

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

**Tuesday, June 5, 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 Rev. Carl Peterson of Payson United Methodist Church.
- 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 .

- **GILA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT FOR MAY 2018**

Lt. Scott with the Gila County Sheriff's Office gave the report for May 2018.

- **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 May 15, 2018.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from May 16, 2018 through May 31, 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 Coon 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. Presentation by Community Garden Committee Member Glen McCombs.**

Glen McCombs announced the development stage of the community garden is complete – the Town rented out quite a few plots and has a whole bunch of happy gardeners. The Community Garden Committee had initially requested a \$26,682.26 development budget, reported Mr. McCombs. With additional expenditures the development budget total came to \$30,560.06. The total cost to the Town was \$17,715.06 due to the receipt of \$12,845.00 in revenue and donations. In typical Star Valley fashion, stated Mr. McCombs, folks donated their time and labor to the garden. Mr. McCombs informed Council the garden is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. He then introduced the Garden Committee Members – Glen Kuhl, Becky O’Connor and George Binney – who have all donated tons of labor and material to the garden. Mr. McCombs estimated the cost of the garden would have been around \$60,000 to \$70,000 without the donated labor and materials. Reported Mr. McCombs, \$2,645.00 in revenue has been collected with 44 of the 62 garden plots rented – the garden is at 71% capacity which is phenomenal. The garden now has four 4’ x 4’ handicap accessible gardens, reported Mr. McCombs. Mayor McDaniel stated he has heard nothing but compliments on the garden. Council Member Stephenson asked Mr. McCombs what wasn’t included in the budget that he wishes would have been. Mr. McCombs answered he has a list of 20 or so non-budgeted items the committee didn’t realize were needed, such as the purchase and install of the shed. Council Member McKinney asked about the planting of the fruit trees. Mr. McCombs responded the committee will be meeting next week to discuss the problem with planting the fruit trees in solid rock, and the possibility of installing a shade structure instead.

Council Member Davis stated he is very impressed with the community garden and thanked Mr. McCombs and the committee. It is one of the cherished items in Star Valley, stated Council Member Davis, everyone is talking about it, it is a beautiful place. Council Member Coon asked if there have been any vandalism issues. There have been almost no negatives, responded Mr. McCombs. One of the negatives has been folks visiting Circle K smoking cigarettes by the garden. Town Manager Grier encouraged everyone to visit the garden. He commended the committee on their budget consciousness and stated the Town would not have been able to do this project without the volunteers. Mr. Grier reported there are spaces available, two of which are donated spaces for anyone who cannot afford the rental cost. There will be ongoing expenses, reported Mr. Grier, and the Town will mitigate the issue of people walking dogs in the area with 4-foot fencing. The project is under budget and, advocated Mr. Grier, he would like to see a shade structure and a 4-foot fence installed. Council Member Coon asked if the plot automatically goes with the gardener each year. Mr. McCombs responded gardeners will be required to renew their plots by the deadline date, which would be the first of the year. Mr. McCombs reported there has been no problem with not setting a bunch of rules and the committee will be changing some of the initial rules that are not necessary. Council Member Armington asked if the committee would be interested in manure donations. Mr. McCombs answered the committee has discussed this and they are not interested in stockpiling manure, but he would be interested in taking the names of those who would like to donate manure for gardeners to pick-up.

- 2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 18-07 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona authorizing the Town Manager to apply for funds from the Tohono O’odham Nation and providing for the expenditure of such funds.**

Council Member Stephenson clarified some of the tribes require a Resolution before the fact, some after the fact and that they all vary. This tribe requires a Resolution with the application.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 18-07 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona authorizing the Town Manager to apply for funds from the Tohono O’odham Nation and providing for the expenditure of such funds was made by Council Member Stephenson and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.

3. Public hearing, discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 18-08 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona adopting estimates of revenues and expenditures/expenses shown on the schedules attached as the tentative budget of the Town of Star Valley for the fiscal year 2018/2019. Presentation by Finance Administrator Chancy Nutt and Town Manager Tim Grier.

