

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

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
3675 East Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ
(Star Valley Town Hall)**

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- PRAYER was offered by Rev. Carl Peterson of Payson United Methodist Church
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CALL TO ORDER

- 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 .

- **HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2016.**

Deputy Chief Wisner of Hellsgate Fire District gave the report for October, 2016.

- **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 November 1, 2016.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from November 1, 2016 through November 15, 2016 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 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. **Discussion and public hearing regarding the use of FY2017 Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds.**

Finance Administrator Chancy Nutt stated this is the first public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant funds for Fiscal Year 2017. This grant money is intended for the benefit of low to moderate income areas, in the form of infrastructure, storm drainage, and Senior Center type projects, explained Ms. Nutt, and she hopes Council will consider the projects previously discussed. Ms. Nutt stated the primary principal of the funds is to provide services and infrastructure improvement in low to moderate income areas of the community. The second principal of the funds is to provide jobs through those projects, preferably to local businesses. Ms. Nutt stated Senior Center programs and disabled person’s access type projects are considered outside of the strict regulation, and can be considered by Council.

A cornerstone of the CDBG project selection process is transparency through the life of the project, which is why the Town has public hearings, explained Ms. Nutt. This first public hearing is discussion only, and all ideas are welcome from Council, as well as members of the public. The second public hearing is when Council will select a project or projects, explained Ms. Nutt. The categories available for tonight’s discussion include infrastructure, improvement/maintenance, storm drainage and Senior Center projects. Reported Ms. Nutt, during a meeting with the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH), staff had been informed ADOH no longer implements restrictions or rating of projects, giving Council the ability to discuss each project with equal opportunity. The staff will prepare the ADOH application in-house for the first time, stated Ms. Nutt, and our expected contract date is the end of 2017. During the application approval process, the town will carry out the required low to moderate survey, and environmental review, as well as complying with all regulations and procedures required by ADOH.

Town Manager Tim Grier stated this is the beginning of the next CDBG project, which will be administered by staff, with some possible assistance from Woodson Engineering. There is a timeframe, stated Mr. Grier, and Council will need to make a decision at the December 20, 2016 Council Meeting. Staff has two suggested projects for Council consideration, reported Mr. Grier, the first is Moonlight crossing, and the second is storm drainage. Council Member Coon asked how much grant money is available. Ms. Nutt responded it is a \$265,000.00 project fund, and the Town can use up to 18% of the fund for administration. Mr. Grier pointed out this 18% is saved if the Town can administer the grant with existing staff.

Council Member Binney stated he is for the Moonlight Crossing project, as the Town has already put money into it, and it would be a fast project. Town Manager Grier agreed with Mr. Binney that the project Council chooses should not be complicated, but stated he is not sure what that project would be. Council Member Binney stated the Town can’t do flood control without an engineering study for retention basins. Council Member McKinney questioned if the B. Diane McDaniel Community Park would fall in the low to moderate category. Mr. Grier stated he is not certain, as projects are no longer rated, and ADOH does not look unfavorably on parks. Council Member Henderson questioned if a drainage study could be incorporated into the Moonlight crossing project. Mr. Grier responded drainage is a problem that the Town has not addressed, and he is not sure how the Town would tackle the issue. Mayor McDaniel stated he believes drainage issues would be endless, and feels the Town should spend the grant money in a wiser way.

The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting up for public comments.

Ed Baumgarten of 200 E. Quail Hollow Drive in Star Valley stated he feels the Council would be wasting money on the Moonlight crossing project, and thinks the Town could be using grant money for beautification projects. When he moved here 23 years ago, stated Mr. Baumgarten, his neighborhood was beautiful. It is going down hill. If the Town doesn't take care of their property, why should the residents, stated Mr. Baumgarten.

There were no further public comments, and the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

- **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.

The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting up for public comments.

James Haggard, owner of JD & JL Lock Shop located at 190 Cornerstone Way in Star Valley, stated he received a certified letter from the Town regarding obtaining a business license. Mr. Haggard explained to Council that this is the slow time of year for his business, and he cannot afford to pay for a license. He then asked Council if they would consider changing licensing to a fiscal year, rather than a calendar year.

Ed Baumgarten of 200 E. Quail Hollow Dr. in Star Valley asked if the Town could take care of trimming weeds on vacant lots.

Town Manager Tim Grier responded he understands Mr. Baumgarten's concern, and Star Valley is not the only Town that struggles with cleanup of vacant lots. It is a question of whether or not the Town has the authority to go onto private property and clean it up, stated Mr. Grier. It also becomes a huge financial burden on the Town. There is not an easy answer to this problem, admitted Mr. Grier.

There were no further public comments, and the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.

APPROVED:

Ronnie O. McDaniel, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Edie Chapin, 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 15th day of November, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2016.

Edie Chapin, Town Clerk