

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

**Tuesday, April 2, 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 Ms. Lois Johnson of Crossroads Foursquare Church.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CALL TO ORDER

- ROLL CALL:

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

- **GILA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT FOR MARCH 2019**

Lt. Scott with the Gila County Sheriff's Office gave the report for March 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 19, 2019.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from March 16, 2019 through March 31, 2019 for the General Fund and for the Water Department.

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

A roll call vote was taken:

Vice Mayor 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.

- **PROCLAMATIONS:**

1. Proclaiming May 2, 2019 as the National Day of Prayer.

2. Proclaiming April 2019 as Fair Housing Month.

Town Clerk Chapin read the Proclamations for council and the public.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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

Mayor Coon reported six candidates submitted a letter of interest and asked if they would like to stand up and introduce themselves. Candidate Pat Woolsey stated she has lived in Star Valley since 1985 and that she has the time and the interest and would be an asset to the council. Candidate Belle McDaniel stated she would love the opportunity to be a part of the Town council and feels she could contribute to the council's continued success. She loves the Town and has lived here for the majority of her life and would like to give back to her community. Candidate McDaniel stated she feels she can do so and be a positive addition to the council. She supports the continued growth of Star Valley and would like to continue a legacy of devotion her grandparents had when they helped incorporate the Town. Candidate McDaniel stated she is willing to do whatever it takes to be a positive addition to the council. Candidate Irving Popke stated he has been a resident of Star Valley for almost twelve years and that he ran in the election last year. He has the same interest he had during that election and would love to be on the council and make Star Valley a better place to live. Candidate Vern Leis stated he was a past council member and that he would like to be able to help council proceed with the growth and the building of Star Valley. A lot of the things that we enjoy today, stated Candidate Leis, were accomplished during the time he sat on the council. Candidate Ted Durst stated he has lived in Star Valley since 2003. He would like a chance to do more for Star Valley and appreciates the opportunity. Candidate Dennis Dueker stated he has been in Star Valley for six years and he would bring to council the ability to find solutions to complex issues. Candidate Dueker stated he believes in servant leadership which is putting everyone else before yourself.

Council Member Armington thanked all the candidates for their interest and reported he was once in their position as he was appointed to fill a vacant seat. Council Member Davis stated the Town has received a stellar roster of individuals interested in the council seat and that it is an honor to see this many people turn out and show interest. It will be a tough decision. Vice Mayor McKinney stated how proud he is of Star Valley that there is one opening and six candidates to fill that single opening. Vice Mayor McKinney encouraged the other five to continue their interest in serving the people of Star Valley. Council Member Rappaport stated her delight to see such a cross section of people interested in being a council member and asked the candidates what they like most about Star Valley and what they would like to do in a creative sense.

Candidate Pat Woolsey responded Star Valley is a wonderful little home town. She knows that growth is coming and is inevitable. She would love to see it happen in a way that benefits the Town of Star Valley. Candidate Belle McDaniel stated she loves the sense of community and would like to keep it that way. Candidate Dennis Dueker stated he likes how people talk to each other and help each other and agrees with Pat that the Town has growth coming. It needs to be growth that is controlled and planned, and he has a history of doing that kind of thing. Candidate Ted Durst stated he likes the friendliness of Star Valley. He would like to see Star Valley be more recognizable so when people come through town, they know they are in Star Valley. Candidate Vern Leis stated the key is that council continues to think about Star Valley in terms of what is best for the people as a whole. The growth will come, but how is that growth controlled, how much money is going to be spent on that growth and where does the money need to be spent to get the best growth. Candidate Leis stated it would be a pleasure for him to be able to come back and help with that. He would like to be a part of making sure that that future is positive, bright

and financially secure. Candidate Scott Popke stated Star Valley is a great little place to live and he believes in open communication.

Council Member Binney stated the decision made tonight will have the biggest ramification. He knows some of the people that are volunteering and thinks they are all great. The consensus he got from all the conversations he has had is Belle and that is where his support is going to be. Council Member Binney stated he knows Vern works hard and is well intentioned but can sometimes be a little overbearing and that Dennis does a lot of charity work with his horses and people and is a great guy. Of the people he talked to, reported Council Member Binney, Belle won and that is where his vote will be. Mayor Coon stated the Town has some very impressive candidates and thanked them for their participation and interest and then asked for a motion.

