

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

**Tuesday, January 3, 2017 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 Rev. Carl Peterson of Payson United Methodist Church
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CALL TO ORDER

- ROLL CALL:

Mayor McDaniel X, Council Member Hartwell X, Council Member Coon X, Council Member McKinney X, Council Member O'Connor X, Council Member Davis 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 December 20, 2016 and approval of the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on December 22, 2016.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from December 16, 2016 through December 31, 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 Hartwell, and was seconded by Council Member O'Connor.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor McDaniel X, Council Member Hartwell X, Council Member Coon X, Council Member McKinney X, Council Member O'Connor X, Council Member Davis X.

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.

- **PROCLAMATION:**

1. Proclaiming March 22, 2017 as the First Responder Day of Prayer and Appreciation.

The Town Clerk, Edie Chapin, read the proclamation for the Council and Public (see agenda packet information).

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding Moonlight Crossing.**

Council Member McKinney stated Council has been discussing the completion of Moonlight crossing for a couple years, and that it is incumbent upon Council to move forward with this project. Council Member Davis proposed a recommendation that Roy Haught be hired to plow and clear Moonlight crossing, after a major watershed. Council Member Hartwell stated it's time to appoint a committee to study the options on Moonlight crossing, and complete this project. Council Member O'Connor stated putting in this crossing for Moonlight won't allow the citizens to get in, or out, any sooner, as it is a level crossing. When the water level is high, explained Council Member O'Connor, the neighborhood is landlocked, crossing or not. Stated Council Member O'Connor, this issue can't be fixed with a crossing, and by doing a study, we would not find out any more than what we already know. Council Member O'Connor suggested tabling this discussion, as he is not sure the crossing is the best solution, and that what might resolve the problem is to set up a maintenance program for Moonlight crossing. Mayor McDaniel concurred with Council Member O'Connor. Council Member Davis stated he agrees with Council Member O'Connor, and that Council should direct staff to set up a maintenance program. Council Member Coon stated that Council should regroup, and take a second look at this project, especially considering the cost.

A motion that Council direct staff to work out a maintenance program, and table this discussion until the February 6, 2017 Council Meeting, was made by Council Member Davis, and was seconded by Council Member McKinney.

The motion was voted on and passed 6 – 0.

- 2. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of a Council Member to fill the vacant Council seat.**

Town Manager Grier stated the Town Code requires that Council appoint a Council Member within thirty days of the vacancy, but not sooner than the first meeting following the vacancy. If Council is unable to appoint, then a Special Election would be required, at the cost of an estimated \$10,000.00. The appointed or elected individual would fill the vacant Council seat until the even numbered year of the next General Election, reported Mr. Grier, which would be 2018. Council Member Hartwell asked for commentary from the candidates. Candidate Susie Johnson stated she has lived in Star Valley for twelve years, and would like the opportunity to step in and represent the community. Candidate Jeff Provencher stated he has lived in Star Valley for six years, and feels that he is the right person for the position. Candidate Larry Stephenson stated he has lived in Star Valley for fifteen years, and is honored to be considered for the position. Candidate Scott Helmer stated Star Valley has some challenges ahead, and feels he has something to offer the position, and would be honored to serve the Town. Candidate George Binney stated the Council seat position is only for an 18 month period, which is not enough time for a newcomer to learn the ins and outs, and as a former Council Member, he has the experience. Town Manager Grier explained the nomination process requires a motion, and a second – if there is no second, the motion does not go forward – if there is a second, a roll call vote is taken. If not elected by a majority, which is 4 votes, the next nomination is entertained after that, reported Mr. Grier.

A motion that Council nominate Scott Helmer, was made by Council Member McKinney. There was no second, and the motion died. A motion that Council nominate Susie Johnson, was made by Council Member Hartwell, and was seconded by Council Member Coon.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was denied 4 – 2.

A motion that Council nominate Larry Stephenson, was made by Council Member O'Connor, and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor McDaniel 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 6 – 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.

The Mayor opened up the public comments portion; there were no 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 Coon.

The motion was voted on and passed 6 – 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 3rd day of January, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2017.

Eddie Chapin, Town Clerk