

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

**Tuesday, August 16, 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 Dueker 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.

Donna Fox, a resident of Star Valley, stated that she had run for a council member position in the August 2, 2022 election and came in last. She reported she has been wanting to approach the council because she has had a rough history with the Town of Star Valley. During the election, explained Ms. Fox, she was called to come in and proof her ballot. A discussion occurred, pertaining to the ballot, that candidate Donna Dooley was not going to be on the ballot as she was no longer running. She signed the proof and figured all was good because everyone would be running in November. Ms. Fox explained she had already gone through policies and procedures, about how it is going to work, and at the last minute things seemed to change. She learned that a formula calculation, that wasn't part of a one-on-one conversation she had with Town Manager Grier, was being used. Ms. Fox reported she requested records and spoke with Gila County to find out when they sent the ballots in to have the final ballots made. She explained she has problems with the Town Manager and has a history. She feels she was not given the full truth as to the formula calculation, otherwise she wouldn't have taken it so lightly. Ms. Fox explained that she started attending the meetings because she was given false information many, many times. For the amount of money certain people are getting paid, stated Ms. Fox, you would think they could get a ballot right. Ms. Fox concluded that she thinks she won't be in Star Valley that long because she feels she

will be getting run out. She then distributed to council what was titled a “Rough Timeline History Between Donna Fox and Star Valley Town Hall.”

Donna Dooley, a resident of Star Valley, reported Town Clerk Chapin called her on the 9<sup>th</sup> and asked her if she wanted to be on the ballot. Ms. Dooley explained that she said “no” and was glad she received the call because she meant to contact Town Hall three days ago because she was no longer interested in being a candidate. Queried Ms. Dooley – On June 10<sup>th</sup>, how come nobody emailed the ballot printer and said keep Donna Dooley off the ballot? Nobody did, stated Ms. Dooley, and she doesn’t know why that happened. She looks at it as somebody slipped up, accidentally or on purpose, because they have been discriminating against her (meaning Donna Fox) when there are other people doing the exact same thing she is doing and she is the only one that is getting hassled about it. That has got to stop, concluded Ms. Dooley.

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 August 2, 2022.**

**B. Approval of Claims Payable from August 1, 2022 through August 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 McDaniel 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 Dueker X, Council Member McDaniel X, Mayor Davis X.**

**The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.**

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action to accept the canvass of votes and approval of the 2022 Primary Election results. Town Clerk Chapin to make presentation.**

Town Clerk Chapin reported that the Star Valley Primary Election was held in Star Valley on August 2, 2022. The council books contain an abstract of the canvass as the complete canvass is hundreds of pages long. Of the 2,400 Star Valley registered voters, a total of 1,391 ballots were cast. Bobby Davis ran unopposed and received 693 votes and therefore became the elected mayor for a two year term. George Binney also ran unopposed and received 655 votes and therefore became the elected council member for a two year term.

Town Clerk Chapin reported there were four open council positions for a four year term and a total of 2,395 votes were cast. Ms. Chapin explained a candidate needed a minimum of 300 votes to be successful. Ray Armington received 358 votes, Donna Dooley withdrew as a candidate and received 231 votes, Dennis Dueker received 434 votes, Donna Fox received 232 votes and did not meet the threshold of 300, Matt Highstreet received 357 votes, Andy McKinney received 440 votes, and Sharon Rappaport

received 337 votes, reported Ms. Chapin. Therefore, the four elected council members are: Andy McKinney, Dennis Dueker, Ray Armington, and Matt Highstreet.

Proposition 411 (Home Rule) passed, reported Town Clerk Chapin, receiving 581 votes for and 167 votes against for a total of 748 votes cast. Town Clerk Chapin asked the council to accept the canvass of votes presented as the official canvass of the 2022 Primary Election and that the council approves the results presented.

**A motion to accept the official canvass of the 2022 Primary Election and approve the results thereof for the Town of Star Valley was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Council Member Dueker.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

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

**The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.**

**2. Discussion and possible action concerning Resolution No. R-22-11 authorizing the mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) for Magistrate Services.**

Town Manager Grier explained the IGA for Magistrate Services appoints Judge Donald Garvin to replace retiring Judge Dorothy Little as the Town Magistrate for Star Valley. Judge Garvin spoke and felt he would be able to do a fair and partial job.