A motion to nominate Scott Popke as the next council person for the Town of Star Valley was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member McKinney.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was voted on and failed 2 - 4.

A motion to nominate Pat Woolsey for our next council person was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Council Member Rappaport.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was voted on and failed 1 - 5.

A motion to nominate Belle McDaniel was made by Council Member McKinney and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

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.

Mayor Coon announced Belle McDaniel has the majority vote and is the newly appointed council member. Council Member Binney stated he hopes the candidates not chosen will run the next time around as they are all excellent.

2. Update on the community garden. Presentation by Glen McCombs, Chairman of the Community Garden Committee.

Chairman Glen McCombs announced that the community garden is completely full and is a real positive thing that is happening in Star Valley. It is an absolute state of the art community garden with the irrigation system that George Binney installed, water available year-round and faucets that don't freeze so gardeners can garden all year long. Mr. McCombs reported that the regular faucets at each plot were recently turned on and everyone is beginning to garden. The garden is one hundred percent organic and free compost – donated by George Binney – is available. Mr. McCombs stressed that the garden is run by volunteers and that Town Clerk Chapin handles the administration and Finance Administrator Nutt handles the money. Mr. McCombs reported the three community garden events this year will be Nematode Night, then the Ladybug Launch and finally the Harvest Dinner in the fall. He then thanked council and Town Manager Grier for supporting the community garden.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding recommending approval of liquor license application of Dean Mark Mikelson for the “Tonto Rim Bar & Grill” located at 3870 E. Highway 260, Star Valley, Arizona.

Mayor Coon asked Mr. Mikelson if he would like to say anything. Mr. Mikelson introduced himself and stated he bought the “Pour House” and changed the name to “Tonto Rim Bar & Grill”. Town Clerk Chapin reported that a liquor license application was received from the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for Dean Mikelson. Ms. Chapin explained the clerk is required to file one copy and post the other along with a notice for a period of twenty days, which has been done. While the Town is processing the application, the Department conducts the necessary background checks. Any written protests are filed with the Department. The next step, stated Ms. Chapin, is for Council to make their recommendation to the Department of Liquor Licenses that it approve or deny issuing a Liquor License to Mr. Mikelson. Ms. Chapin pointed out the Department of Liquor Licenses makes the ultimate decision on whether or not to issue the license. Council Member Davis stated he highly recommends the Tonto Rim Bar & Grill – great food and great service and it’s nice to have another great restaurant in Star Valley. Vice Mayor McKinney stated he is very favorably disposed to the new operation. Council Member Binney stated the food has gotten better the longer they have been open and that it is really good. Mr. Mikelson responded they are only going to improve as that is his goal.

A motion to recommend to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control that it approves the issuance of a Bar-Class Series 6 liquor license to Dean Mark Mikelson for the “Tonto Rim Bar & Grill” located at 3870 E. Highway 260, Star Valley, Arizona was made my 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.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding contribution by the Town to the Payson Pro Rodeo Committee for the spring rodeo or combined spring and fall rodeos.

Council Member Armington stated he liked it last year when the contribution was for the combined spring and fall rodeos. It is a historic community event and his vote would be to honor the contribution to the Payson Pro Rodeo and continue that support. Vice Mayor McKinney stated he is a member of the Pro Rodeo Committee and he too would like to contribute to the combined rodeos as had been done last year. Council Member Binney stated he has always voted no on this contribution but has changed his mind and will support the contribution out of respect for Mayor McDaniel.

A motion to approve a contribution to the Payson Pro Rodeo Committee in the amount of \$2,450.00 was made my Council Member Armington and was seconded by Council Member Davis.

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.

Mark Nelson of Star Valley stated he has lived in Star Valley since 2005 and lives at 74 Sky Run Lane where the PW1 & PW2 wells are being hooked up. He received a letter stating that he would have to donate some of his land in order for an easement for the electrical to come in. Mr. Nelson stated this is a short notice and he would like to have a better answer.

Dareld Hunsacker of 68 Sky Run Lane in Star Valley stated he lives in the same neighborhood as Mark Nelson and that the water thing has been a great problem in their neighborhood.

There were no further 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:

Gary Coon, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

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 2nd day of April 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of April 2019.

Eddie Chapin, Town Clerk