

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

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018 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 Pastor Dixie Neal of Payson First Church of the Nazarene.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CALL TO ORDER

- ROLL CALL:

Mayor McDaniel   X  , Vice Mayor O'Connor   X  , Council Member Coon   X  , Council Member McKinney   X  , Council Member Davis   X  , Council Member Stephenson   X  , Council Member Armington   X  .

- **HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT REPORT FOR MARCH 2018**

Hellsgate Fire District was not in attendance.

- **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 April 3, 2018.**

**B. Approval of Claims Payable from April 1, 2018 through April 15, 2018 for the General Fund and for the Water Department.**

**A motion to approve consent agenda items A and B was made by Council Member Stephenson and was seconded by Council Member Davis.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

**Mayor McDaniel   X  , Vice Mayor O'Connor   X  , Council Member Coon   X  , Council Member McKinney   X  , Council Member Davis   X  , Council Member Stephenson   X  , Council Member Armington   X  .**

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

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. Town Manager’s report on traffic citations being cited to the Star Valley Magistrate Court.**

Town Manager Grier stated at the last council meeting there was a question as to whether citations issued in Star Valley were being cited into the Star Valley Magistrate Court (“Magistrate Court”). The concern being the Town is paying through the contract with Gila County and if the citations are not being cited into the Magistrate Court the monies are then going to Gila County. Mr. Grier reported he met with Lt. Scott and Judge Little on the issue. Lt. Scott believes most of the Star Valley citations are being cited into the Magistrate Court, stated Mr. Grier, and that the officers now have a form that has a check box to prevent errors. Lt. Scott is researching and will provide the Town with the amount of stops and citations issued into the Magistrate Court, stated Mr. Grier.

Mr. Grier reported he met with Judge Little and that it is impossible for her to know. The reason being there are still fines trickling in from photo enforcement tickets and she doesn’t have a way to parcel out a citation written last week from a citation from photo enforcement. Citations are divided about 20 different ways, stated Mr. Grier, the fees the Town receives are minimal, and there are not a lot of tickets issued. Mr. Grier stated he does not think it’s an issue of concern for the Town. He does hope Lt. Scott is correct and most of the tickets are in fact being cited into the Magistrate Court. Explained Mr. Grier, in addition to the impact of the fines being divided so many ways, it is watered down further by the IGA contract with Gila County to administer our court system. The cost of that is determined by the amount of tickets that are written. The more tickets written, the higher the cost we pay on the IGA, further deluding the amount of money the Town receives from the tickets. Concluded Mr. Grier – we are not talking about enough money to make any difference based on the facts, and the hope is the officers are doing much better at citing into the Magistrate Court.

Vice Mayor O’Connor stated he has a problem with not getting the information from Lt. Scott. The Town is paying Gila County for the service of the Sheriff’s Office, but not receiving service in return, pointed out Vice Mayor O’Connor. We don’t know that it’s not being done, answered Mr. Grier, and hope that it is being done. Mr. Grier pointed out that Lt. Scott answered confidently that the citations are being done correctly since the forms have been changed and that he will follow-up with Lt. Scott. Council Member Stephenson stated he appreciated the clarification.

- 2. Discussion and possible action regarding Home Rule Option for the 2018 consolidated election. Presentation by Edie Chapin, the Town’s Election Official.**

Town Manager Grier stated Home Rule is coming up on the next election and is an extremely important issue for the Town. Staff is not able to politic for or against Home Rule, pointed out Mr. Grier, and it would be very difficult for Star Valley to continue to operate as it does if for some reason Home Rule does not pass. Town Clerk Chapin stated the 2018 Primary Election will be held on August 28, 2018, and one of the ballot issues is renewal of the Home Rule Option. Notice has been published for the first public hearing tonight, and a second special meeting on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. After the second public hearing Council will vote on whether to renew the Home Rule Option and adopt a Resolution authorizing placing the extension of Home Rule on the 2018 election ballot. Explained Ms. Chapin, after passage of the Resolution, the record of votes will be published along with the amount of expenditures exceeding the state-imposed limitation and purposes for the excess. Required information will be submitted to the Auditor General’s (“AG’s”) Office by or before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Chapin stated she is working with Runbeck Printers for the printing of the publicity pamphlets. A draft will be sent to the AG’s Office for review and comment prior to printing. Once

approval is received from the AG's Office, the pamphlet will be printed. Distribution of pamphlets will occur between July 26 and August 17 (the deadline). Ms. Chapin informed Council that the state-imposed expenditure limit for fiscal year 2019/2020 is \$2,631,866. The Town expenditure estimate for the same fiscal year is \$6,788,151.

Stated Ms. Chapin, Town staff cannot take a position on Home Rule or give information to the public concerning Home Rule, but Council can and should. Council has been provided with basic information regarding Home Rule, stated Ms. Chapin. Mayor McDaniel stated Home Rule is very important and the Town couldn't exist without it. Council Member McKinney stated if Home Rule is passed then Star Valley will be able to determine its own destiny – if not passed our destiny will be determined by the State of Arizona. Council Member Stephenson asked who authors the material for the pamphlet. Town Manager Grier responded it's a cut and paste from the language that has been used before and the suggested template that all towns and cities use. Council Member Stephenson asked if there is assistance from the League of Cities and Towns. They would assist the Town with this if necessary, answered Mr. Grier.

**3. The first of two public hearings on Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule).**

Mayor McDaniel opened the hearing to the public. There were no comments and the Mayor closed the hearing to the public.

**4. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 18-04 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between Gila County and the Town of Star Valley for the “Summer Work Program.”**

Town Manger Grier stated if Council wishes to go forward with the “Summer Work Program” the Intergovernmental Agreement needs to be approved.

**A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 18-04 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, authorizing the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Gila County and the Town of Star Valley for the “Summer Work Program” was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Stephenson.**

Mayor McDaniel asked about the Town hiring youth from Star Valley. Mr. Grier answered the Town will pursue Star Valley youth and the preference is to hire older youth capable of handling a weed whacker. Council Member Armington mentioned at the last council meeting it was discussed to hire on another staff member to supervise the kids. Mr. Grier answered the strategy will be to supervise with the existing staff.

**A roll call vote was taken:**

**Mayor McDaniel Yes, Vice Mayor O'Connor Yes, Council Member Coon Yes, Council Member McKinney Yes, Council Member Davis Yes, Council Member Stephenson Yes, Council Member Armington Yes.**

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

**5. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 18-05 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona approving the zoning change for CASE NO: RZ18-001; Jonathan & Amanda Barwood, the applicants.**

Operations Superintendent Rippy explained the zoning change request was brought to the Town by North Star and that it only affects the property at 849 Moonlight Dr. The applicants are doing a lot

line adjustment and would like to make one lot less than an acre. To do so requires a zoning change from Rural Residential (RR) to Residential 1 (R1), which is harmonious with the neighborhood. Stated Mr. Rippy, Town staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommend Council grant this zoning change. **A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 18-05 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona approving the zoning change for CASE NO: RZ18-001; Jonathan & Amanda Barwood, the applicants was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Armington.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

**Mayor McDaniel Yes, Vice Mayor O’Connor Yes, Council Member Coon Yes, Council Member McKinney Yes, Council Member Davis Yes, Council Member Stephenson Yes, Council Member Armington Yes.**

**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.

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

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 Armington and was seconded by Council Member Davis.**

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

**APPROVED:**

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**Ronnie O. McDaniel, Mayor**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

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**Eddie 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.**

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**Eddie Chapin, Town Clerk**