

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

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024 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 Pastor Dave Barber of Rim View Community Church.
- 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.

There were no 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 January 16, 2024.

**B. Approval of Accounts Payable from January 16, 2024 through January 31, 2024
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 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 regarding a road replacement project on Pinon Road.**

Town Manager Grier began by noting that there were two agenda items that pertained to streets and roads. The first one regarding Pinon Road and the second one regarding budgeting for road projects for the next four years. The latter he felt would take the most time. Mr. Grier then introduced Roy Haught to describe the Pinon Road Project. Mr. Haught explained that Pinon Road was one of the worst roads in the area with most of it failing due to multiple wide cracks. He stressed that just filling in the cracks would be a waste of money and it would be better to tear out the sections and replace them. Mr. Haught said it would last a long time. Council Member Armington asked how long the section of road would be and Mr. Grier responded that it would be 7,505 square feet of road. Mayor Davis asked what the temperature would have to be in order to start the project. Mr. Haught responded that the weather would have to warm up. Mr. Haught also said he would have to measure the road and could do that tomorrow. Council Member Dueker said it would be good to take a look two weeks from now and then make a decision whether to do a partial fix or a complete fix. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to finish the Pinon Road Project 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 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 consider budgeting \$500,000 a year for the next four years for road projects per the request of Vice Mayor McKinney.**

Vice Mayor McKinney stated that the cost was more of a concept rather than a hard dollar number. He felt there was plenty of road work around town to justify the cost. Town roads could benefit from a touch up or a complete rebuild and there were resources to do this to make the roads safe to drive on. He felt putting the town's assets into asphalt, etc. now was better than waiting as inflation would increase the cost. Vice Mayor McKinney reiterated that the dollar amount of \$500,000 was a starting point but the cost could be less than that or more. Council Member Dueker asked what is currently allocated each year for road repair. Town Manager Grier responded that he liked the concept but not a mandate of \$500,000. He agreed that the town needs to be more aggressive with road projects. He and Finance Administrator Woody crunched numbers and she produced a handout listing road projects from Roy Haught which could be prioritized. Mr. Grier stated he leans heavily on Mr. Haught's input. He then asked Finance Administrator Woody what funds were available and she responded there was a total of \$2.8 million as of January 31, 2024. Mr. Grier stated that he would like the council to focus on a six month period rather than concentrate on the \$500,000 and then reassess what is needed after six months have passed.

Mayor Davis spoke about a grant the town applied for with ADOT for \$2.3 million and Town Manager Grier stated that he would not hear on that until June and it wasn't guaranteed but the town could begin with road projects identified by Roy Haught within a framework of \$500,000. He said that way the funds wouldn't be eroded by inflation. Mayor Davis asked if the Pinon Road Project was on the list. "Yes" responded Mr. Haught. Mayor Davis asked if the \$375,000 earmarked for Pinon would cover the whole project. "That is correct" answered Mr. Haught. It would be better to do a full repair, added Mr. Haught, rather than slurry seal as that would be just a band aid approach. Mr. Grier felt the town

should kick off two or three projects on the list and get something done. Mayor Davis asked what the top three projects would be. Mr. Haught answered that Pinon Road would be #1, Mountain View Road would be #2 and the cattle guard on Garrels/Moonlight would be #3. Mayor Davis asked Mr. Haught if he anticipated the costs going up. Yes, answered Mr. Haught, it would be just like gas at the pumps. Council Member Binney said he was not against spending \$500,000 in six months and he trusted Roy's judgement on the projects. He felt this should be done every year for four years. Mr. Grier said that based on finances the council could re-evaluate the projects. Council Member Dueker stated he agrees with Council Member Binney. Mr. Grier then stated he will get with Mr. Haught to identify priority projects within the \$500,000 and focus on getting bids and review them with the council in two weeks. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to have the staff get the numbers for these projects for approximately \$500,000 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.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding scheduling an Adopt a Highway Litter Clean-Up per the request of Council Member Armington.

Council Member Armington reported that there was a post on the Star Valley page that the town was starting to look trashy. He said depending on weather, he would like to see a clean-up in a month or month and half from now on a Saturday. Mayor Davis asked which Saturday would work and council decided March 30th would be good. Council Member Binney thanked Council Member Armington for bringing the subject up. Mayor Davis asked if 8:00 a.m. would work and the council agreed. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to schedule an Adopt a Highway Litter Clean-Up on March 30th at 8:00 a.m. 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.

• 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 6th day of February 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 14th day of February 2024.

Del Dupree, Administrative Assistant