

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

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 4:00 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 Dave Barber of Rim View Community Church.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CALL TO ORDER

- ROLL CALL:

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

- **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 17, 2021.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from August 16, 2021 through September 15, 2021 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 McDaniel.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.

- **PROCLAMATION:**

1. Proclaiming October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Town Clerk Chapin read the Proclamation.

2. Proclaiming September 17-23, 2021 as Constitution Week.

Town Clerk Chapin read the Proclamation.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action to purchase new garden beds for the Star Valley Community Garden.**

Town Manager Grier stated that Glen McCombs, President of the Garden Committee, is in attendance to answer any questions council may have. Mr. Grier acknowledged the Town's appreciation for all the work the folks that have been involved in the garden have done. It is volunteer work, added Mr. Grier, and the Town is very proud of the community garden. Mayor Coon reported he went over to the community garden and took a few photos of the beds to see what kind of shape they were in. He then passed around the photos of the beds for council review. Council Member Rappaport stated she thinks they look great. Queried Council Member Rappaport – We're not planning on getting rid of the wood beds, are we? Mayor Coon responded that is what is under discussion. Council Member Binney commented the wood is going to rot.

Council Member Davis arrived and apologized for being late. Mayor Coon explained what had transpired prior to Council Member Davis' arrival and provided him with the photos to review. Mayor Coon reported the beds didn't look in too bad of shape to him and he didn't see any rot. In one instance, pointed out Mayor Coon, it looked like a board had pulled apart but that could be repaired. Mayor Coon asked Mr. Grier for the cost. Mr. Grier answered the cost was included in the council communication and is \$9,948.84 without shipping. He doesn't know if there will be additional costs with that. One point of concern, added Mr. Grier, is if the replacement will be done by volunteers or staff. We don't have the staff to do it and the price would double if the Town were to hire it out. Mr. Grier stated he thinks Mr. McCombs had a different idea on how they would do that.

Glen McCombs, President of the Garden Committee, stated the idea is that the new beds will be metal and will last a long, long time. The deteriorated gardens would be replaced in the winter time when the gardens are not in use. There are a lot of beds deteriorating, added Mr. McCombs, you have to dig in the dirt to see how bad some are. Mr. McCombs explained they would dig on the inside along the board, throw the medium to the middle, remove the wood bed and replace with the metal bed. Because they don't have the staff or the volunteers to do this in one shot, they would like to replace the beds as they become bad. There are three or four beds right now, reported Mr. McCombs, that really shouldn't go into another year. The metal beds are taller, informed Mr. McCombs, and gardeners will need to add more medium to their beds. By ordering gradually, disclosed Mr. McCombs, they are worried they would not be able to get that same bed again. They would like to order all the beds at once, store them, and then replace them as needed.

Council Member Rappaport asked the cost per unit. Council Member Davis answered \$89.99. Glen McCombs reiterated they would like to get them all at once because of availability and because it would look odd to have different beds. Council Member Rappaport stated she's sure he can get a price break with a large order. Mr. McCombs responded he had not entered into negotiations. Mayor Coon stated it sounds like a \$20,000.00 project. "No," responded Council Member Binney, \$12,000.00. Mayor Coon pointed out that's without the labor. Council Member Binney answered the labor is going to be volunteer. Mr. McCombs confirmed they have enough people that will volunteer. Most of the wood, reported Mr. McCombs, was old wood decking that was given to them and it is deteriorating faster than the wood they actually bought. Town Manager Grier asked if there would be additional costs on the fill. Mr. McCombs answered the gardener would have to re-fill the medium themselves.

Council Member Davis commented the community garden is a point of pride for Star Valley and a lot of its citizens. He would be for it because they would last a long time. Mayor Coon stated he would be for it too, if necessary. Mayor Coon acknowledged he didn't see any in that bad of shape. The worst

he could find is where they were pulling apart a little bit, which is a quick fix. Council Member Davis stated they will never get the same galvanized beds with the supply chain the way it is. Mayor Coon questioned how much is cosmetic and how much is really necessary. When they were built, responded Council Member Binney, a lot of the lumber was used lumber. They are rotting and warping and the interior corners of the four by fours are rotting out. Council Member Binney stated he understands why the garden committee needs to buy them all at once due to supply chain issues and the preference for uniformity. To him, advocated Council Member Binney, \$12,000.00 isn't that big of a deal.

The biggest problem, conceded Council Member Binney, is storing the beds. He thinks they could be stored in the barn. Town Manger Grier acknowledged the Town doesn't really have a good place to store the beds. The barn would need to be cleaned out and it would be difficult to access since it can't be driven up to. Council Member Binney stated it's not a bad deal if we want it to look nice. Queried Mayor Coon – So quite a bit of it is cosmetic? “Yes,” responded Council Member Binney, but they are not going to do it all at once, they will replace them as they fall apart.

Council Member Rappaport commented the community garden has been really great and she's all for it. Queried Council Member McDaniel – Since there are only three or four garden beds that currently need to be replaced and the Town doesn't have adequate storage, should this bulk purchase be revisited when there are more beds that need to be replaced? That way, added Council Member McDaniel, there will be less that have to be in storage and more that can be replaced simultaneously. Council Member Davis responded he thinks the biggest problem is that the price will continue to go up. Mayor Coon commented that is something to consider. Vice Mayor McKinney asked how many plots are held by Star Valley residents. Mr. Grier answered there are sixteen Star Valley gardeners and the rest of the gardeners are from Payson. Council Member Binney commented he really doesn't look at it that way – the way he sees it, they are a part of our community. Council Member Binney concluded he thinks it's a good idea.

