

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

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 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
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 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 excused, Council Member Armington   X  .

- **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. Second Public Hearing on Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule).**

Finance Administrator Nutt explained since the Town incorporated in 2005 the residents of Star Valley have successfully passed Home Rule each cycle. This allows the locally elected officials to dictate budget policy and expenditure limits through the annual budget process. If Home Rule were not to pass in the 2018 cycle, the question of Home Rule would not be available until the next regularly scheduled election ballot – resulting in an annual budget decrease of 38 percent, reported Ms. Nutt. The consequences of state-imposed limitations, or NO to Home Rule, would require our annual expensed based budget to be cut to meet the state-imposed limitations. Within the first year it would reduce the budget by 4.1 million – severely limiting Town services, capital projects and the ability to respond to emergency situations. Reported Ms. Nutt, the state-imposed limitation does not limit revenues, only expenditures. The Towns contingency reserves would continue to increase, while services and projects would continue to decrease.

In 1980, explained Ms. Nutt, the state legislature acknowledged that the state-imposed limitations formula does not consider an individual jurisdictions revenue sources and service levels. An amendment to the constitution was made allowing residents to adopt Home Rule, or YES to Home Rule. This allows the Town to adopt its own budget limits based on local needs, services and revenues available. The Town of Star Valley has successfully operated under Home Rule for 13 consecutive years which was approved by the voters in 2008, 2012 and again in 2014. We are seeking approval of Home Rule in the 2018 cycle to continue operating our budget that meets local needs and is dictated by local officials, stated Ms. Nutt.

Town Clerk Chapin stated this is the second Public Hearing for Home Rule and that she has provided Council with a Home Rule Election Calendar from the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. Council will vote, immediately after the second Public Hearing, on whether to adopt a resolution authorizing placing the extension of Home Rule on the 2018 ballot. Explained Ms. Chapin, the record of vote will then be published in the Payson Roundup and the required information will be submitted to the Auditor General's (AG's) Office for review. After we receive the review from the AG's Office and

arguments for or against alternative expenditure limitation, the Town will complete preparation of the publicity pamphlet and send a draft to the AG's office for review and comment prior to printing. The printer will mail out the publicity pamphlets starting July 26<sup>th</sup> and the primary election will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup>, reported Ms. Chapin. Council Member Armington asked why the dates on the calendar do not coincide. Ms. Chapin answered they are suggested dates. Mayor McDaniel opened this discussion item up for the second Public Hearing on Home rule. There were no public comments and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

**2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 18-06 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona proposing an extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule).**

**A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 18-06 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona proposing an extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Council Member Davis.**

**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 excused, Council Member Armington 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 this portion of the meeting up for public comments.

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

**• ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Mayor O'Connor and was seconded by Council Member Davis.**

**The motion was voted on and passed 6 – 0.**

**APPROVED:**

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**Ronnie O. McDaniel, Mayor**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Edie Chapin, Town Clerk**

**CERTIFICATION:**

**I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Star Valley held on the 24<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 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.**

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**Edie Chapin, Town Clerk**