checked with ADOT regarding break-away poles. Mr. Jones responded the quote is based on exactly what the Town of Payson has – not break-away – standard steel poles. Vice Mayor Coon reiterated that council needs to give staff the authority to do the engineering study to get answers. Council Member Binney stated APS is a better deal all around but is concerned and questioned Mr. Jones about the projected increase in electricity. Mr. Jones responded he cannot forecast that well.

Town Manager Grier explained it is more expensive to engineer one mile of lighting than .07 of one mile and stated his concern that he hasn't heard any real decision from council yet. Council Members Rappaport and Armington stated they would like to go ahead with the one mile. Mr. Grier encouraged council to think about not only what they want but what the Town can afford and to consider the budget. Vice Mayor Coon stated a decision needs to be made whether to designate 7/10ths of a mile or one mile to be incorporated in the motion. Council Members Binney and Davis stated they support 7/10ths of a mile. Council Member McKinney recalled the original idea was to illuminate the crossing by Lamplighter and recommends beginning with a smaller chunk and that the Town can expand on it later.

A motion to give you (referring to Council Member Rappaport) two weeks to come up with better numbers, and that's going to be a hard thing to do for solar, and then I want to do the engineering on 7/10ths of a mile for standard lights, unless you can prove to us the other way is better was made by Council Member Binney.

"Well I want lights, so I'll vote for that" stated Council Member Rappaport. Town Manager Grier questioned Council Member Binney's motion asking if what he is saying is that we are going to bring this back to the council. Explained Mr. Grier, you would have to do that and have Council Member Rappaport tell us what she has come up with and then proceed from that point because that's what your motion is saying. Council Member Binney responded at that two weeks it's either we make the decision for the solar or the APS lights at the 7/10ths of a mile. Council Member Rappaport stated that works for her. Council Member Davis questioned if this needs to be tabled for two weeks. Council Member

Binney responded we have to have a motion tonight to allow her to do it and then we're also making the motion that we'll have 7/10ths of a mile. Vice Mayor Coon then questioned if this is being tabled. Town Manager Grier answered that council is tabling it for two weeks. Council Member Rappaport can report back with her findings at that time and then council can choose to go forward or not. What I'm hearing with this motion is you are tabling it for two weeks, reiterated Mr. Grier.

Vice Mayor Coon stated there is a motion on the floor and asked for a second. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davis.

A roll call vote was taken:

Vice Mayor Coon Yes, Council Member McKinney Yes, Council Member Davis Yes, Council Member Armington Yes, Council Member Binney Yes, Council Member Rappaport Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.

3. Discussion and update regarding the status of ADOT RSA (Road Safety Assessment).

Town Manager Grier reported ADOT has completed the RSA and has recently provided him with the written safety assessment and informed council that he will have ADOT present their findings at an upcoming council meeting.

4. Discussion regarding CDBG PW1 and PW2 well development and mainline connection project update.

Town Manager Grier reported that the town has been working on this Community Development Block Grant project for nearly four years. Construction has been going on for the past three weeks but got stalled with the weather. There may be some issues that we have to address and bring to council, informed Mr. Grier. It is a 60-day project that is moving along quickly and will hopefully be completed soon.

5. Discussion and possible action to rename the B. Diane McDaniel Community Park to the Ronnie O. and B. Diane McDaniel Community Park.

Council Member Davis stated this is a no brainer and that it should be done to honor Ronnie and all of his contributions to the Town of Star Valley and the Rim Country. Town Manager Grier apologized for the error on the agenda and pointed out that the council communication provides the correct motion.

A motion to rename the B. Diane McDaniel Community Park to the Ronnie and Diane McDaniel Memorial Community Park was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

A roll call vote was taken:

Vice Mayor Coon Yes, Council Member McKinney Yes, Council Member Davis Yes, Council Member Armington Yes, Council Member Binney Yes, Council Member Rappaport Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of sponsorship of a golf hole at the "Tee Off for Hunger" fundraising golf tournament to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019.

Council Member McKinney asked for clarification as to what type of recognition to expect at the event to publicize the Town's generosity. Vice Mayor Coon responded that he thinks there will be a sign that designates the Town of Star Valley sponsored a golf hole. Council Member Binney stated this has to directly benefit Star Valley according to the law. Vice Mayor Coon responded he has never seen a wall between Star Valley and Payson – it's a community and he is in support of the \$100.00 donation. Council

Member Binney stated he thinks the community and the Town of Star Valley are two different things. Council Member Davis stated this may be a small sign at a golf tournament, but it still promotes the Town of Star Valley. Some discussion ensued and Council Member Binney stated in his opinion the donation should come out of their own pockets. Council Member McKinney pointed out the money goes to the food bank and that people in Star Valley participate in the food bank. Council Member Binney stated his belief that St. Vincent De Paul is a racket. Vice Mayor Coon called on Teresa McQuerrey with the Payson Roundup. Ms. McQuerrey reported that the Payson Roundup has run a series of articles on the use of the food banks in the Payson area. Each one, both the St. Vincent De Paul and the Deacons Pantry at the Payson Community Presbyterian Church feed 400 people every month. The Town would be contributing funds to help Star Valley residents that use those food banks. Ms. McQuerrey stated she respectfully disagrees with Council Member Binney that it is a racket. It's desperately needed in the community because there are so many low-income elderly and families with children that need assistance in the basic necessity of food.

A motion to go with the support of the golf hole for the "Tee Off for Hunger" for \$100.00 was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

A roll call vote was taken:

Vice Mayor Coon Yes, Council Member McKinney Yes, Council Member Davis Yes, Council Member Armington Yes, Council Member Binney No, Council Member Rappaport Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 5 - 1.

- **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 Vice Mayor opened this portion of the meeting up for public comments.

Tony McDaniel of Star Valley offered his thanks to council and staff.

Michelle McDaniel of Star Valley stated she can't express enough thanks and gratitude to Chancy and Edie and of course the Town Manager for their help, guidance, support and love.

There were no further comments and the Vice 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 Armington.

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.

APPROVED:

Gary Coon, 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 5th day of March 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of March 2019.

Edie Chapin, Town Clerk