

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

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 5:15 pm
3675 East Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ
(Star Valley Town Hall)**

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- PRAYER was offered by Vice Mayor McKinney.

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- CALL TO ORDER

- ROLL CALL:

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

- **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.

Art Schaier stated he is the vets chairman for the Elks Lodge and the Moose Lodge and he is asking the Town of Star Valley to get involved. Mr. Schaier provided information on upcoming events reporting that the Veteran's dinner will be held on July 15th and the Vietnam Wall will be at Green Valley Park on August 27th. Mr. Schaier then presented a flag to the Town of Star Valley on behalf of the vets.

Donna Fox of Star Valley reported she received her Star Valley business license for her co-working office space and she is holding a ribbon cutting and grand opening on March 22nd at 2:22 p.m.

There were no further comments and the Mayor closed the public comment portion.

- **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 1, 2022.

B. Approval of Claims Payable from March 1, 2022 through March 15, 2022 for the General Fund and for the Water Department.

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

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of a council member to fill the council seat vacant because of Council Member Davis' appointment to mayor.**

Town Manager Grier explained that the vacancy was created by the vacancy in Mayor Coon's position that was filled by Mayor Davis. The person that is appointed will fill that position, technically, until the next election in August, where that candidate has to run for that office. The person appointed will fill the remainder of Council Member Davis' term, which expires in 2024, and will be seated until the canvassing of the general election. Candidates will need to put the term they are interested in, either the two year or the four year, on the Candidate Statement of Interest, pointed out Mr. Grier. The reason that this is done, reported Mr. Grier, is that the Town has staggered terms. The appointment is up to council, concluded Mr. Grier. Queried Council Member Armington – The appointee runs for a two year term? Mr. Grier responded the appointee can run for either a two year term or four year term. Queried Council Member Armington – How will that be known to the public? It will be on the ballot, answered Mr. Grier.

Mayor Davis complimented everyone for wanting to be involved in the Star Valley Town Council. Mayor Davis stated he would like to give each candidate three to five minutes starting with Mr. Dueker. Dennis Dueker stated he has been in Star Valley for about eleven years. He retired after thirty years with General Motors ("GM") in the valley. One of the main things he did was interpret law for Maricopa County and the federal EPA. He suggested GM do something different and ended up saving them \$300,000 a year on a dust abatement law. Mr. Dueker stated he has a way of looking at things and finding solutions through issues that could be complex. Mr. Dueker reported he is now the Airport Coordinator for the Town of Payson and he is familiar with Arizona Open Meeting Laws because he has a commission for the airport. On top of that, added Mr. Dueker, he started the non-profit Dueker Ranch. They work with special needs children, veterans and all sorts of people that can use help. Mr. Dueker concluded he believes we are put on earth to help and serve others and he is looking for an opportunity with the Town of Star Valley to do that. Queried Vice Mayor McKinney – Are you interested in the two year term? Mr. Dueker responded he's a team player and will do what's basically asked of him. Council Member Binney stated Dennis is a good, responsible, common sense guy. Mayor Davis stated he has known Dennis from working with the Town of Payson. He is a very reputable, stand up professional.

Shane Keith stated he appreciates the accommodation of not being able to attend in person. He is interested in the position and was born and raised in the Rim Country. He owns a successful, small business in the community and serves on the RVN3 foundation. He is married and has two little boys who are the driving forces of his community involvement. He would like to give back, concluded Mr. Keith, and help create a future community and culture for Star Valley that he would want his kids to be involved in. Richard Likens stated he has lived in Star Valley since 2006. He is not interested in running for council in August because he is running for U.S. Congress District #4. He does not have any axe to

grind or any agenda behind him. Mr. Likens concluded he is offering himself to council as a place keeper to let the voters decide. Queried Council Member Rappaport – You are just interested until December? “Right,” responded Mr. Likens.

Kristy Ulmer stated she and her husband moved to Payson in 1996 where they raised their only son. They are the owners of Chasin’ a Dream Outfitters, which has grown tremendously since they moved it from Payson to Star Valley two years ago. They are living at Hunters Lodge in an RV right now and have decided that Star Valley is where they want to be. Her purpose, stated Ms. Ulmer, is to put her expertise wherever needed. She likes to be involved and keep busy. Ms. Ulmer concluded she would run for the two or four year term. Queried Council Member Binney – She doesn’t live here permanently, how does that work on the rules of living? Queried Mayor Davis – You live here permanently, right? Ms. Ulmer responded they are living in Hunters Lodge. Town Manager Grier responded a one year residency is required. Mayor Davis stated the candidates are outstanding and it is going to be difficult picking one out of the so many good, qualified people. He has known Ms. Ulmer for fifteen years and thanked her for applying. Council Member McDaniel stated she has also known Ms. Ulmer for a long time and she thinks she would be an excellent addition to council.