Finance Administrator Nutt thanked Council for the opportunity to present the proposed tentative budget for fiscal year 2018/2019. The budget process, explained Ms. Nutt, provides clarity and ensures understanding of where the Town is financially and that we are moving into the new fiscal year in a unified way. It is one of the several tools we use throughout the year to depict our values and priorities to the community. Our annual budget provides the financial structure for operations, improvements and services this year and into the following. The information in Council packets (see attached) is for the fiscal year 2018/2019 tentative budget. This is a balanced expenditure-based budget that meets the state requirements and, stated Ms. Nutt, she is asking Council to adopt the tentative budget with any changes they see fit in the form of Resolution No. R 18-08. The tentative budget provides individual fund expenditure limits and while monies may be moved within the funds, they cannot exceed the limit set forth in the tentative budget. Ms. Nutt explained that the presentation satisfies statutory requirements; provides a venue for public participation in the budget process; allows Council to discuss specific budgeting points; and gives staff an opportunity to address changes and discuss capital improvement projects. In an expenditure-based budget reserves – also known as beginning fund balances – and effected revenues are made available through the correlating expenditure line items. Budgeting begins with what is most important to the Council as policy makers. This budget, explained Ms. Nutt, was drafted based on a discussion Council had in the four-year strategic plan meeting; the needs within the community; as well as corresponding operational expenditures. Tonight’s meeting is a public hearing and will be open to the public at the appropriate time for comment, explained Ms. Nutt. The Mayor will then close the public hearing portion of the tentative budget process and call for a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. R 18-08.

As stated earlier, explained Ms. Nutt, the tentative budget is based largely on the discussion Council had during the four-year strategic plan meeting. While the strategic plan gives long range understanding of our finances and our goals it is not the same as the annual budget. The annual budget is a detailed document required by State statute to be approved by Council in a public venue and submitted to the Auditor General, while the strategic plan is for internal management and planning purposes. The budget sets fund limits, while a strategic plan sets priorities. The Council directs management by adopting operation and capital improvement priorities within the annual budget and each department strives to achieve the goals and priorities set forth. Ms. Nutt explained that the budget is a formula and is the beginning fund balance – which is basically our savings account coming forward from the previous fiscal years plus the expected revenues within the new year minus the operational and personnel expenditures and the identified capital improvement projects – which gives us the ending fund balance,

which then moves forward to the future fiscal year. Reported Ms. Nutt, the tentative budget adopts limits by fund – Council can make changes as long as they do not exceed the fund balances set tonight – money can be moved around within the funds.

Reported Ms. Nutt, the funds that Star Valley holds are the general fund, restricted highway user funds, restricted court funds and the enterprise fund. Grant activity is assigned to the fund that the project will affect. Revisions to the open fiscal year ending June 2018 provide an updated fiscal position as we move into the fiscal year 2018/2019 beginning July 1st. The change in projected fiscal spending has a cascading effect on fund balance moving into fiscal year 2018/2019. Monitoring project budgets throughout the fiscal year, management can act to ensure project success or present suggestions to Council if corrective measures are necessary. Priority projects, explained Ms. Nutt, have been suggested in this tentative budget for Council review. Some projects and operation expenditures for fiscal year 2018 will end below estimates, others a little above, and still some will roll into 2018/2019 budget as timelines are adjusted. Priority management and inter-agency delays have slowed the time scale for some of our capital projects such as the hiking trail development. However, Roy Haught has been able to move forward with capital improvements on the roads and Council’s support to increase Town park playground equipment and to establish a community garden have increased our project list and further adjusted our project timelines. The current capital improvement plan timeline has been provided to Council for their review. Reported Ms. Nutt, the tentative budget also accounts for budget activities – Council Member Stephenson and Town Clerk Chapin have worked together to submit requests for funding for the Town park playground equipment and law enforcement funding support. Town Clerk Chapin continues to look for new funding sources to support the park and other Town functions. The Circle K well site has been completed and is pending final inspection by the Arizona Department of Housing. The well is in use and is supporting the Community Garden with an estimated 3,000 gallons used last month. The fiscal year 2017/2018 budget supported the Circle K well purchase and connection project for an additional \$35,000.00 in leveraged funds. Ms. Nutt reported the PW 1 & 2 is under way – which is the CDBG fiscal year 2017 project – which will be fully managed by Town Hall staff. The utility easements are recorded and a clean ERR has been submitted for the Arizona Department of Housing’s final review. The next step will be to procure an engineer for that project.

