

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMON  
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023 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 Dueker X, Council Member Highstreet Absent, 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.

Kathryn Byrd of Pineview RV Park in Star Valley commented that she had witnessed verbal aggression between two people at the Star Valley Park over unleashed dogs. She noted that one person had their dog on a leash and another person had two dogs with no leashes. Ms. Byrd noted that this type of situation has happened a lot at the park. She asked the council to propose a leash law and post signage at the park noting that dogs must be on a leash.

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 November 21, 2023.**

**B. Approval of Accounts Payable from November 16, 2023 through November 30, 2023 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 Binney.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

**Vice Mayor McKinney X, Council Member Armington X, Council Member Binney X, Council Member Dueker X, Council Member Highstreet Absent, Council Member McDaniel X, Mayor Davis X.**

**The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.**

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action to recommit and contribute to the Meals on Wheels, Senior Ridership, and Center Meals programs.**

Town Manager Grier explained that the Town of Star Valley contributed \$35,000 a year ago to the Meals on Wheels, Senior Ridership, and Center Meals programs. He then introduced Debbie Stephens and Kelly Brooks with the Payson Senior Center. Ms. Stephens announced that it has been a successful year at the Senior Center. On behalf of the Senior Center, they donated gift certificates from Trinkets & Treasures to help support the victims of the tornado. Ms. Stephens explained the purpose of the center is to support and service Star Valley residents with the Meals on Wheels program, the door to door transportation service, and provide Center meals. Their ultimate goal is to see people come off of the Meals on Wheels program and be able to feel strong enough and well enough with a nutritious meal to ride the van to the Senior Center to a meal. Once they come into the Center they can be around other resources, they can make friends, and they can enjoy numerous activities. She read a letter from a senior citizen which described the impact the program had on him. Last calendar year, reported Ms. Stephens, they served 66 individuals in Star Valley. This year, they were able to serve 93 Star Valley residents because of the town's support of just a little bit over one dollar a day. The Senior Center served lunches to 428 people last year, which increased to 1,159 this year. Those meals are just like the Meals on Wheels, added Ms. Stephens, only they are served in the Center.

Mayor Davis asked where everyone parks. Ms. Stephens explained they are in a building campaign that is about eighty percent funded. At the new building they will have over one hundred parking spaces. They know that parking is their number one complaint. Ms. Stephens reported that Meals on Wheels has increased from 6,739 served last year compared to 6,746 this year with still another month to go. The door to door transportation service increased from 445 trips to 664 trips this year. They have seen growth, added Ms. Stephens, and they are not slowing down anytime soon. Ms. Stephens requested the Town of Star Valley's continued support of \$35,000 to help them reach those in need of food, transportation and social connections. She thanked the council for their past support and commitment to the citizens in Star Valley. Council Member Armington commented that he attended lunch at the Senior Center last year with Mayor Davis and Town Manager Grier. He can't wait until he can retire so he can just go there and hang out. Mayor Davis commented he went on a ride with the coordinator and he was blown away by the reception of the people who are delivered a meal. Council Member Dueker stated he is impressed with the idea of the Senior Center for socializing as there are detrimental effects of loneliness and not socializing with the aging population. He felt it was an awesome goal. The mission of the center, concluded Ms. Stephens, is to increase the quality of life. Mayor Davis asked if there was any other discussion. Vice Mayor McKinney announced he thinks it's a good idea.

**A motion to authorize a contribution to the Meals on Wheels, Senior Ridership and Center Meals programs for the citizens of Star Valley in the amount of \$35,000 was made by Council Member Armington 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 Dueker Yes, Council Member Highstreet Absent, Council Member McDaniel Yes, Mayor Davis Yes.**

**The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.**

**2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 23-15 – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Grant-in-Aid Agreement by and between the Town of Star Valley and the Tohono O’odham Nation.**

Town Manager Grier explained that this is a product of a lot of hard work on Town Clerk Chapin’s part as administrator of the Prop 202 tribal grants. Her skill level is a large part of why we get some of the very significant grants for the town. Town Clerk Chapin reported that the town was selected to receive \$38,737 in funding from the Tohono O’odham Nation for two shade structures for the playground ages 2 to 5. She noted the town had received \$50,642 in funding from the Gila River Indian Community earlier in the year for three shade structures for the playground ages 5 to 12. Altogether the town received a total of \$89,379 in tribal grant funds this year. Town Clerk Chapin pointed out that she didn’t apply for funding for the shade structure at the splash pad. The total cost for the shade structures, including the shade structure at the splash pad, came to \$112,124. With the \$89,379 that was received, concluded Town Clerk Chapin, that left \$22,745 unfunded. That is not bad, commented Mayor Davis. There was no further discussion and Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

**A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 23-15 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Grant-in-Aid Agreement by and between the Town of Star Valley and the Tohono O’odham Nation was made by Council Member Binney and was seconded by Council Member McDaniel.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

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

**The motion was voted on and passed 6 - 0.**

Mayor Davis thanked Town Clerk Chapin for all of her hard work as he knows how many she applies for each year.

**3. Discussion and possible action to adjourn into Executive Session, pursuant to:**

**A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.3 - Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.**

**Discussion for the purpose of consulting with Town Attorney Timothy W. Grier and Town Election Official Edie Chapin concerning the status of the referendum and related zoning ordinance on Parcel No. 302-58-001E.**

**A motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Council Member McDaniel and was seconded by Council Member Armington.**

**The motion passed 6 - 0.**

- EXECUTIVE SESSION
- CALL MEETING BACK TO ORDER

4. Discussion and possible action concerning the status of the referendum and related zoning ordinance on Parcel No. 302-58-001E.  
 There was no discussion and the Mayor closed the item.

- 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:**

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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 5th day of December 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

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 Del Dupree, Administrative Assistant