

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMON  
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY**

**Tuesday, September 3, 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 McKinney X, Council Member Davis X, Council Member Armington X, Council Member Binney X, Council Member Rappaport X, Council Member McDaniel Absent, Mayor Coon X.

- **GILA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2019**

Lt. Scott with the Gila County Sheriff's Office was unable to attend.

- **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 August 6, 2019.**

**B. Approval of Claims Payable from August 1, 2019 through August 31, 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 Armington and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 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 stated he is doing things a little different tonight. Normally the public comment is at the end, but he is putting it first. The Mayor then opened this portion of the meeting up for public comments.

Barbara Underwood of Payson asked council for their support of the override. Payson Unified School District, explained Ms. Underwood, is asking voters to approve a continuance of the existing override budget in this November election. Approval of this continuance will be the current ten percent. Failure for the override would result in a loss of approximately four hundred and fifty thousand dollars during next year's budget and over a three year period a loss of one million three hundred and seventy thousand dollars. What the override does support: it maintains class sizes within the board approved class range; it provides advance course and dual enrollment opportunities for high school; it maintains technology programs and positions; it provides music programs, physical education programs and all of the fine arts; and it helps to attract and maintain quality staff. The money is needed just to maintain, stated Ms. Underwood, and she is asking for support of the override in any way possible.

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

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding a contribution to the Beeline Bus program.**

Town Manager Grier suggested council not move forward with this discussion and possible action item. At the previous meeting, explained Mr. Grier, Council Member Rappaport had a motion that was seconded and approved by a majority of the council. This motion articulated that council would not revisit the bus issue until a business plan was provided by Ms. Conlin. Since that time there has been some interest from council members to revisit the bus issue. To do so, with a majority vote on Council Member Rappaport's motion, a motion to rescind that action would be required. Mr. Grier suggested not at this meeting, but if at pre-agenda, the council wants to move forward by putting a motion to rescind on the table to be considered by council first, and voted on, and then to move on to the issue of whether or not to make a contribution to the Beeline Bus program. Only after a motion to rescind has been made and, if approved, then the contribution can be revisited by council. Mr. Grier reiterated his suggestion it's not considered tonight, but instead to take those procedural steps at the next meeting if the council so wishes. Council Member Binney asked if a motion is needed. Mr. Grier answered no and to let it die since there is no appropriate action that can be taken on this agenda item tonight until a motion to rescind has been considered and approved. Council Member Rappaport asked if Ms. Conlin was forthcoming with a business plan. Mr. Grier answered it was his understanding, according to the discussion at the last meeting, that there is not a business plan and there wouldn't be a business plan provided. Mayor Coon stated the motion to rescind is the only way to re-approach this and open up some other options. It deletes that motion and allows us to go on. The issue needs to be addressed and concluded, stated Mayor Coon.

**2. Discussion and possible action to direct staff to begin research on the cost of additional water features for the community park.**

Town Manager Grier reported the water cannons may be delivered this week and the three cannons will be placed on a 25' x 25' pad. On the agenda tonight, if the council so chooses, is to instruct staff to look into some water features and the cost. Mr. Grier recommended looking into something that doesn't have to recirculate the water to keep down maintenance costs. All the parts are making the park quite the whole, stated Mr. Grier. Vice Mayor McKinney stated he would like to include a wide variety of things. Council Member Binney explained that he can put the option in for different items on the pad to be installed at a later date. Council Member Davis stated that is a great idea. Mr. Grier responded he disagrees and was thinking of a separate pad for the other water features. Council Member Binney pointed out the guns swing 360° and the added features could be outside the guns. Town Manager Grier stated what he is proposing is to take a look at options. Council Member Davis stated he agrees with Council Member Binney to put in the piping for it now and pre-plan ahead for adding a feature.

**A motion to direct staff to begin research on the cost of additional water features was made my Council Member Binney and was seconded by Council Member Armington.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

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

**The motion was voted on and passed 6 – 0.**

**3. Discussion and possible action to adjourn into Executive Session, pursuant to:**

**A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.4 – Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation.**

**Discussion for the purpose of consulting with Town Attorney Timothy W. Grier regarding acquisition of an APS electrical easement for the PW1 and PW2 wells.**

**A motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made my Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Rappaport.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

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

**The motion was voted on and passed 6 – 0.**

- **ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- **REGULAR MEETING CALLED BACK TO ORDER**

4. Discussion and possible action to instruct the Town Manager/Attorney to proceed with acquiring an APS electrical easement for the PW1 and PW2 wells.

There was no discussion.

A motion to instruct the Town Manager/Attorney to proceed with acquiring an APS electrical easement for the PW1 and PW2 wells was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Rappaport.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was voted on and passed 6 – 0.

- **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:**

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Gary Coon, Mayor

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

**ATTEST:**

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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 3rd day of September 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of September 2019.

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Edie Chapin, Town Clerk