The fiscal year 2018/2019 budget funding sources, explained Ms. Nutt, are the state shared revenues both in the general fund and the highway users restricted fund. Local sales tax, investment interests, fines and permits, restricted county excise tax, restricted court funds, water service billing and grants. The operational fund budget is \$2,291,147.00 for the fiscal year 2018/2019. In the proposed general fund budget state shared funds are up \$22,000.00 over the final budget for fiscal year 2017, reported Ms. Nutt. The court fines collected after the end of the photo enforcement safety program – as tickets have trickled through the court and earnings have leveled – is a proposed \$14,000.00 in gross earnings for fiscal year 2018/2019. Local sales tax has continued to increase with an 8.4% collection increase in fiscal year 2017/2018 over collections of fiscal year 2016/2017, and a conservative collection estimate of \$355,000.00 in fiscal year 2018/2019. The Town’s CD investment policy, reported Ms. Nutt, continues to show returns at an estimate of \$46,000.00 at the end of fiscal year 2017/2018 and a projected 2.3% interest return in fiscal year 2018/2019. The restricted state shared HURF revenues collected in fiscal year 2017/2018 were 5.3% less than state estimates and a similar collection is estimated for fiscal year 2018/2019 at \$239,000.00. The Gila County excise tax also fell short of collection estimates for fiscal year 2017/2018 by 3.8% and has a similar collection estimate of \$145,000.00 for fiscal year 2018/2019. Reported Ms. Nutt, the total estimated restricted road fund revenue for the coming fiscal year is \$388,000.00.

Reported Ms. Nutt, the water department service billing funds continue to be steady and a predictable trend with an estimated collection of \$177,000.00 in the coming fiscal year. Grant activity continues with CDBG fiscal year 2017 funding water well development projects and Town Clerk Chapin pursues Proposition 202 and other funding sources for developing the Town park. The operation revenues proposed budget for fiscal year 2018/2019 is less than 1% greater than collections in fiscal year 2017/2018 – with a greater understanding of court collections and with otherwise strong gains in local tax collections, permits, fees and investment policy gains. Personnel services was less 1% of the fiscal year budget with a 5% budgeted increase in fiscal year 2018/2019. In other words, stated Ms. Nutt, we came in exactly where we thought we would be – with a small percentage difference – and we are budgeting in a 5% increase in the future fiscal year. Operational expenditures are less 80% of fiscal year 2017/2018 budget with a 22% budget increase for fiscal year 2018/2019. The sharp discrepancy in this fund, explained Ms. Nutt, is due to high cost events that are financially planned, but do not come to fruition – such as the cost of legal resources and engineering for unplanned purposes. Professional services were less 14% of fiscal year 2017/2018 budget with a small 3% budget increase for fiscal year 2018/2019 per adjustments to our IGA contract with Gila County. Capital outlay was 45% less for fiscal year 2017/2018 budget due to the shifting capital improvement project expenses and timelines. Reported Ms. Nutt, the proposed fiscal year 2018/2019 capital outlay budget is \$331,000.00 for capital improvements, operation and equipment. The Town continues to fund the rainy day at \$600,000.00 and has proposed a 10% increase in the fiscal year 2018/2019 contingency fund.

Council Member Stephenson asked for an explanation of the difference between the rainy-day and contingency funds. Ms. Nutt explained the rainy-day fund was set up by Council. It is a restricted use of funds in the general fund. Council deemed \$600,000.00 as appropriate to set aside and put restrictions on the money in case of three different types of emergencies – basically the health and welfare of the community and the extreme loss of revenues to continue funding operations. Those cases would be examined by the Council if they choose to move forward with using the funds. Any funds that came out of it would have to meet strict regulations. Ms. Nutt explained the contingency fund – by contrast – is within the general fund, it is still considered money set aside for unexpected events. The contingency fund should be considered our only resource in case of a true dire emergency. Town Manager Grier added there are no restrictions set on the contingency fund. As a side note, stated Ms. Nutt, Council is provided the opportunity to access the funds in Town Hall and also the funds expected to be gained. An expenditure-based budget means Council has the absolute right to access the funds as set forth in state statute.

