

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

**Tuesday, May 19, 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 Dave Barber of Star Valley Baptist Church
- 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  .

- **GILA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT FOR APRIL, 2015.**

Lt. Tim Scott of the Gila County Sheriff's Office gave the report for April, 2015.

- **HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT REPORT FOR APRIL, 2015.**

Fire Chief Dave Bathke of Hellsgate Fire District gave the report for April, 2015.

- **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 May 5, 2015.**

- B. Approval of Claims Payable from May 1, 2015 through May 15, 2015 for the General Fund and for the Water Department.**

A motion to approve consent agenda items A and B was made by Vice-Mayor Binney,artwell and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell;;.

A roll call vote 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. Town Manager's Five Minute Report, and possible discussion.**

Town Manager Tim Grier gave an update on completed projects and the cost of such projects. Mr. Grier reported Council has approved contributions to the 2015 Spring and Fall Rodeos in the amount of \$1,400; \$500.00 to Payson Little League; \$1,500 to the Chamber of Commerce for the Business Show Case; \$100 to the Payson Food Bank; and \$30,000 to Meals on Wheels and Senior Ridership Program.

Mr. Grier reported projects completed at the park are the grass and connecting the electricity at the group area ramada; fence around the volleyball area; the boulders have been moved to increase parking area; bricks have been ordered; the new entrance sign which cost \$4,800 (and includes the previous sign which cost \$500.00) has been completed. The two wells at the park are now fully operational and provide 50 gpm, which will provide a backup to the Knolls.

Town Manager Grier stated the streets and roads projects were broken down into three phases, and required warmer weather before they could be undertaken. The chip seal project has been undertaken at the Knolls/Pine Ridge area, and also in the Houston Creek area. Referencing the Sprague Crossing project, Mr. Grier stated the endangered snake survey, at a cost of \$6,600, is underway, and the easement was received as of the date of this meeting from the VanSickles.

Town Manager Grier stated a head wall has been placed on Flint, and the guard rails have been placed on Valley Road. Mr. Grier stated \$298,165 has been spent on streets and roads projects in the last year.

Town Manager Grier reported water projects include the Park well development program at a cost of \$46,000, half of which was paid for by the County. The Knolls fire pump had to be rehabbed (\$2,000), and a water test was done on the Milky Way well site.

Mr. Grier stated that \$60,000 has been designated as leverage money for the CDBG # 2 – Quail Valley Well Site project. In addition, CDBG # 3 – purchase of the 2 Haught wells, may require \$120,000 in leverage money. Mr. Grier reported that water projects in the last year total \$230,745.

Mr. Grier summarized that the total spent in the last eight months on projects totals \$602,410.

**2. Discussion, public hearing and possible action regarding a Conditional Use Permit in CASE NO: CUP 15-01; WASTE MATTERS INC., the applicant. The location of the property is 61 Moonlight Drive, Star Valley, AZ 85541. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 302-57-052H, Star Valley, AZ. The property is currently zoned Commercial 3 (C-3).**

Town Manager Grier explained the Conditional Use Permit process. Mr. Grier also pointed out that the subject property is zoned C-3, the highest commercial use zoning in Star Valley. Since the zoning does not define the use for which the property wishes to pursue, the owner is requesting the issuance of a conditional use permit, which the Council will need to approve or disapprove, and if approved the Council may impose conditions upon the use, including a time period.

Town Manager Grier stated Town staff as complied with all legal requirements for notification; the Planning and Zoning Commission held a meeting to consider the request for a conditional use permit and recommended that Council issue the permit; Town staff reviewed the application and also recommended issuance of the permit for the requested use, with 3 conditions of (1) that the area is enclosed; (2) that odor is contained; and (3) that there is a cement floor on the building in question.

Douglas Thorne, 318 Moonlight, Star Valley, stated he is a Grade 4 Waste Water Operator, and that he has been talking with the ADEQ Waste Water Department. This department told him that any type of

dumping of solvent waste has to have a permit. This permit prevents any of the sludge or waste getting into the ground water. Mr. Thorne also discussed control of air quality and odor, and that there could be no washing of waste into the wash, and also federal requirements for dumping of solid waste within 200 feet of a dry wash. Mr. Thorne also expressed concern for the well which Star Valley “bought” which is within 200 feet.

Council Member O’Connor stated it was his understanding that the building would be on a concrete slab, and that there would be no discharge.

Roy Haught, 345 Garrels, Star Valley, on behalf of Waste Matters Inc., the applicant, stated there would be an enclosed building on a cement slab, the garbage will be transferred from the building to roll offs and then taken to Camp Verde, and it will all be done inside the building. Mr. Haught stated this is not a recycling station, but the recycling will be done in Camp Verde. Mr. Haught stated they will operate under the ADEQ rules, and inspections will be performed as required and if Waste Matters does not meet their standards, they can be shut down.