Pat Woolsey stated she moved to Star Valley in 1985 and lives on Valley Road. She learns well and she has done a lot of different things in her life. Her interest in becoming a council member is from the heart and she has no intention of leaving Star Valley. Ms. Woolsey stated Star Valley has a lot of potential and she wants to see it thrive. She would appreciate any consideration and would run for the two or four year term. Ms. Woolsey concluded she is a volunteer on the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment. Council Member Binney stated Ms. Woolsey has common sense and is a good person. Council Member Armington also vouched for her – she’s got a good heart and she doesn’t have a problem speaking from her heart.

Council Member Binney explained the problem is coming up with good projects. Queried Council Member Binney – What new projects do you like? Pat Woolsey responded she would like to see a fenced in dog park at the community park. Dennis Dueker responded he would like to see responsible growth. We’ve got a little town that everybody loves and we need to hang on to the small town feel. We need to craft the future of Star Valley to make sure it doesn’t lose what it has. Richard Likens responded the Freegard property development is too massive and it could ruin the small town feel. With the passage of the infrastructure bill, there is money to underground the utilities and get all the power lines down so we don’t lose power all the time during monsoon season. Kristy Ulmer responded she would like to hold a quarterly pot luck at the park to get the community together and get input from the community. Shane Keith responded he would like to preserve Star Valley’s history. For a future outlook and perspective there is a lot that Star Valley has to offer and he would like to create a downtown area, on a small scale, where people come to visit. It would help from a growth perspective and help the town long term, concluded Mr. Keith.

Those that don’t get picked tonight, pointed out Council Member Binney, can run in the election. Council Member Binney stated he really supports Pat Woolsey and Dennis Dueker. Council Member Rappaport stated she is impressed with the people that are interested in the open seat. Her biggest concern is what we do with growth here. Out of everyone, concluded Council Member Rappaport, she is focused on Dennis Dueker. Council Member Armington asked if council could do a vote for each participant. Town Manager Grier answered a motion, a second and a majority vote is required.

A motion to appoint Kristy Ulmer as a replacement for the vacant council seat to serve until the next regular election was made by Council Member McDaniel and was seconded by Mayor Davis.

A roll call vote was taken:

Vice Mayor McKinney No, Council Member Armington No, Council Member Binney No, Council Member Rappaport No, Council Member McDaniel Yes, Mayor Davis Yes.
The motion was voted on and did not pass 2 - 4.

A motion to appoint Dennis Dueker was made by Vice Mayor McKinney and was seconded by Council Member Rappaport.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was voted on and passed 4 – 2.

Town Manager Grier declared Dennis Dueker as the person appointed. Much discussion ensued regarding the appointment method. Council Member Rappaport encouraged all the candidates to run in the upcoming election. Mayor Davis announced Mr. Dueker as the newly appointed council member for the Town of Star Valley. Mr. Dueker thanked everyone. Mayor Davis concluded this portion of the meeting by thanking all the candidates for applying. Mr. Grier announced Mr. Dueker will be sworn in at the next council meeting.

2. The second public hearing on alternative expenditure limitation (Home Rule).

Town Clerk Chapin reported the Town of Star Valley has successfully operated under Home Rule since it was approved by voters in 2008. The Town is seeking approval of Home Rule in the 2022 election cycle to continue operating our budget that meets local needs and is dictated by local officials. Tonight, announced Ms. Chapin, is the second and final public hearing. Council will vote, immediately after the public hearing, on whether to adopt a resolution authorizing placing Home Rule on the 2022 ballot.

If council chooses to adopt the resolution, explained Town Clerk Chapin, the record of vote will be published in the local newspaper and required information will be submitted to the Auditor General's office for review. After we receive the review from the AG's office and arguments for or against Home Rule, staff will complete preparation of the publicity pamphlet and send a draft to the AG's office for review and comment prior to printing. After approval by the AG's office, the printing company will mail out the publicity pamphlets between June 30th and July 22nd.

The canvass of vote, reported Town Clerk Chapin, is scheduled for the Tuesday, August 16th council meeting. The final step, after the canvass of vote, is to inform the AG's office of the outcome of the election. The mayor opened the meeting up for public comment. Dennis Dueker of Star Valley stated council is making a decision on whether to let the state dictate how to spend money or let council dictate how money is spent. Richard Likens of Star Valley stated the Town would be back to its 1978 funding coffers with the state imposed limitation. There were no further public comments and the mayor closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 22-02 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona proposing an extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule).

Town Clerk Chapin explained this is a resolution proposing an extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule) and authorizing placing Home Rule on the 2022 ballot.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 22-02 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, proposing an Extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation was made by Council Member Binney and was seconded by Council Member Armington.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Binney and was seconded by Council Member Armington.

The motion was voted on and passed 6 – 0.

APPROVED:

Bobby Davis, 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 15th day of March 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 23rd day of March 2022.

Edie Chapin, Town Clerk