

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

**April 20, 2021 at 4:00 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 Dave Barber of Rim View Community 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 (appeared telephonically) X, Council Member McDaniel X, Mayor Coon X.

- **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 6, 2021.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from April 1, 2021 through April 15, 2021 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 McDaniel.

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, Council Member McDaniel X, Mayor Coon X.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. Presentation by APS regarding fire mitigation and preparedness efforts.**

Janet Dean with APS thanked council and explained they are doing their annual tour of elected bodies in northern Arizona. They are as concerned about fire as the Star Valley community and she would like to give a quick update about the efforts APS takes every year to prepare for fire. Ms. Dean reported that APS prepares and mitigates for fire year round. They have a comprehensive fire mitigation program that has been in existence for several years and a fire mitigation team that help guide their efforts.

Janet Dean explained there are four key components to the APS plan that they work year round. The first is the vegetation management program where they are working in their rights-of-ways and along their lines and easements to manage the vegetation. Another component they have is they patrol about 4,500 miles of lines across the state that they have identified being at high risk because they are in heavily forested or heavily vegetated areas. Those lines are patrolled by drone, on foot and by vehicle to identify any potential repair issues needed to get things fixed before the highest fire risk. Another piece they do is what they call “defensible space around poles” where they identify all the poles within a wildland urban interface that have equipment on them that could possibly spark for some reason. They clear a ten foot radius space around those poles to make sure they are safer in case there ever is a spark.

The fourth component, explained Janet Dean, is a protocol APS has put into place when fire risk is ramping up each year. They have equipment on their lines that is designed to try to restore power if the power is ever interrupted. The equipment does that remotely and automatically and it will try three times if it senses a power interruption. During high fire risk that equipment is turned off because it could spark when it tries to reenergize. It’s important for the safety of the communities, stated Ms. Dean, but APS also recognizes it can prolong customer outages. That is something APS is willing to live with because the communities are more important. Ms. Dean concluded that APS wants the Town to know they haven’t taken their eye off of that ball and it’s something they are still working at diligently and will continue to do so. Mayor Coon commented it puts the Town’s mind at ease knowing they are on top of it and aware of the problems that can occur.

- 2. Discussion and possible action to contribute \$17,500.00 to the Meals on Wheels and Senior Ridership Programs.**

Mayor Coon reported the request was made by Director Joanne Conlin of the Payson Senior Center. It’s a worthy cause that Star Valley has been proud to participate in over the years, concluded Mayor Coon. Mayor Coon then asked if there was any discussion or questions. Council Member Rappaport asked if the Town paid \$17,500.00 last year. Town Manager Grier responded that is correct and he thinks the Town has been paying \$17,500.00 for about as long as he can remember. There was no further discussion or questions and Mayor Coon entertained a motion.

A motion to authorize the \$17,500.00 contribution to the Meals on Wheels and Senior Ridership Programs for the citizens of Star Valley 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, Council Member McDaniel Yes, Mayor Coon Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.

3. Discussion and possible action to purchase an embankment slide for the community park.

Town Manager Grier reported quotes were received today and they were much more than staff thought they were going to be. Staff is looking for alternatives to see if a cheaper slide can be found somewhere. The price tags on the embankment slides were: \$43,950.00 for the twenty five foot (25-foot) and \$70,000.00 for the forty foot (40-foot). Staff would like to find something similar, concluded Mr. Grier, but that isn't as expensive. Mayor Coon commented that stairs would be needed. Mr. Grier responded there are already railroad tie stairs in the area. The cost, explained Mr. Grier, would be a little bit less if installed by the Town because installation is nearly \$18,000.00 for the forty foot (40-foot) slide and \$13,000.00 for the twenty five foot (25-foot) slide.

Town Manager Grier asked council to give staff an opportunity to keep looking. Mayor Coon commented it is a great idea but he thinks it is a little pricey. Council Member Davis stated he would like to have staff keep looking and see what they can find. Mayor Coon stated the Town needs to be careful spending money on something not too many people will be using. Mr. Grier stated that staff thinks it's a great idea and they haven't given up on it. Council Member Davis asked if it is a metal slide. Mr. Grier answered it's an old school metal slide and that's why it is so expensive. Council Member Davis commented it would definitely last. Council Member Binney advocated for a double slide. Mayor Coon asked which length would fit the embankment needs. Assistant Town Manager Nutt clarified the variance is the position on the hill.

- **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 up this portion of the meeting for public comment. There was no public in attendance 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:

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 20th day of April 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of April 2021.

Eddie Chapin, Town Clerk