A motion to approve the purchase of galvanized steel raised garden planter beds was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Binney.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was voted on and was denied 3 - 4.

- 2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 21-06 – A Resolution of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona Mayor and Common Council, designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the fiscal year 2022 expenditure limitation report to the Arizona Auditor General.**

Town Manager Grier explained appointing a CFO to submit the municipal expenditure budget is a statutory requirement by resolution and is done every year.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 21-06 and recognize Chancy Nutt as our Chief Financial Officer for 2022 was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

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.

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 21-07 – A Resolution of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) between the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and the Town of Star Valley.

Town Manager Grier stated the Town was awarded a \$14,434.00 grant from Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Mr. Grier reported that Mayor Coon, himself, and Town Clerk Chapin attended a ZOOM award ceremony with the other award recipients. It was a very impressive, worthy group of recipients. One thing that came to mind, as each recipient talked about what the money would go toward, was just how competitive the grants are. Mr. Grier stated he thinks Town Clerk Chapin and Finance Administrator Nutt deserve recognition for all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to prepare the grant applications. The projects are carefully put together and Town Clerk Chapin does all of that work on all of the 202 grants. We get turned down a whole lot more than we get accepted. Staff, concluded Mr. Grier, is quite excited about this grant money that will go towards a shade structure at the park.

Council Member Binney stated he thought the shade structure wouldn't support the snow load. Mr. Grier responded the \$56,000.00 large shade structure that the Town hoped to put above the playground equipment didn't support the snow load and the conclusion was we would not be able to do that. Mr. Grier explained the Town can look at doing individual shade structures within the \$14,434.00 grant money or leverage money could be used as well. The Town does have to start over and take a look at what shade structures can be put in there. The grant awarded was not anticipated, concluded Mr. Grier, nor was it anticipated that the large shade structure wasn't going to work.

Council Member Binney stated the large shade structure is only needed in the summertime. He suggested the Town use Roy Haught to take it down and put it up. Council Member Binney then asked if that was looked at. Mr. Grier answered staff looked at everything and there were several different problems. First, the ground is pretty much solid rock and the shade structure representative didn't think they would be able to dig down nine feet so they were looking at how they could go wider. Second, there was a problem with the southwest corner that dives off and the representative did not think they were going to be able to have the span that would be necessary structurally. Third, reported Mr. Grier, there would be a problem of getting in with a lift to take the shade structure down. The representatives conclusion was that it wasn't going to work.

Town Manager Grier recommended to re-visit this at another council meeting. Tonight, explained Mr. Grier, council is just accepting the resolution and can decide at a later date as to the number of shade structures and what they want to spend. The Town does need to do a shade structure at the park pursuant to the agreement with the grant, pointed out Mr. Grier. Council Member Rappaport stated she thinks there's a lot that can be done and recommended putting in some nice slated ramadas over the picnic tables. As long as it's fairly closely related to what the money is allotted for, commented Mayor Coon. Mr. Grier responded the Town could do along those lines the same sort of ramadas with the blue roofs that are already over there.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 21-07 – A Resolution of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and the Town of Star Valley 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 Yes, Mayor Coon Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.

4. Discussion and possible action to cancel the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for October 5, 2021 in order to attend a Special Joint Work Session Meeting with the Town of Payson Council and the Tonto Apache Tribal Council.

Town Manager Grier explained it's nothing more than the three entities sitting down to explore different ways we can work together. The Town works very closely with Payson. Law enforcement, by contract, is provided by the Town of Payson as well as building review and building permits. The Town's management model is to contract that out as well as the back-up emergency water service. There is a lot of working together and a relationship with the two. Decisions, pointed out Mr. Grier, can't be made at a work study session. It's an opportunity for the three major players in the community to look and see if there may be something in the future that the three are effective in working with, concluded Mr. Grier.

A motion to cancel the Regular Council Meeting of October 5, 2021 in order to attend a Special Joint Work Session Meeting with the Town of Payson Council and the Tonto Apache Tribal Council was made by Council Member McDaniel and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

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 up this portion of the meeting for public comment.

Karen Malucci, owner of Houston Creek Assisted Living located at Houston Creek Circle, stated there is a really big problem with speeding over there. One of her residents was almost hit the other day as they were crossing the street with their family member. Mrs. Malucci reported she has complained, and complained, and complained and nothing is being done. She has called the Gila County Sheriff and the Payson Police Department and they are all too busy. No one can do anything about it. Mrs. Malucci disclosed she is here out of concern because one of her residents is going to get hit and she doesn't know what else to do about it. The stop signs have been taken out so they get a lot of speed going up and down there. The front door of the house, concluded Mrs. Malucci, faces Rainbow Drive and it's a big problem.

Mayor Coon stated it is something the Town will have to address.

There were no further comments and the Mayor closed the public comment portion.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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 regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Star Valley held on the 21st day of September 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 23rd day of September 2021.

Edie Chapin, Town Clerk