Council Member O’Connor asked Mr. Haught if he had a problem with any of the conditions suggested by Town staff, and Mr. Haught replied that he did not. Vice-Mayor Binney asked Mr. Haught if any of the neighbors had complained since the first CUP was issued to Waste Matters several years ago. Mr. Haught said he had not received any complaints.

Mr. Haught stated there is an existing metal shed on the property and sides and a door will be added to it. Mr. Haught stated a deodorizer will be utilized to control the odor. Mr. Haught confirmed that the trucks will collect the garbage, return to the location at 61 Moonlight Drive, unload, and then the roll offs will be loaded and transfer the garbage to Camp Verde – it will not be stored in Star Valley. Mr. Haught agreed that there will be no pollution, no contamination of the ground, no odor, and noise will not be an issue. Mr. Haught also stated he understood that if any of the conditions were violated the permit would be revoked.

**A motion that the Council authorize the issuance of a Conditional use Permit to Waste Matters Inc., with the conditions (1) control of odor; (2) the refuse be placed in a contained building for pick-up and transfer; and (3) concrete slab with curbs for the base of the building for the property located at 61 Moonlight Drive, Star Valley, AZ 85541 for a period of five years was made by Vice-Mayor Binney, and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell.**

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

**3. Discussion and possible action concerning Resolution No. R 15-06 captioned as follows: A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, Appointing Laura Ann Bartlett as a Director of the Rim Country Educational Alliance Separate Legal Entity to Replace James Scheidt.**

Council Member McKinney stated he had no knowledge of Laura Ann Bartlett, and questioned as to whether or not there were any other candidates. Town Manager Grier explained that for an individual to be considered for this position on the SLE they must meet the requirements of the investment group and are then placed on a list. Ms. Bartlett has met these requirements, and therefore her name was submitted for consideration by the Council.

Discussion followed concerning the manner in which the SLE operates, including the fact that many of the directors recently resigned and therefore it is imperative these positions be filled, officers elected and the board be in a position to move forward.

**A motion that the Council adopt Resolution No. R 15-06 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, Appointing Laura Ann Bartlett as a Director to the Rim Country Educational Alliance Separate Legal Entity to Replace James Scheidt was made by Council Member Hartwell, and was seconded by Council Member Coon.**

**The motion was voted on and the tally was 5 – 2.**

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

**Mayor McDaniel Yes, Vice-Mayor Binney Yes, Council Member Hartwell Yes, Council Member Henderson Yes, Council Member Coon Yes, Council Member McKinney No, Council Member O'Connor No.**

**The motion passed 5 – 2.**

**4. Discussion and possible action on Resolutions No. R 15-07 through R 15-18 for tribal gaming fund grants.**

Town Clerk Lois Johnson stated these resolutions were being requested to be approved by the Council so grant requests can be submitted to the various Indian tribes for a portion of their Prop 202 gaming proceeds. Town Clerk Johnson stated no funds were received last year. Any funds received are allocated for law enforcement costs for the Town.

**A motion that the Council approve Resolutions No. R 15-07 through R 15-18 authorizing the Town Manager to apply for Tribal Gaming Fund Grants was made by Council Member Coon, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson.**

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

**5. Discussion and possible action regarding “Welcome Signs” for the Town. Status report by the Welcome Sign Committee.**

Council Member Gary Coon, representing the Welcome Sign Committee, stated the Council books contained the latest drawings from the Committee. Mr. Coon pointed out these signs contained just the basic items, and the proposed size is 12 feet wide at the base and 8 to 8 ½ feet high. The letters would be 16 to 18 inches high. Still at issue is whether the base should be solid or be posts.

Council Member Hartwell suggested the Council also consider doing the welcome signs similar to the new park sign. Council Member Coon stated the park sign had more stone, which would make it more costly.

Council Member Coon stated the next step is to agree on a basic plan for the signs, and then meet with Ironhorse to design the lettering on the signs. The stone would also have to be decided on.

Teresa McQuerrey, reporter for the Payson Roundup, suggested if the Council chooses the post design, they might consider placing hooks on it and placing promotional event banners on the signs.

Discussion followed concerning the design of the sign and how to proceed. Mayor McDaniel suggested that Town staff work on this project and produce a proposed final draft and price for approval by the Council. Mayor McDaniel proposed Council Member Coon work with Town Manager Grier to produce the final draft.

**6. Discussion and possible action regarding attendance at 2015 League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference (August 18-21, 2015 in Tucson, AZ), including which Council Members are attending and expenses to be paid by the Town.**

Council Members Hartwell, Henderson and Coon indicated they will be attending. Mayor McDaniel, Vice-Mayor Binney, and Council Members McKinney and O'Connor indicated they would not be attending.

**A motion that the Council authorize Town staff to register Council Members Coon, Henderson, and Hartwell, and Town Manager Grier to attend the 2015 League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference, and that the Council Members' and Town Manager's registration and accommodation expenses be paid by the Town, but not for the spouses was made by Council Member Hartwell, and was seconded by Council Member Coon.**

**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 Henderson, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.**

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**Lois V. Johnson, Town Clerk**