

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

**Tuesday, February 3, 2015 @ 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 Rich Richey of the Church of the Nazarene
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL:

Mayor McDaniel   X  , Vice-Mayor Binney   X  , Council Member Hartwell   X  , Council Member Henderson   X  , Council Member Coon   X  , Council Member McKinney   X  , Council Member O'Connor   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 January 20, 2015.**

**B. Approval of Claims Payable from January 16, 2015 through January 31, 2015, 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 Henderson.**

**A roll call was taken:**

**Mayor McDaniel   X  , Vice-Mayor Binney   X  , Council Member Hartwell   X  , Council Member Henderson   X  , Council Member Coon   X  , Council Member McKinney   X  , Council Member O'Connor   X  .**

**The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.**

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action regarding support of the “Color Me Run” sponsored by the Adventure Club of Payson High School. Presentation by Stacy North.**

Stacy North introduced herself and stated she was representing the Adventure Club of Payson High School. Ms. North stated the Council gave the Adventure Club permission to conduct the Color

Craze 5k Run in Star Valley, which had approximately 78 participants. Ms. North requested that the Council approve hosting this event on May 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2015. The event is scheduled to start at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at approximately 11:00 a.m., using the same basic route as last year. Ms. North stated registration is open to everyone, and participation is encouraged.

**A motion that the Council give its sponsorship support of the Star Valley Color Me 5K Run scheduled for May 2, 2015, in Star Valley which is being put on by the Adventure Club of Payson High School was made by Council Member Henderson, and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell.**

**The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.**

## **2. Discussion regarding roads owned by Latigo Road Maintenance Association, Inc.**

John Novak introduced himself as the President of Latigo Road Maintenance Association, Inc., which was formed in June, 2010 to maintain private roads in their area. Mr. Novak pointed out a folder of information had been provided to the Council Members (attached to these minutes). Mr. Novak stated there are approximately 50 property owners in this neighborhood. Mr. Novak stated one of the Association's main responsibilities is to provide "adequate roadways" for the neighborhood. Mr. Novak pointed out there is only one way in and one way out of their area. Mr. Novak also stated the association does not have the financial means to continue to maintain or improve the roads, and their purpose in appearing at this meeting is to ascertain if the Town has any assistance it can provide to the association.

Council Member Coon expressed his opinion that it was time for the Town to take over these roads and maintain them. Council Member Hartwell asked if Latigo or Chitwood had been widened, and Mr. Novak said they had. Extensive discussion followed concerning what would need to be done to bring the roads up to Town standards, that the homeowners would need to cooperate in moving fences and granting easements to the Town, and also that there is an exit at the northeast corner of Star Vale Park that can be used in the event of an emergency.

Town Manager Grier stated the Town can adopt Latigo Road, but cautioned the Council to take into consideration this will open the door to many other private roads being requested to be adopted by the Town. Mr. Grier stated that the basic procedure is for the homeowners to have a survey performed, for which they must pay, and then the affected homeowners would need to deed to the Town the necessary property to widen the roads. Mr. Grier informed the Council that it is the landowners' responsibility to bring the roads up to the Town's standards before the Town could take over the roads. Mr. Novak stated that he does not have 100% consent of the homeowners at this time mainly because the association did not have the necessary information to present until this meeting.

Earl Chitwood stated it costs approximately \$1.25 a square foot for paving, and to repave Latigo and Chitwood would cost approximately \$60,000. Mr. Chitwood emphasized that the association and the homeowners have done all of the maintenance on their own.

Gary Rolf, who resides at 78 E. Buckskin, Star Valley, stated he was not a resident of the area being discussed, but that he often drives through that neighborhood. Mr. Rolf concurred that the roads have some "serious needs" which he believes the Town should address. Mr. Rolf stated he believes the Town would benefit from adopting the roads and increasing the property values in this area. Mr. Rolf suggested the Town can do this project in steps, and that he hoped the Town would develop a "progressive attitude."

Gary Chitwood described an incident several years ago when emergency vehicles blocked off the road for a period of time and residents were not able to get in or out. As a result of this, the neighbors took the initiative and widened the road on their own.

Mayor McDaniel told Mr. Novak to contact Town Manager Grier after he has had further communication with the homeowners and decide how to proceed with this issue.

**3. Discussion and possible action concerning Resolution No. R 15-03 captioned as follows: A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona for Support for Gila Community College to receive equitable allocation of Workforce Development Funding.**

John Zilisch introduced himself as the Secretary of the Board of Governors for Gila Community College, and he also introduced Dr. Jan Brocker, who is a member of the Gila County Community College Board of Governors. Mr. Zilisch provided an economic impact report for the Council Members.

