

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

**Tuesday, February 20, 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 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 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. 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 February 6, 2024.

**B. Approval of Accounts Payable from February 1, 2024 through February 15, 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 Armington 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 Abstained, Council Member
McDaniel X, Mayor Davis X.**

The motion was voted on and passed 6 – 0

- **Town Manager's Report**

Town Manager Grier began by stating that the rules of the report mean that none of it could be discussed or ruled upon although council members could request that an item could be selected as a future agenda item. He talked about the fund balances of \$7,804,093 and the need of the council to prioritize projects while making good choices on project spending. There is a total fund balance of \$10,831,792 which is an aggregate of general funds, highway user funds and the Gila County excise tax funds. The fund balances of \$1,175,142 and \$1,405,880 are restricted funds to be used only on road projects. He also said that general funds could be used for road projects but restricted funds could not be used for general projects.

Town Manager Grier went on to the topic of revenues over expenditures. The town added \$10 million to the budget last year and had an ending balance of \$1,463,644. He said throughout the year \$1,542,721 was spent to keep Town Hall open, to do street projects, repair water leaks, maintain the park and to do emergency maintenance projects. This means the town will still keep increasing its fund balances. He went onto the next topic of debt which can include bonds, WIFA loans, etc. The town does not have any current debt but he left it open that the town could incur debt in the future.

Town Manager Grier then went on to the next topic of emergency services such as was necessary with the Star Valley tornado. Roy Haught had the roads cleared, reported Mr. Grier, before he was notified of the tornado by the Payson Police. Council Member Armington had coordinated with Gila County for dumpsters and heavy equipment to clear trees and debris. Mayor Davis contacted his connections. The Town does not have a lot of equipment and relies on the services of Roy Haught for such conditions as snow removal also. Mr. Grier's five minute time frame for the presentation of the report was reached and that concluded his comments.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action to consider approving road projects recommended by Roy Haught.**

Town Manager Grier began by noting the council needs to decide on what's fiscally smart on the road projects. He explained the Town may have a TTAC Grant of \$2.3 million coming but he won't know until June. With that in mind, he suggested that the council might be a little bit more aggressive in their spending approach on the roads come June. He then asked the council to look at the attached bids and asked Roy Haught to review them. Mr. Haught explained that Project #1, Mountain View Road, was for patch work at a cost of \$22,305.84; Project #2, Dealers Choice, was for patch work and widening of a 90 degree turn at a cost of \$9,212.92; Project #3, Pinon Road, was to rip out grade and repave starting from the cattle guard at a cost of \$114,603.81; Project #4, Pinon Road to Switchman, was to rip out grade and repave road at a cost of \$218,732.76; and Project #5 Sealcoat Switchman at a cost of \$7,000.50. Mr. Haught ended by saying the Star Valley roads weren't that bad but do need attention. Mayor Davis asked what the total cost of the projects were and Mr. Grier responded that it would be \$371,855.83. Mr. Grier recommended withdrawing Project #4, Pinon Road to Switchman, at \$218,732.76 which would drop the total cost below the amount required to go out to bid. He said this would allow the Town to get started in the early summer. Council Member Dueker agreed with the plan Mr. Grier laid out. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to proceed with the road projects of Mountain View, Dealers Choice, Pinon and the sealcoat project was made by Council Member McDaniel. Town Manager Grier clarified that

Pinon Road did not include the \$218,732.76 Project #4. Council Member McDaniel said correct and the motion 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 Yes, Council Member McDaniel Yes, Mayor Davis Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the Splash Pad and what it will take to get it in working order.

Town Manager Grier explained that the budget with the splash pad started out at \$28,000 and is now at \$111,595. One of the problems is the leach field, which is not doing the trick. The group area of the grassy lawn gets flooded so it is a tough decision to choose between the splash pad or group area ramada. There was continuous use last year and wireless controls would mitigate some of the water usage. But even with just two days of usage during the summer there were issues especially during monsoon season. One option is to do nothing, which would affect the availability of the splash pad or group area ramada. A second option would be to install a water holding tank at a cost of \$250,000. This would recirculate the water to reuse on the splash pad. Another option would be a 10,000 gallon water tank at a cost of \$88,000. This would collect the water during the day from the splash pad and disperse it to the irrigation system at night. A great way to use the water twice and green up the park. He also noted that if the town waited to pull cost numbers, the project would not get done this summer.

An option would be to start with the drainage, stated Town Manager Grier, then later expand the irrigation system and add trees, shrubs, etc. Regarding the splash pad, all features are not working at once, but the town already has a lot of money into it (\$111,000) and it does require committing more money, which needs direction from the council. Mr. Grier said both Roy Haught and Dean Shaffer could give their opinions regarding the 10,000 gallon distribution system. Council Member Dueker asked if the booster pump could handle all of it rather than individual stations. Mr. Shaffer said it could run everything at once. The council talked about options such as water pressure, push button valves on the water cannons, and smaller nozzles to control waterflow. Mr. Haught brought up the option of running the water overflow into the existing leach line, which would help the flooding issue on the grassy area. Mayor Davis said the splash pad needs to be open seven days a week and then Mr. Shaffer said a tank would definitely be needed to do that. Council Member McDaniel agreed with a holding tank and balls on the nozzles. Mr. Grier indicated that a decision would be needed tonight in order to begin work in 16 weeks. Mayor Davis and Council Member Binney agreed. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to spend approximately \$100,000 to fix the Splash Pad 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 Yes, Council Member McDaniel Yes, Mayor Davis Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding preserving the wood siding and decks at Town Hall. Requested by Council Member Binney.

Town Manager Grier brought up the issue of preserving the siding and deck of the Town Hall indicating that it needs to be done. Council Member Binney said stain lasts maybe two years max. If you

don't take care of it, concluded Council Member Binney, it will be gone. Council Member Highstreet said technically it doesn't need to come before the council as it is a capital improvement issue and Mr. Grier responded he wanted to keep the council informed regarding potential spending. Mayor Davis said that Town Hall is a show piece of Star Valley and it would be a good way to spend Town dollars.

A motion to direct Town Manager Grier to preserve Town Hall with stain was made by Council Member Highstreet 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 Yes, Council Member McDaniel Yes, Mayor Davis Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.

• ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 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 20th day of February 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of February 2024.

Del Dupree, Administrative Assistant