

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

**Tuesday, August 17, 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 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 August 3, 2021.**

**B. Approval of Claims Payable from August 1, 2021 through August 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 McDaniel and was seconded by Council Member Davis.**

**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 Hoyt Skabelund, CEO of Banner Payson Medical Center.**~~  
**Presentation has been cancelled.**

2. **Discussion and possible action regarding a slogan for the Town of Star Valley.**

Mayor Coon stated he would like Council Member McDaniel to address this since she showed a special interest in a slogan. Council Member McDaniel explained she thought it would be neat for Star Valley to have a nickname like a lot of other towns and cities around the state have. On the Discover Gila County website, reported Council Member McDaniel, Star Valley is referred to as “The Star of the Mogollon Rim.” She thinks that slogan is really awesome, concluded Council Member McDaniel. Council Member Davis stated he likes “The Star of the Mogollon Rim” and thinks it’s a cool slogan. Mayor Coon stated he agrees and it would be just in time for the Parade of Flags at the League Conference. Council Member McDaniel asked if anyone else had any ideas. Council Member Armington responded how about “Heaven in Hellsgate.” Council Member Rappaport responded “The Land the Time Forgot. Council Member Rappaport stated she was just kidding and likes Belle’s slogan. **A motion to adopt “The Star of the Mogollon Rim” as the slogan for the Town 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 authorize the Town Manager to begin a water line replacement project under State Highway 260.**

Town Manager Grier reported that staff, along with Water Operator Dean Shaffer and engineer Dale Miller, have been looking at the water system in the last several months to determine what projects need to be pursued to make the water system better and more reliable. Mr. Grier explained the Achilles heel of the water system, according to Water Operator Shaffer, is the line that is under the highway that connects the two systems. Water Operator Shaffer, added Mr. Grier, has been able to provide a lot of knowledge because he has been involved with the water system from the very beginning and is familiar with it. At one point, explained Mr. Grier, the six inch line under the highway blew out and Brooke Utilities used a four inch line as a sleeve to replace it. Water Operator Dean Shaffer feels that the pipe is undersized and a bit fragile. If it breaks, reported Mr. Grier, it could have pretty severe consequences like flooding out the highway, as well as interruption of the water system. Staff is proposing to replace the four inch line with an eight inch line at an estimated cost of \$125,000.00. It’s an important project that we need to get done that will have a lot of benefit down the road, concluded Mr. Grier.

Mayor Coon questioned if the size is adequate. Town Manager Grier replied it is the size recommended by Water Operator Dean Shaffer and engineer Dale Miller to avoid a bottleneck. Council Member Rappaport asked if we will be going under the road or troughing across the road. Mr. Grier answered we will be boring underneath the highway. Council Member Rappaport asked if that is going to stop all of the traffic. “No,” responded Mr. Grier. His understanding is that it can be done without interruption of the traffic. More details will be available once it is engineered, added Mr. Grier. Mayor Coon asked if the line will be pulled out and replaced in the same place. Mr. Grier responded he doesn’t

know and added the Town is trying not to have any interruption in the water service. Mr. Grier concluded that he is confident after months and months of conversation this is a project that really needs to be done.

Council Member Davis asked if it will be done this year or will it go into the next year. Town Manager Grier answered he has no idea on the timeframe at this point. The focus at Town Hall is looking at the water department really hard to get a better understanding of it. Council Member Binney stated he thinks it's a great idea and suggested putting in two holes while the machine is available. We might want to talk to Sparklight if they need a line to put things under while the trenches are open. Mr. Grier responded he will have staff look into that. Council Member Binney asked if both sides of the freeway can stand alone. "Yes," responded Mr. Grier. Council Member Binney suggested installing valves on both sides so if there is a break each section can be turned off completely. Mayor Coon responded that would be a part of the engineering. Council Member Rappaport stated it is a capital idea to do a valve on either side. Council Member Binney added the Town could sell the passage underneath to Sparklight or another utility.

**A motion to authorize the Town Manager to begin a water line replacement project under State Highway 260 was made by Council Member Davis and was seconded by Council Member Binney.**

**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.**

**4. Discussion and possible action to nominate a council member to carry the Town flag in the Parade of Flags at the League Conference.**

Town Manager Grier stated that Council Member McDaniel would be an excellent choice as flag bearer. Council Member Davis stated he totally agrees with that. Mayor Coon stated he thinks that would be an excellent idea.

**A motion to nominate Council Member McDaniel to carry the Town flag in the Parade of Flags at the League Conference was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney.**

**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.**

**• 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 the public comment portion.

- **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 7 – 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.**

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**Eddie Chapin, Town Clerk**