Reported Ms. Nutt, the expenditure-based budget for this fiscal year is \$6,793,144.00 – which includes the beginning fund balance and expected revenues for the coming year. In reference to “Schedule A” the “All Funds Summary” (see handout) provides the projected operating revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2018/2019 – priority projects set by Council in the four-year strategic plan; additional capital projects identified by staff; and potential grant activities. The positive fund balance in fiscal year 2017/2018 has been brought forward to support the expense-based budget. The total of the “All Funds Summary” budget for fiscal year 2018/2019 is \$6,793,144.00. The state documents in the Council packet, explained Ms. Nutt, reflect the budget as staff has prepared in accordance with the state statute. The financial statements are compiled for Council review and if Council passes the tentative budget tonight, “Schedule A” will be published in the local newspaper, posted on the Town website and posted at Town Hall. The support documents will be available to the public for review at Town Hall and on the Town website, stated Ms. Nutt. If Council wishes to adjust the tentative budget, explained Ms. Nutt, they may do so through adoption of the tentative budget with set adjustments. Also, if Council chooses to adopt the tentative budget, adjustments can be made prior to adopting the final budget.

However, adjustments must not affect the total of the individual funds. After the public has had a chance to be heard and the Mayor has closed the public comment portion it is Ms. Nutt's request for Council to approve the proposed tentative budget for fiscal year 2018/2019 through the adoption of Resolution No. R 18-08.

Council Member Stephenson asked what is projected for road expenditures. Ms. Nutt explained that road expenditures fall under the HURF fund and directed Council to "Expenditures" on page 6 of the handout (see handout). In this, pointed out Ms. Nutt, you will see that we have personnel services, purchased professional services, capital outlay and contingency funds. The cost of doing road projects is first of all purchased professional services at the cost of \$114,000.00 through the contract with Roy Haught to maintain streets and roads. For fiscal year 2018/2019 we have again budgeted \$114,000.00 for that purpose, reported Ms. Nutt. Capital improvement projects may also affect these individual funds. Furthermore, reported Ms. Nutt, the staff has made additional funds available to Council should they choose to spend the fund balance, which in this case is the contingency fund for HURF at \$186,000.00. Likewise, the Gila County excise tax is restricted HURF funds that did not have specific line item projects, so the funds are made available through the use of the contingency fund at \$634,000.00. Mr. Grier disclosed the Town has struggled a bit to name streets and roads projects and will have Roy Haught identify potential projects. We are ahead of the game, there is not a pothole in Star Valley, stated Mr. Grier.

Council Member Stephenson asked how much is allocated for streets and roads for fiscal year 2018/2019. Ms. Nutt answered the HURF fund specifically has a budget of \$535,036.00 and the excise tax has a fund balance of \$634,760.00 for a grand total of \$1,169,796.00. Town Manager Grier stated the presentation tonight satisfies statutory requirements and hopefully adds clarity with the budget. The fiscal soundness of the Town requires number crunching almost on a daily basis. Commented Mr. Grier, he can't give enough accolades on how well Ms. Nutt does with the budget – it is very well done, and the Town is fortunate to have her – adding that Council also deserves a lot of credit for being fiscally responsible. Mr. Grier stated he doesn't see any issues that concern him – the Town is in very good shape as far as the budget goes. Mr. Grier reported he and Ms. Nutt will be working on a strategic plan to present to Council. Mayor McDaniel opened the meeting up for public comment. Mr. George Binney of 197 N. Valley Rd. commented that staff and Council do a great job with the budget and pointed out that the public needs more information sooner. There were no further public comments and the mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 18-08 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona adopting estimates of revenues and expenditures/expenses shown on the schedules attached as the tentative budget of the Town of Star Valley for the fiscal year 2018/2019 was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Stephenson.

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.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding financial partnership with the Payson Senior Center to provide public transit in Northern Gila County.

