

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

**Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 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 Council Member Andy McKinney
- 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 .

- **GILA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER, 2016.**

Lt. Tim Scott of the Gila County Sheriff's Office gave the report for November, 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 15, 2016.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from November 16, 2016 through November 30, 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 Henderson, 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. Presentation by Mayor McDaniel recognizing Vice Mayor George Binney for his eight years of service.**

Town Manager Grier stated the Town Council and staff will miss Vice Mayor Binney in many ways. He was always well prepared, worked diligently, and with the integrity of doing what was best for the Town of Star Valley. Vice Mayor Binney stated he enjoyed the position 99% of the time, and thanked the Council and staff for making the job fairly easy. Council Member Henderson stated it would not be the same without him. Mayor McDaniel presented Mr. Binney with the Certificate of Recognition and thanked him for the wonderful job he has done.

- 2. The Honorable Dorothy Little, Star Valley Magistrate, will administer the Oath of Office to:**

- 1) Gary Coon, Council Member**
- 2) Barbara Hartwell, Council Member**
- 3) Bobby Davis, Council Member**

The Honorable Dorothy Little of the Star Valley Magistrate Court administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Gary Coon, Barbara Hartwell and Bobby Davis. The new Council was seated.

- 3. Discussion and possible action regarding selection of Vice Mayor.**

Council Member Hartwell nominated Council Member Coon. Council Member O'Connor nominated Council Member Henderson. Council Member Davis seconded the nomination for Council Member Henderson. Council Member McKinney seconded the nomination for Council Member Coon. The Mayor allowed each nominee to speak. Council Member Coon stated he appreciates being nominated, and if selected, he would be honored to serve as Vice Mayor. Council Member Henderson stated she has an in-depth knowledge of the people and demographics of Star Valley, which would enable her to do a good job as Vice Mayor, and she too is honored by the nomination. A written vote was then taken. Mayor McDaniel proceeded to read the votes aloud.

Council Member Henderson was selected as the Vice Mayor by a vote of 4 – 3.

- 4. Discussion and possible action regarding reappointment of Jon R. Cline as a Director of the Separate Legal Entity (“SLE”).**

Jon R. Cline stated he has enjoyed his tenure with the Rim Country Educational Alliance (“RCEA”), and would like to stick around to bring the University project to completion. He appreciates the Town’s support and notified Council that Gary Cordell, President of Rim Country Educational Foundation, will give a brief report as to the status of the University project. Gary Cordell stated the progress for the University Campus site has been good up to this point. The road was successfully completed last week, and the next phase would be input from the undetermined University partner - the goal being to come to a financial agreement. Mr. Cordell explained, phase 1 of building would include an Academic Building, and two Student Housing buildings, which would accommodate 300-348 beds. Council Member Davis questioned if the SLE is negotiating with any other University besides ASU. Mr. Cordell responded, the SLE is not allowed to do that until negotiations with ASU are completed. Council Member Coon asked if there were any other options. Mr. Cordell stated he cannot disclose the other options, but that the preference is ASU. He then recommended the reappointment of Jon Cline.

A motion that Council reappoint Jon R. Cline as a Director of the SLE for an additional three year term, was made by Council Member Henderson, and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor McDaniel Yes, Vice-Mayor Henderson Yes, Council Member Hartwell Yes, Council Member Coon Yes, Council Member McKinney Yes, Council Member O'Connor Yes, Council Member Davis Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Robert Ingram or Ted Pettet as a Director of the Separate Legal Entity (“SLE”) to replace the open position left by Laura Bartlett.

Mayor McDaniel recused himself from the vote due to his friendship with Ted Pettet, but stated he respects both gentlemen. Ted Pettet stated his history and background is in education, and that he has lived in Payson and Star Valley for 58 years. Robert Ingram stated he has been in Payson for 34 years and is retired from the Forest Service. He has been involved since the very beginning, and would like to continue his involvement. Council Member McKinney asked both candidates if they would be willing to update Council on a periodic basis. Mr. Ingram and Mr. Pettet each replied they would be willing to do so. Council Member O'Connor stated he is concerned with the vagueness of the project and would like to be given updates from the SLE whenever possible. Council Member Henderson stated although Mr. Ingram's knowledge of the bureaucracy and the regulations could be an asset, her vote is leaning towards Ted Pettet. Council Member Davis stated that both individuals are very qualified for this position, but that since Ted Pettet is a Star Valley citizen, he is leaning towards the Star Valley connection.

A motion that Council appoint Ted Pettet as a Director of the SLE to replace the open position left by Laura Bartlett, was made by Council Member O'Connor, and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor McDaniel recused, Council Member Hartwell Yes, Council Member Henderson Yes, Council Member Coon Yes, Council Member McKinney No, Council Member O'Connor Yes, Council Member Davis Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 5 - 1.

• 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.

Ray Lions of Star Valley thanked Council and staff for the gift basket during his recent hospital stay.

Hector Figueroa, Attorney for the Town of Payson, stated he appreciates the opportunity to represent the RCEA, and serve the communities of Payson and Star Valley.

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 Hartwell, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

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 6th day of December, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2016.

Edie Chapin, Town Clerk