

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

**Tuesday, November 5, 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 Minister Ken Davidson, Jr. of Church of Christ in Payson
- 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  .

- **PROCLAMATION**

1. **National American Indian Heritage Month**

Mayor McDaniel read the Proclamation (attached to these minutes) for the Council and public.

- **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 October 15, 2013.**

- B. **Approval of Claims Payable from October 16, 2013 through October 31, 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 Coon, and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell.

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 Council attendance at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rim Country Business Awards Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013.**

Council Member Henderson opened the discussion by stating there would be a good speaker at this luncheon and it is good for the Town to show its support of this event. Council Member Binney

suggested that the Council Members who want to attend this luncheon should pay for it out of their monthly reimbursement received from the Town. Further discussion followed and it was agreed that the Town should be represented.

**A motion that the Town of Star Valley pay for Council Members to attend the Annual Rim Country Business Awards Luncheon on November 12, 2013, and that those Council Members wishing to attend so notify the Town Clerk was made by Council Member Leis, and was seconded by Council Member Coon.**

**The motion was voted on and there was one dissenting vote.**

**A roll call vote was then taken:**

**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 passed 6-1.**

**2. Discussion and possible action regarding authorizing an increase in the monthly reimbursement paid to council members, as requested by Council Member Hartwell.**

Council Member Henderson introduced this discussion item by stating she believes each of the Council Members does “quite a bit” of work for the Town; that the Town’s Council Members are among the lowest paid council members around; and that she believes the Council Members are entitled to at least an additional \$100.00 per month.

Council Member Coon expressed concern over how the reimbursement is categorized so it is not defined as “income.” Council Member Henderson stated that the IRS does not have any problem with considering the current amount being paid as “reimbursement”, but if this amount is increased substantially (\$500.00 to \$1,000.00), then it might be considered as “income” by the IRS. Town Manager said he did not have an answer to this issue, but is concerned that the IRS could view payment to the council as compensation and that it could be taxable. Former Town personnel viewed these payments as compensation and taxable, and Mr. Grier stated he believes the Council needs to be aware this may become a tax liability.

Mayor McDaniel requested that the Town Manager research this issue to clear it up for both the Town and the Council Members. Mayor McDaniel further stated that he as Mayor makes “too much” and he believes the current \$400.00 is adequate, but the Council Members deserve a raise.

Council Member Binney stated he believes if the amount were increased it may encourage other citizens to run for Council in future elections.

Council Member Leis raised the issue of how the citizens of Star Valley would view an increase in Council salary. Council Member Binney stated he had already asked this of several citizens and they were shocked at how little the Council was currently receiving, and recommended it should be raised to \$400.00 or \$500.00.

Mayor McDaniel expressed the concern that this issue should not be addressed again for some time in the future, so if an increase is agreed up it should be adequate currently and for several years into the future. Town Manager Grier pointed out that if an increase is voted in at this meeting, it will not go into effect until after the next election, which will be held in November, 2014, and the new Council Members seated in January, 2015.

**A motion that the Council reimbursement be increased by \$100.00 a month for each Council Member was made by Vice-Mayor Newland, and was seconded by Council Member Binney.**

Mayor McDaniel opened this motion up for discussion. Discussion was held concerning the effective date of any increase, as well as the amount that would be acceptable. Town Manager Grier

stated it was his belief that increased council compensation will lead to more productivity on the part of the council, which ultimately will save the Town money. Mr. Grier also stated some towns provide benefits to their council members, such as health insurance and retirement, which the Town does not offer to its council members. Mayor McDaniel requested, and Town Manager Grier agreed, that the issue of tax consequences be researched for the Council by the Town Manager.

**An amendment to the previous motion was made by Council Member Henderson**

**A motion that the Council reimbursement be increased by \$300.00 a month for each Council Member, which would be \$500.00 a month for Council Members and \$700.00 a month for the Mayor, was made by Council Member Henderson, and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell. The motion was voted on, with 2 dissenting votes.**

**A roll call vote was then taken:**

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

**The motion passed 5-2.**

- 3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 13-21 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona committing to fund the Star Valley Meals on Wheels/Senior Ridership Program in the amount of \$30,000.00 for at least one year after the FY2013 CDBG funds are expended.**

Town Clerk Johnson explained that the Arizona Department of Revenue is requiring the Town resolution committing to continue funding the Meals on Wheels/Senior Ridership Program for a year after the FY2013 CDBG funds are expended to contain a dollar amount.

**A motion that the Council approve Resolution No. R 13-21 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, committing to fund the Star Valley Meals on Wheels/Senior Ridership Program in the amount of \$30,000.00 for at least one year after the FY2013 CDBG funds are spent was made by Council Member Hartwell, 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.

There were no 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 7 - 0.**

**APPROVED:**

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**Ronnie O. McDaniel, Mayor**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

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**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

**Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.**

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**Lois V. Johnson, Town Clerk**