Town Manager Grier explained this agenda item had only been a discussion item at the last Council meeting and that it has now been placed on the agenda as a discussion and action item for Council to decide if they would like to move forward or not. Ms. Joann Conlin with the Payson Senior

Center stated she heard there was a little confusion at her last presentation regarding concerns about the route. Ms. Conlin clarified that the route will cover both sides of the highway, and is scheduled for pick-ups at the Lamplighter and Circle K. There will be two round trips in the morning for the labor force, explained Ms. Conlin, and during the day another six round trips to Payson and back again. The routes are not set in stone and if they find out the routes need to go further out, maybe down to Moonlight, this will be taken into consideration before the finalization of any routes. Pointed out Ms. Conlin, they want to make sure the needs of the riders are truly met. Ms. Conlin introduced Debbie Stephens, the Director of Marketing, who will be selling ads and explained the revenues will go towards reducing the expenditures – the goal being revenue equaling expenditures for the program to stand on its’ own two feet.

Council Member Davis thanked Ms. Conlin and Ms. Stephens for their hard work, stating this is historic and a huge economic driver for the Rim Country. Council Member Armington asked Ms. Conlin if she had the opportunity to look at the 25% split. Ms. Conlin responded the way she left it at the last meeting was that she can’t speak for the Town of Payson or Gila County. The 25% split was mainly done because one bus is dedicated to Star Valley. When you think about it, that is 50% of the cost. There is a large group of lower income in Star Valley, reported Ms. Conlin, and a high possibility of them using the transit on a regular basis. Her suggestion was if the Town of Star Valley does agree to become a partner, then the four partners sit down together and work out the numbers. The Town of Payson, reported Ms. Conlin, has committed to \$25,000.00. She doesn’t think the cost will ever get to \$25,000.00 – based upon the budget she is looking at about \$16,000.00 to \$18,000.00 max – and that is with zero revenue. The worst-case scenario is \$25,000.00, stated Ms. Conlin.

Vice Mayor O’Connor clarified that the transit is not associated with “Meal on Wheels” or Senior Ridership and questioned how riders will get to the pick-up points. Ms. Conlin answered that is what needs to be figured out and that every public transit has a little walking involved. This is a deviated fixed route, explained Ms. Conlin, meaning a rider can call a day in advance to arrange for the bus to pick them up at their house. Vice Mayor O’Connor asked how far riders are willing to walk. Ms. Conlin explained that naming the transit system and designing a logo is the first priority. Once that is completed, surveys will go out in July to every mailing address in Payson and Star Valley. The more information they gather the better they will be able to truly determine the routes. Ms. Conlin reported they will also be holding community sessions to better understand what the community would like and that the goal for the public transit system to begin is November 1st.

Council Member Stephenson agreed with Council Member Davis and stated it’s a unique opportunity for the Rim County and a creative concept – and can be calibrated as it goes. He is glad the budget presentation by Ms. Nutt occurred prior to this as it enabled him to make some calculations. With an estimated population of 2,500 in Star Valley, explained Council Member Stephenson, that \$25,000.00 works out to be \$10.00 per person. Not much, pointed out Council Member Stephenson. The amount dedicated to the automobile (HURF funds) is \$400 to \$500 per person. It strikes him that \$25,000 to jump start this is a good investment. Council Member Stephenson stated he would like the Town to commit \$25,000.00 for the first year to get it going. That will give us time to monitor the ridership, monitor the cost and negotiate with our partners. It’s a unique opportunity and he would hate to see the Town jam up the works for people in Star Valley that really need this service. In his mind it will be a big improvement for the entire region, especially Star Valley.

Mayor McDaniel confirmed that Star Valley will have one dedicated bus. “Yes” responded Ms. Conlin, also mentioning that Basha’s shopping center is considered a transit system hub. Mayor McDaniel asked if Payson will have two buses running that route. Council Member Stephenson responded in previous presentations it was explained there is one bus for each route – for a total of two

