

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY
Tuesday, September 22, 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. **Discussion and possible action regarding selection of a contractor for CDBG #133-20 Moonlight Subdivision Pipeline Replacement Project contingent on negotiation of the bid price.**

Mayor Coon reported the Town received three bids for this project. Standard Construction submitted a bid of \$209,242.00, Western Utilities Contractors LLC submitted a bid of \$178,131.00 and Sellers and Sons submitted the low bid of \$169,490.00. A reduced bid of \$164,000.00 was negotiated, concluded Mayor Coon.

Town Manager Grier stated there are three bids in front of council, which is a requirement on a procurement issue. The bids did come in over the engineers estimate of \$150,000.00 for the project, added Mr. Grier. Engineer Dale Miller negotiated a lower price with Sellers and Sons. The additional \$14,000.00, stated Mr. Grier, will have to come out of Town funds. Change orders, explained Mr. Grier, are often part of a project like this. However, the engineer does very good work for the Town and as a result we don't see that many change orders. After negotiating with Sellers and Sons, it sounds like that is the best price that they can do for the Town.

There are several options, explained Town Manager Grier. One is to accept the bid and go forward with the project. Two, since the engineer's estimate was \$150,000.00 and none of the bids made that, the bid could be re-posted and re-bid. Three, the Town could go back to Sellers and Sons and see if they can get closer to our number. Added Mr. Grier, engineer Dale Miller believes Sellers and Sons has about the best number the Town is going to get on this project. Staff recommendation is to go forward with the bid from Sellers and Sons and start on the project, concluded Mr. Grier.

A motion to approve the CDBG #133-20 Moonlight Subdivision Pipeline Replacement Project for \$164,000.00 was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Binney.

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 Yes, Mayor Coon Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning Resolution No. R 20-09 authorizing the mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) by and between the Town of Star Valley and the Town of Payson for Law Enforcement Services.

Town Manager Grier stated the Town has looked at this issue for some time. Police Chief Tischer is in attendance in case there are any questions. The Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) between the Town of Payson and the Town of Star Valley to provide law enforcement is certainly one of the more important issues that Star Valley has had in making a change from Gila County to the Town of Payson. Mr. Grier reported he has had the opportunity to speak with Police Chief Tischer and Acting Town Manager Sheila DeSchaaf and discuss what law enforcement in Star Valley should look like. Mr. Grier stated he is very enthusiastic about the change and he is very impressed with Chief Tischer and what his department will bring to the table for the Town. If the IGA is approved tonight it will be in front of the Payson Town Council this coming Thursday. As soon as both councils approve the IGA, informed Mr. Grier, council and Gila County will be notified of the police protection change-over date.

Town Manager Grier reported both parties are open to whatever changes may need to be made. The Town will be provided with faster response time, added Mr. Grier, since the Payson Police Department is fully staffed. Staff recommendation is to approve the resolution and the IGA and move forward on this issue, concluded Mr. Grier. Mayor Coon stated this will continue to be a work in progress because there are always changes and adjustments. It is a good deal for the Town, concluded Mayor Coon. Council Member Binney asked what the extras are for. Town Manager Grier answered there was an addition of \$11,484.90 to the original contract for incidental expenses. The yearly cost of the contract is around \$340,000.00 and that is a fair price. Council Member Binney asked if there are any additional costs other than court or jail costs. Mr. Grier responded Gila County handles the misdemeanor prosecution and the Town isn’t charged for that. The Town has an IGA with the court and court costs are about \$13,000.00 a year. The Town also pays Judge Little.

Town Manager Grier acknowledged some portions of the contract purposely remained somewhat vague to give the opportunity to really shape the contract as we go – an important part of that is how much patrol the Town has. Mr. Grier stated his thinking is the Town needs to have some presence with patrol, but the right fit on that isn’t known yet. The IGA in its present form is the best way to move forward, concluded Mr. Grier. Council Member Rappaport asked what the final number is annually. Mr. Grier responded around \$340,000.00. Council Member Armington stated he read through it and it all looks good. Council Member Davis thanked Police Chief Tischer for working with the Town on this very important contract negotiation.

A motion to approve Resolution No. R 20-09 authorizing the mayor to execute the IGA between the Town of Star Valley and the Town of Payson for Law Enforcement Services was made by Council Member Davis 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 Yes, Mayor Coon Yes.

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.

Police Chief Tischer thanked council and stated they are looking forward to getting going and providing the best service they possibly can for the citizens of Star Valley.

There were no further 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 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 22nd day of September 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of September 2020.

Edie Chapin, Town Clerk