

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

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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 McKinney.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CALL TO ORDER

- **ROLL CALL:**

Council Member McKinney X, Council Member Davis X, Council Member Armington X, Council Member Binney X, Council Member Rappaport X, Mayor Coon X.

- **HELLSGATE FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019**  
Chief John Wisner of Hellsgate Fire District gave the reports for January and February 2019.

- **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 March 5, 2019 and the Special Council Meeting held on March 14, 2019.**
- B. **Approval of Claims Payable from March 1, 2019 through March 15, 2019 for the General Fund and for the Water Department.**

A motion to approve consent agenda item A was made by Council Member Binney with the following correction to the March 5, 2019 minutes – from “Council Member Binney stated his belief that food banks are a racket” to “Council Member Binney stated his belief that St. Vincent De Paul is a racket” and was seconded by Council Member Rappaport.

A roll call vote was taken:

Council Member McKinney X, Council Member Davis X, Council Member Armington X, Council Member Binney X, Council Member Rappaport X, Mayor Coon X.

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.

A motion to approve consent agenda item B was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

A roll call vote was taken:

Council Member McKinney X, Council Member Davis X, Council Member Armington X, Council Member Binney X, Council Member Rappaport X, Mayor Coon X.

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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

Mayor Coon explained the procedure that after the floor is open for discussion all council members will have an equal opportunity to speak. When there is no more discussion, he will close that portion of the meeting and ask for a motion to select the nominee. If a motion is made and seconded, the Town Clerk will record a roll call vote for that nominee. If a nominee receives a majority of four votes that council member will be declared vice mayor. If the nominee does not receive a majority, the motion dies for lack of support and the floor will be open for a motion to nominate another council member. Mayor Coon then opened the floor for discussion. Council Member Binney stated he is interested in the job, and that he has done it before, and probably has more seniority than anyone with the exception of Mayor Coon. Council Member Armington stated he would be honored to take the Mayor's side and be Vice Mayor. He doesn't have the seniority that some of the members do but believes he has a calm head and can make rational decisions. Council Member McKinney stated he nominates himself. Mayor Coon closed the discussion portion and asked for a motion to select the nominee.

**A motion to nominate Council Member Binney for vice mayor was made by Council Member Rappaport and was seconded by Council Member Binney.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

**Council Member McKinney No, Council Member Davis No, Council Member Armington No, Council Member Binney Yes, Council Member Rappaport Yes, Mayor Coon No.**

**The motion was voted on and failed 2 – 4.**

Mayor Coon entertained another motion.

**A motion to nominate Council Member McKinney as vice mayor was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member McKinney.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

**Council Member McKinney Yes, Council Member Davis Yes, Council Member Armington No, Council Member Binney Yes, Council Member Rappaport No, Mayor Coon Yes.**

**The motion was voted on and passed 4 – 2.**

- 2. Discussion and possible action regarding findings on solar lighting along the main street corridor reported by Council Member Rappaport and discussion and possible action on the street light project along the 260 corridor.**

Mayor Coon explained that he would like to manage this agenda item in two parts – first will be a discussion on solar lighting options and then a discussion on the street lighting itself. Council Member Rappaport reported she contacted three solar contractors in the state. They require information and specs, are interested in placing bids, have their own engineers and work with ADOT and APS. Council Member Rappaport stated she thinks there should be a choice between solar and electric lighting and that she would also like it put out to public bid for comparison. The Town doesn't need to rush into this, disclosed Council Member Rappaport, and announced she would be willing to visit these companies. Council Member Rappaport stated her concern about wires and that the Town doesn't have to make it an eyesore just to keep it cheap. Council Member Davis asked if they are willing to come out and do an engineering study. Council Member Rappaport answered "Yes", for their bid they will come out here and do everything and give a bid with everything included. Council Member Armington explained along with solar comes batteries and that something to consider is the life expectancy, cost of replacement and

disposal of the batteries. Council Member Binney responded lead acid batteries are good for seven years and are recyclable.

Town Manager Grier stated he would like to respond to a couple things that Council Member Rappaport had said. The Town puts everything out to public bid, informed Mr. Grier, to satisfy the required procurement laws. Mr. Grier then addressed Council Member Rappaport's statement about the companies having their own engineers and that the Town would save money by not having to have the cost of the engineer. To have something go out to bid, explained Mr. Grier, the contractors need to know what they are bidding on and they have to be bidding on the same project apples to apples. An engineer is required in order to determine the specs for the contractors to bid on to get your lawful three bids. Which, stated Mr. Grier, leads to the discussion of why the Town needs to have an engineer – at least to satisfy the procurement laws of three bids. Council Member Davis stated Rick Engineering has agreed to do a study for \$2,000.00 and that it is not a bad investment to find out what the requirements are in order to be able to make a good, smart decision. Mayor Coon asked if there is any another discussion on street lighting and specifically the distance of .07 or one mile. Council Member Rappaport stated they need to agree as a council on what they want and suggested an ad hoc committee explaining there are certain places where lights won't be needed. Council Member Davis responded the engineering study will do that and the expertise of the engineers will provide us the information so that we can make a good business decision.

Mayor Coon recommended to proceed with the suggested partial engineering study so council has something to work with or they will continue to talk in circles. Council Member Binney stated he would like to see costs per pole and long-term maintenance for solar and electric. Mayor Coon responded it may exceed the \$2,000.00 scope to analyze solar versus electric. Town Manager Grier reported he negotiated with Rick Engineering to do a preliminary study at a cost of \$2,000.00 and stated he suspects that a lot of the cost embedded in the \$10,000.00 engineering study is due to the requirements of ADOT. Mr. Grier disclosed the \$2,000.00 will probably not be good to explore a lot of different options and recommended going forward with the \$2,000.00 preliminary study to get some answers. Mr. Grier stated he is not for an ad hoc committee and that it is council's job to make the decisions as elected officials. Council Member Davis stated for \$2,000.00 it is a great way to start. Council Member Binney questioned the Town paying if it's ADOT's freeway. Mr. Grier responded he met with ADOT and they won't pay for it any more than Mexico will pay for the wall. Council Member Rappaport stated she thinks proceeding cautiously is good.

**A motion to give staff the authority to proceed with a preliminary engineering study for street lights along the main street corridor to better determine cost and best options was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Armington.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

**Vice Mayor McKinney Yes, Council Member Davis Yes, Council Member Armington Yes, Council Member Binney Yes, Council Member Rappaport Yes, Mayor Coon 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.

Teresa McQuerrey with the Payson Roundup reported that Lion Springs has fallen off the five-year plan. The county is hoping that everybody will shake their ADOT chains and request that it be reconsidered. Public meetings will be held in Phoenix and Flagstaff and the public comment period is through June 5<sup>th</sup> and that anybody can go on their website and make a comment.

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 Davis and was seconded by Council Member Armington.**

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

**APPROVED:**

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**Gary Coon, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.**

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**Eddie Chapin, Town Clerk**