**A motion to approve Resolution No. R 22-11 authorizing the mayor to execute the IGA between the Town of Star Valley and the Honorable Donald Garvin for Magistrate Services was made by Council Member McDaniel and was seconded by Council Member Binney. A roll call vote was taken:**

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

**The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.**

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding selection of a contractor for CDBG #133-22 Milky Way Water Line Replacement Project.**

Town Manager Grier reported that the Town of Star Valley had finalized the bidding on the Milky Way Water Line Replacement Project. This project, reminded Mr. Grier, replaces and upsizes a much older four inch line with an eight inch line. The lowest reasonable bid, reported Mr. Grier, was \$93,978.00 from Accelerated Construction & Excavating.

**A motion to approve Accelerated Construction & Excavating as the contractor for the CDBG #133-22 Milky Way Water Line Replacement Project and authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with said contractor 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 Dueker Yes, Council Member McDaniel Yes, Mayor Davis Yes.**

**The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.**

**4. Discussion and possible action to appoint a council member as liaison to Central Arizona Governments (“CAG”) Regional Council.**

Mayor Davis explained that he has been a member of the Regional Council for six years and was chairman of the council for one year. They went through some really rough times and almost thought they were going to lose CAG because of bad management. While he was on the Regional Council, a new executive director was hired and CAG’s budget was taken out of the red and into the black. Mayor Davis indicated that he would like to see someone represent the Town of Star Valley since the Town is back to using CAG to manage the CDBG funds. Mayor Davis then opened up the meeting to any council member who would like to take on that position. Queried Council Member McDaniel – Where does CAG meet? They meet in Apache Junction every other month, answered Mayor Davis, and the meeting can be attended in person or by ZOOM. Council Member McDaniel stated she would be interested in representing the Town of Star Valley as the new liaison for CAG. Council Member Armington stated he was interested as well. Council Member Binney commented that he thinks Council Member McDaniel would do a better job because of the name recognition and because she will be around for a while.

**A motion to appoint Council Member McDaniel as liaison to the CAG Regional Council was made by Council Member Binney and was seconded by Council Member Rappaport.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

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

**The motion was voted on and passed 7 - 0.**

**5. Water system presentation by Dean Shaffer, Town of Star Valley Water Operator, and Tim Grier, Town Manager/Town Attorney.**

Town Manager Grier stated that the Town of Star Valley is fortunate to have Dean Shaffer for many different reasons. One of the things that has been really beneficial to having Mr. Shaffer as our water department operator is that he was running this water department when it was owned by Brooke Utilities. Mr. Shaffer knows the history and where the skeletons are buried. Since the incorporation of the Town, stated Mr. Grier, there has been nothing that we have done as an incorporated town that has been more valuable to our citizens than purchasing the water company and making improvements to the water system. Reported Mr. Grier, we started with one well, the Knolls Well, that served all of the community. Today, we have nine wells online. We have a reliable, redundant water system for generations in place for the Town of Star Valley, concluded Mr. Grier.

Water Operator Dean Shaffer stated that he has been in the water business for 42 years. Mr. Shaffer proceeded with a slide show presentation of the water tanks involved in the Town’s system and showed all the upgrades done over the years. A question and answer period followed the conclusion of the presentation. Queried Council Member Dueker – Is there anybody monitoring the aquifer that we are drawing the water out of under Star Valley? Mr. Shaffer responded that he sounds the wells quarterly. Queried Council Member Dueker – Are we doing good? Yes, responded Mr. Shaffer. Queried Council Member Dueker – How often is the water quality tested? Mr. Shaffer answered that it is sampled monthly, semi-annually and tri-annually as required by Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (“ADEQ”). A majority of the testing is done by them, concluded Mr. Shaffer.

Town Manager Grier reported that the Town has put upwards of three million dollars into the water system since being purchased. The park property was purchased for water backup for the Knolls Well. The beauty of that was that we were able to provide a back-up to the Knolls Well with the purchase of the property and then at the same time establish our park. Similar to that was what we did with the

Circle K Project. The Circle K Well was purchased and the left over property was used for the Star Valley Community Garden. We have now been able to put in place, stated Mr. Grier, a water system that he believes is going to be able to serve the community with reliable water for generations to come. Council will be asked to look to the future as new water projects are tackled. The Town has made a big investment in water. We do subsidize the water, reported Mr. Grier, as our water rates are artificially low compared to the Town of Payson. Existing staff has been able to do great things in managing the water system, concluded Mr. Grier. Council Member Binney commented that the water system was paid for with cash and there is no debt. Town Manager Grier added that the Town of Star Valley provides reliable property values due to our reliable water sources.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Dueker and was seconded by Council Member McDaniel.  
The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.**

**APPROVED:**

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**Bobby Davis, Mayor**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

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**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022. 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 2022.**

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**Edie Chapin, Town Clerk**