

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY
Tuesday, August 25, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.
3675 East Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ
(Star Valley Town Hall)**

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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 X, Mayor Coon X. Council Members appeared telephonically.

• DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. First Reading and Public Hearing concerning Ordinance No. O 20-03 captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY, GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, DEANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF SEVERAL SECTIONS OF LAND LOCATED IN (SECTIONS 1, 2, 11 and 12) TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, AND, (SECTIONS 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36) TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE GILA AND SALT RIVER MERIDIAN, GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, TO GILA COUNTY CONTINGENT UPON ANNEXATION OF SAID TERRITORY BY GILA COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF A.R.S. § 9-471.02; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

Mayor Coon questioned if it is necessary to read the ordinance. Town Manager Grier responded he does not think so. This ordinance, explained Mr. Grier, is to deannex certain portions of property that were previously annexed by the Town. Mr. Grier referred to the map provided to council and reported it is the property east of Lion Springs to Preacher Canyon. A special meeting has been called tonight for the first reading of the ordinance.

The Town is negotiating with the Town of Payson to provide law enforcement, reported Town Manager Grier, and one of the benefits of deannexing the property is not having the responsibility of law enforcement. That needs to be one of the issues discussed with the new law enforcement contract with the Town of Payson, explained Mr. Grier, so staff has tried to fast track it and that's why a meeting is being held tonight. This has been discussed at the last two council meetings, concluded Mr. Grier, and unless there are questions he thinks council is likely well advised of why the Town is proceeding forward with the first reading of the ordinance.

Mayor Coon commented that after the deannexation is completed the Town will need to move the Star Valley sign to its new location. Mayor Coon asked if ADOT does that? Town Manager Grier answered Roy Haught would probably do that. The second reading of the ordinance, reported Mr. Grier,

is scheduled for the September 1st meeting. The paperwork then must be filed with the Gila County Board of Supervisors who shall set a hearing date not less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date of filing. The Town is looking at a process of anywhere from 30 to 90 days, concluded Mr. Grier. Mayor Coon opened the discussion up to the public. There was no public present and Mayor Coon closed the public hearing portion.

Council Member Rappaport commented the ordinance needs to be cleaned up a bit. Town Manager Grier responded council has been provided with an accurate description of the area to be deannexed. Discussion followed concerning the legal description for the deannexation and the deannexation map. Mr. Grier referred to the deannexation map and pointed out the area being deannexed is the area within the bold rectangle and nothing else. What you see in Parcel A and Parcel B, explained Mr. Grier, is an accurate legal description of the area within the rectangle that is being deannexed.

Mayor Coon stated he would assume an updated map would be provided. Town Manager Grier responded the map is correct. Further discussion ensued concerning the deannexation map. Clarified Mr. Grier, the Town is deannexing what is seen in Exhibit "2." Council Member Rappaport stated it is just a matter of cleaning it up. She doesn't want the Town to deannex more than it should, concluded Council Member Rappaport. Mr. Grier explained the same legal description that was used for the annexation is being used for the deannexation and it is not an issue of cleaning anything up. That is an accurate legal description of the deannexed property, clarified Mr. Grier. Council Member Rappaport asked for confirmation that the language used for annexation is the same language used for the deannexation. "Correct," answered Mr. Grier. The process is basically being reversed.

Council Member Armington jumped in and explained there are 36 sections in a Township. Township 11 North at the bottom of section 34 describes those top 36 sections as well as Township 10 North describing the bottom 36 sections. The Town is just taking out 12 sections of land out of the two Townships, concluded Council Member Armington. Mayor Coon commented there is no question as to what the Town is deannexing. Mayor Coon added he would like to have something to indicate just where the edge of Town would be. Mayor Coon then asked if there were any other questions. There were no further questions.

- **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 was no public present 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 Armington.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 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 special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Star Valley held on the 25th day of August 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of August 2020.

Edie Chapin, Town Clerk