Mr. Zilisch stated that under Prop 301 monies are distributed to the community colleges in Arizona for workforce development. However, the current bill provides that this does not apply to provisional community college districts, and Gila Community College is a provisional community college. Therefore, he is requesting the Council to approve Resolution No. R 15-03 requesting that Gila Community College receive an equitable allocation of the workforce funding monies. Mr. Zilisch stated the Town of Payson and other communities are also being requested to support this effort. Mr. Zilisch pointed out the benefits the college provides to the community and requested the Town's support.

**A motion that the Council adopt Resolution No. R 15-03 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, for Support for Gila Community College to Receive Equitable Allocation of Workforce Development Funding was made by Council Member Coon, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson.**

**The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.**

**4. Second Quarter Finance Report and Budget Update. Presentation by Finance Administrator Chancy Nutt and Town Manager Tim Grier.**

Finance Administrator Nutt stated this report is for the second quarter of fiscal year 2014/2015, and marks the half-way point of the fiscal budget. Ms. Nutt stated the current cash position is \$3.9, but also pointed out the additional liabilities and projects approved but not yet paid for. This leads to net funds in excess of end of year target in the amount of \$933,826.

Ms. Nutt next gave a report on the proposed projects of the Town; an overview of the Transportation Excise Tax; HURF Fund Activity; and the Water Department Fund. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Town Manager Grier affirmed that the Council's target number is \$2.6 million. Mr. Grier stated it is Council's responsibility to select and prioritize projects, and then it is the Town Manager's responsibility to implement them and keep the Council informed where it is with the budget as well as which projects it can afford to do. Mr. Grier stated another report would be provided to the Council at the end of the fiscal year and also at the beginning of the calendar year since some projects are controlled by weather and may or may not be completed at the predicted time. Mr. Grier confirmed that at this time the budget is on the "fat side" of the \$2.6 million.

Town Manager Grier reiterated it is Council's job to select projects predicated on where it wants to

go. Then it is the job of the Town Manager to implement these projects.

Mr. Grier gave an update on various projects. The Quail Valley Well Site Project (CDBG) has just been tested and instead of 8 gpm it is now producing 110 gpm. The park project involving two wells will be starting shortly. At the February 17, 2015 Council meeting, the Council will be deciding what project(s) to do using the FY 2015 CDBG funds. Mr. Grier stated it is still his recommendation that the Council pursue the PW-2 well project utilizing general fund monies, and then use the CDBG monies to purchase the two Haught wells. This would insure water for the future of the Town.

Town Manager Grier stated the Council has been “much more aggressive” during the past several years in doing road projects. Mr. Grier also referenced the recent estimate from Mr. Haught in the amount of \$47,845.80 for additional repair of potholes, repair of edges of roads, and the guardrail on Valley Road Crossing.

**5. Discussion and possible action regarding installation of “splash pad” at the B. Diane McDaniel Community Park. Presentation by Vice-Mayor Binney.**

Vice-Mayor Binney stated he has researched splash pads during the past year and has found that they are very popular in the Valley. Mr. Binney stated a splash pad is cheaper to install and maintain than a swimming pool, but he has been unable to obtain a set figure on maintenance. Mr. Binney stated he has received cost estimates for installation ranging from \$45 to \$60 per square foot up \$150 to \$200 per square foot. Mr. Binney stated he would like the Council to commit to obtaining engineering drawings and then decide if the Town can afford a splash pad. Mr. Binney stated the Town can afford \$200,000, and that to date the Town has not spent any money on children. Mr. Binney stressed the need for an attraction that will draw children to the park.

Discussion followed concerning the general use of the park, the type of surface put on splash pads, whether the Council could justify spending up to \$200,000 for something children would use for a very short period of time during the year, the amount of space a splash pad would take up, and that this is something not to be considered now but rather at some time in the future. Town Manager Grier reminded the Council that it had previously committed to establishing a grassy area at the park this spring.

No motion was made.

**• 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.

Gary Rolf, 78 E. Buckskin Lane, Star Valley, stated he has heard a lot of discussion in the community about the park features, and it appears the general public is unaware of what is happening at the park. Mr. Rolf suggested the Council consider asking the people what they want at the park. Mr. Rolf said he knows the kids have not been asked as he has asked his neighborhood kids if they have been to the park and they all said they have not. Mr. Rolf recommended if the town wants people to use the park it needs to find out what will draw the people. Mr. Rolf said he was involved in the facilitation of an 80 acre park in Glendale which included a splash pad and water features, and it was “a total success.”

However, Mr. Rolf said it usage was dependent on temperature. Mr. Rolf said the one question that is asked of him often is why there is no basketball court, or what the kids ask for. Mr. Rolf asked if anyone has asked the community what it wants at the park.

There were no further public comments, and the Mayor then closed the public comments section of the meeting.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.**

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**Lois V. Johnson, Town Clerk**