buses. Vice Mayor O'Connor stated he was hoping the survey information would be available prior to any decision making. Ms. Conlin explained they have a timeline and the transit system needs a name and logo first, so the community understands it is truly a public transit system. Ms. Conlin reiterated that she is hoping to have the surveys back by the end of July. They need to know where the money is coming from and how much money they have to work with, stated Ms. Conlin, that is why they are trying to get partners pulled together. Vice Mayor O'Connor asked – "So what happens then if we, and I don't want to take everybody's time up, what happens if we do sign on as a partner and then we find out through surveys and all, that, or even in actual use, that it doesn't get used out here, then what happens? We're still a partner at 25% with no usage." Ms. Conlin answered – "Well, if the bus doesn't come out here the cost won't be there. So then..." Questioned Vice Mayor O'Connor – "But the overall cost of the program as a partner?" Ms. Conlin responded – "Yah, but if Star Valley ends up not using it we wouldn't bill you, you would step away from it. Do you see what I mean?" "I know", stated Vice Mayor O'Connor. Continued Ms. Conlin – "But I'm sure, truly, based upon what we know about the Star Valley residents and how many phone calls we get for people begging to get them on the buses and pleading for more buses, and even people who are not sixty and above you know, can't you take me... can't you...we get a lot of phone calls, literally we could be out here every single day. So, I don't think that's gonna be a problem. I think the buses will be used. I think the important thing is – is to get the stops right so that we service the people that need to be serviced. But if it turned out that nobody was riding Star Valley then Star Valley would not participate. It wouldn't make sense for you to pay for something you're not getting benefit from."

Council Member Coon stated it will definitely be an experiment – we aren't going to know the answers until we actually do it. The Town is going to have to put some bucks into it and try it out. Advocated Council Member Coon, the Town needs to get involved and after the first year we will have answers. Mayor McDaniel asked if the Town will be locked in for one year. Ms. Conlin answered it can absolutely be revisited every year. It is something the public has requested that has been needed for a long time, and the studies show a definite need in this whole community.

A motion to approve an amount up to \$25,000.00 for the first year in support of the transit project and that during the first year ridership use and cost in Star Valley is monitored and the Town revisits/renegotiates with the partners was made by Council Member Stephenson and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

Vice Mayor O'Connor asked – "Can we have one discussion in between after the second?" Mayor McDaniel answered – "We can have." Questioned Vice Mayor O'Connor – "So, if when we get to the negotiation, and I hate to keep beating this thing, and I'm not comfortable with this at all at this point and so if we get to that point where the surveys and stuff go out...I mean we're still locked in as a partner...is that correct? When we see if it's not a good deal for Star Valley we're still locked in for that year...is that correct? Ms. Conlin responded – "You know, we can, what we'll do is once we get all the surveys and we have the... and we get all the tally's and the results we will come back and present to you. Okay? And then at that time if you go, oh this is stupid, you know... then we'll just you know... it's fine... we won't come into Star Valley. Or we may come in cause we still...Gila County still is... they have not told us what they're doing yet. But if Gila County is gonna fund... Gila County funds for Star Valley and Payson and so we may come in to Star Valley on a lesser amount. You know, I don't really know, but let's... I would say once the surveys are done we will come back and we will tell you who responded in this area and what their needs are." Ms. Stephens asked Council to take a leap of faith and be a champion. Even with the surveys there is no guarantee to get everyone's input – it would be a misfortune if Council just went off the results of the survey. It is a pilot program and they want to get it right, stated Ms. Stephens. Council Member Coon disclosed he is all for the commitment but is

concerned we might be getting a little ahead of ourselves making a commitment to \$25,000.00 without a contract and survey information. "I am not comfortable at this point", admitted Council Member Coon. Council Member McKinney asked the Mayor at what point will the Town's portion be laid out. Mayor McDaniel responded the Town is being asked for a commitment to support the transit system. Council Member McKinney stated he was persuaded by Council Member Stephenson's eloquence and the tabulation of the cost of \$10.00 per person in Star Valley. Stated Ms. Conlin – "I just wanted to say I know you're concerned about a contract. Once the partners are identified the plan is that we all meet and that we get an agreement. So, this isn't a contract with Payson Senior Center, per se, this will be, I don't even know what you call it, it will be an agreement, a partnership with the guarantors and it will define then how things will occur. And so, I can't give you a contract cause it's something that's gotta be worked out between all of the partners." Vice Mayor O'Connor stated what's most important are the pick-up points, as he does believe people will walk any great distance to catch the transportation. Ms. Conlin stated they will most definitely work on improving the routes.

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 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 Armington.

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 5th day of June 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of June 2018.

Eddie Chapin, Town Clerk