

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

**Tuesday, May 21, 2013 @ 6:00 pm
3675 East Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ
(Star Valley Town Hall)**

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- CALL TO ORDER
- PRAYER was offered by Reverend Charles Proudfoot of Community Presbyterian Church
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL:

Mayor McDaniel X , Vice-Mayor Newland X , Council Member Hartwell X , Council Member Binney Excused Absence, Council Member Coon X , Council Member Leis X , Council Member Henderson X .

Town Manager/Attorney Tim Grier appeared telephonically.

- **GILA COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORTS FOR APRIL, 2013.**

Sgt. Rodney Cronk, of the Gila County Sheriff's Department, gave the Sheriff's Report for the month of April, 2013.

- **HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT REPORT FOR APRIL, 2013.**

Fire Chief Gary Hatch gave the Fire District Report for the month of April, 2013. Fire Chief Hatch stated all burn permits have been ceased as of May 11, 2013, and also reported that as of May 22, 2013 full fire restrictions are in place for Tonto National Forest and the surrounding area.

- **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 Special Council Meeting held on May 1, 2013 and minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 7, 2013.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from May 1, 2013 through May 15, 2013, for the General fund and for the Water Department.

A motion to approve consent agenda items A and B was made by Council Member Leis, and was seconded by Council Member Coon.

A roll call was taken:

Mayor McDaniel X , Vice-Mayor Newland X , Council Member Hartwell X , Council Member Binney Excused Absence, Council Member Coon X , Council Member Leis X , Council Member Henderson X .

The motion was voted on and passed 6-0.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Discussion and public hearing regarding fiscal year 2013/2014 proposed tentative budget for the Town of Star Valley. Presentation by Chancy Nutt, Finance Administrator.**

Finance Administrator Nutt pointed out that the proposed tentative budget was included in the council books, and that tonight was for the purpose of discussion and the first public hearing concerning the budget. Ms. Nutt covered the breakdown of the budget, and stated the budget consists of 154 line items. Ms. Nutt stated the budget is an expense based budget and for 2013/2014 it is projected to be \$7,142,586.00.

Ms. Nutt explained that the tentative budget would be presented for adoption at the June 4th meeting; Schedule A then is published; thereafter a second public hearing will be held on June 18th for the purpose of adopting the final budget; and the final budget is also published.

Town Manager Grier requested that if any of the council members had any comments or corrections to the proposed tentative budget, that those be presented to town staff prior to the June 4th meeting so such changes or corrections could be made prior to presentation of the tentative budget for adoption.

Mayor McDaniel opened the meeting to council comments; there were no comments from any Council Members.

Mayor McDaniel then opened the meeting to public hearing; there were no public comments; and Mayor McDaniel closed the public hearing.

2. **Discussion and possible action on Resolutions No. R 13-05 through R 13-15 for tribal gaming fund grants.**

Town Clerk Johnson stated there were eleven resolutions contained in the council books. These resolutions will become part of eleven applications being prepared for submission to various Indian tribes in Arizona, seeking a portion of their tribal gaming funds. Ms. Johnson stated last year two grants were funded in the total amount of approximately \$20,000.

A motion that the Council approve Resolutions No. R 13-05 through R 13-15 authorizing the Town Manager to apply for Tribal Gaming Fund Grants was made by Council Member Coon, and was seconded by Council Member Leis.

The Motion was voted on and passed 6 – 0.

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding use of property at 3615 E. Highway 260, Star Valley, including securing of the property, maintenance of the property, and determining what the use of this property will be.**

Town Manager Grier stated the Town was successful in its bid for the property at 3615 E. Highway 260, and the Town is now the owner of this parcel of property. Town Manager Grier stated town staff now needs direction from the Council as to what it wants done with this property. Mr. Grier stated “No Trespassing” signs have been posted and steps have been taken to secure the buildings. Mr. Grier stated that insurance is in place on this property. Water Operator Rippey confirmed that a gate has been placed at the entrance to the property.

Council Member Leis raised the issue of the condition of the buildings, what it might cost if they need to be rehabbed, and the possible use of the house for a future town hall and the use of the barn for water department equipment storage, as well as the possibility of leasing out the property to Plant Fair.

Mayor McDaniel stated it is his belief the citizens of Star Valley need to know about this acquisition and what the intentions of the Council are for the use of the property.

Town Manager Grier responded that current staff is “stretched thin” and limited in what it can do with this property. Mr. Grier emphasized both he and staff need to know just what the Council intends to use this property for. Mr. Grier informed the Council that he very recently had a telephone conversation with Bruce Varker, who has been hired to do a master plan for the Town’s streets and roads. Mr. Varker states his estimate at this point is the Town will need to spend approximately \$95,000.00 per year to preserve the existing streets and roads. Also, the Town is working on a water master plan which hopefully will produce projects and cost thereof in the near future. Mr. Grier recommended the Council wait until the two master plans and the costs thereof are available, and then determine what to do with the property at 3615 E. Highway 260. Mr. Grier stated he hopes to receive a rough draft of the streets and roads master plan in June.

Mayor McDaniel and Council Member Leis both indicated agreement that until the two master plans are received, the question of what to do with the land should be put on hold. Council Members Hartwell and Coon indicated they believe the property should be “held” for the present time. Council Member Coon also suggested a possible future use of the property would be for an expanded town hall. Council Member Henderson expressed agreement that until the costs of projects are determined, the Council is not in a position to decide what to do and what projects may have to be put on hold.

Mayor McDaniel stated he is basically in agreement with the Council and that it was “a good deal”, but this property is going to take a lot of planning and work in the future, and he recommended the Council take it slow.

Town Manager Grier recommended the Council table this discussion item until a future meeting to provide time to obtain the two master plans.

A motion to table this discussion item until the November 19, 2013 Council meeting, to provide time to obtain financial data from the first quarter of FY 2013/2014 was made by Council Member Henderson, and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell.

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.

Ray Lyons, a resident of Star Valley, suggested the barn on the property at 3615 E. Highway 260 be used, as several council have suggested, for a meeting site. However, Mr. Lyons stated, “it would involve using 19th century technology”, wooden benches for seating and a platform wooden table, wick lamps for lighting. Mr. Lyons also cautioned that they might have to deal with birds, mice, rats, skunks and raccoons and therefore might want to have the meetings before sundown. He wished everybody “good luck in the further discussions and decisions.”

There being no further comments, Mayor McDaniel closed the public comments.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Leis, and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell.

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.

APPROVED:

Ronnie O. McDaniel, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Lois V. Johnson, 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 May, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 30th day of May, 2013.

Lois V. Johnson, Town Clerk