

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

**Tuesday, July 16, 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 Pastor Jimmy Esther of U-Turn for Christ
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL:

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

- **GILA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT FOR JUNE, 2013.**

Sgt. Rodney Cronk of the Gila County Sheriff's Office gave the Sheriff's report for June, 2013.

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

Battalion Chief Bathke gave the Hellsgate Fire District report for June, 2013.

- **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 July 2, 2013.

A motion to approve consent agenda item A was made by Council Member Hartwell, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

A roll call was taken:

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

The motion was voted on and passed 7-0.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action regarding contribution by the Town to "The Yarnell 19 Hotshots".**

Council Member Hartwell stated she had requested this agenda item as she would like to see the Town make a contribution to the families of the Yarnell 19 hotshots that were killed. Discussion was held concerning the amount of the contribution, the need for the contribution to go directly to the surviving

families of the hotshots who were killed, and the fact that it would serve a good purpose. Council Member Binney expressed his concerns that this was public money being contributed, not private money and he was opposed to the contribution on that ground.

A motion that the Council approve a contribution to “The Yarnell 19 Hotshots” in the amount of \$500.00, said funds to be distributed only to the families of the Hotshots that died was made by Council Member Coon, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

The motion was voted on and passed 6 – 0.

A roll call vote was held:

Mayor McDaniel Yes, Vice-Mayor Newland Yes, Council Member Hartwell Yes, Council Member Binney No, Council Member Coon Yes, Council Member Leis Yes, Council Member Henderson Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 6-0.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding establishing Town projects the Council wishes to undertake in 2013/2014, and further establishing the priority of such projects.

Town Manager Grier suggested that the Council begin to focus on the priority of projects. Town Manager Grier defined “big projects” as projects that are above and beyond the day-to-day projects of the Town. Mr. Grier stated there are three categories of projects: (1) day-to-day operation and maintenance projects; (2) projects currently being researched before they are presented to the Council; and (3) the big projects.

Town Manager Grier pointed out that at the last meeting the Council established the Town’s fund reserve to be \$2.6 million on June 30, 2014. Mr. Grier emphasized that this number can be changed at the Council’s discretion during the course of the fiscal year. Mr. Grier stated that the Council has \$510,683.16 allocated for projects during fiscal 2013/2014.

Town Manager Grier stated the Town has committed approximately \$110,000.00 to the CDBG #1 Milky Way Project. Subtracting this committed money then leaves \$400,683.16 for projects.

Town Manager Grier stated it is his belief that one project that needs to be addressed is streets and roads preservation. Mr. Grier reminded the Council that Bruce Varker has been hired to produce a streets and roads master plan and that a draft has been presented to the Council. This draft requires changes as some of the roads included are not Town responsibility. Mr. Grier recommended that the Council consider spending HURF monies and also designating \$85,000.00 for road preservation. Council Member Binney suggested spending \$100,000.00 annually on roads, bank \$110,000.00 to build up to half a million to spend every five years on a large road project. Mr. Grier asked that the Council Members weigh in on this issue.

In response to inquiry from Council Member Hartwell, Town Manager Grier stated streets and roads costs are first paid from HURF, and if the HURF monies are depleted then they would be paid from the general fund.

Mayor McDaniel stated he believes the Town should be aggressive in maintaining its roads, and that the necessary maintenance should be performed.

Town Manager Grier stated currently the Town does not have a streets and roads crew, but utilizes Roy Haught on a project by project basis.

Town Manager Grier emphasized that he wanted the Council to make the decision of what projects to undertake, based on the \$510,683.16 it has available predicated on the current fund reserve balance target of \$2.6 million. Mr. Grier also pointed out that at this point the projects are being looked at and no final decisions have been made.

Town Manager Grier then proceeded to discuss the next possible project as being the PRV (pressure reducing valve) at Quail Hollow. He stated staff recommendation is this is essential to move water from the Knolls to Moonlight, and the cost estimate is \$8,000.00. Discussion with the Council Members indicated they were in agreement that this project deserved consideration as a priority project.

Town Manager Grier suggested other projects the Council might give consideration to are:

- (1) CDBG # 2 leverage money for the Quail Hollow site (\$50,000 - \$80,000).
- (2) Re-surfacing the interior of the Knolls tank (\$30,000 - \$50,000).
- (3) Star Valley “Welcome” signs (\$10,000 - \$20,000).
- (4) Water project for 3615 E. Hwy. 260 (\$15,000 - \$25,000) (report attached).
- (5) Meals on Wheels/Senior Ridership (interim funding of \$8,000 - \$15,000).
- (6) 480V 3 phase generator at the Knolls Well Site (\$20,000).
- (7) Well monitoring.

Town Manager Grier encouraged Council input on these suggested projects, as well as any other projects the Council deems important.

Mayor McDaniel expressed his concern that the Council schedule discussion on what to do with the property at 3615 E. Highway 260. Discussion was held when to schedule this and whether to do it in a regular meeting or, as suggested by Council Member Hartwell, as a retreat. Town Manager cautioned that a retreat would have to be held in Town limits and that it must be properly agendized. The possibility of discussing this item first in a work study was presented, but Town Manager Grier pointed out that no decision can be made at a work study. Mayor McDaniel recommended they keep it on the regular agenda. Council Members Coon and Binney expressed concern that more complete information be obtained before the Council addresses this issue.

Town Manager Grier summarized that at this point the Council has determined that two “must do” projects are the CDBG #1 / Milky Way leverage money and the PRV on Quail Hollow. He urged the Council to begin studying which “possible projects” might be moved to the “definite projects”, and also designating possible projects for the next 1 / 3 / and 5 year periods.

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution R 13-19 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona committing to continue the increased services to the Star Valley Meals on Wheels/Senior Ridership Program for at least one year after the 2013 CDBG funds are spent.

Town Clerk Lois Johnson stated that one of the requirements of the 2013 CDBG application for the \$60,000.00 grant for Meals on Wheels and the Senior Ridership Program is that the Town provide a resolution wherein the Town commits to continue to fund this program for a period of at least one year after the 2013 CDBG funds are spent. The reason for this is that the Meals on Wheels falls into the category of a public service project and the grant requirements are different than the usual work project

A motion that the Council approve Resolution No. R 13-19 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, committing to continue the increased services to the Star Valley Meals on Wheels/Senior Ridership Program for at least one year after the 2013 CDBG funds are spent was made by Council Member Leis, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

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.

Larry Ralston, 259 Garrels Dr., Star Valley, expressed his support of the Town sending a contribution to the Yarnell Hotshots, and stated he was going to request the local fire department to consider doing a fund raiser to which he would personally donate. Mr. Ralston stated he was glad to hear Mayor McDaniel was going to run for mayor again. Mr. Ralston further suggested that chip sealing the roads was a waste of time and money as it doesn't last, and that paving does last.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 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 16th day of July, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2013.

Lois V. Johnson, Town Clerk