

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

**Tuesday, August 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 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 X, Council Member McDaniel X, Mayor Davis X. Mayor Davis attended telephonically.

- **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 Vice Mayor opened up this portion of the meeting for public comments. There were no public comments, and the Vice 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 6, 2024.

B. Approval of Accounts Payable from August 1, 2024 through August 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 X, Council Member McDaniel X, Mayor Davis X.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Update on the Granite Dells project. Presentation by the Rim Country Educational Alliance. Discussion item only.**

President of the MHA Foundation Kenny Evans, President of the SLE Jon Cline and President of Rim Country Education Foundations (RCEF) Jennifer Smith gave the presentation. Mr. Evans gave a history of how RCEF acquired the land for the Granite Dells project from the Forest Service. Initially 250 acres were purchased for an educational facility with 52 acres dedicated to a community park which would also serve the students. The negotiations with ASU did not produce a commitment from them, however, the resolve to move ahead with the park continued. Rim Country Educational Alliance (RCEA) owns the land and the Rim Country Education Foundation (RCEF) manages the park. The Granite Dells Park Complex is unique in that it was designed from the outset as an environmentally beneficial addition to the community's ecosystem. A discussion of all of the elements of the park followed. Traditional athletic features plus a scenic lake and stream will make it a one of a kind park. Jennifer Smith explained that biological studies are being done to ensure nothing from the Granite Dells Park will affect the Lake Roosevelt area. A handout listing the features of the park and its development was also provided. Vice Mayor McKinney thanked the speakers for their presentation.

2. **Second public hearing, discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. O 24-01 captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY, ARIZONA, AMENDING STAR VALLEY TOWN CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT ENTITLED "AMENDMENTS TO STAR VALLEY TOWN CODE, TITLE 9 (BUILDING REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 1 (BUILDING CODE; PERMITS), SECTION 9-1-1 (BUILDING CODE)."**

Town Manager Grier began by explaining that this is the second read to update the Building Code. The Town of Star Valley operates under the 2006 Building Code while the Town of Payson operates under the 2018 Building Code. Since the Town of Payson issues building permits for the Town of Star Valley the existence of two sets of building codes makes it cumbersome for the Town of Payson. It makes sense to update the Building Code to be consistent with the Town of Payson. Vice Mayor McKinney asked if the codes of each town should match and Mr. Grier said yes. Vice Mayor McKinney opened the hearing to the public. Bob Wolf of 196 Chitwood in Star Valley said he has been an electrician for most of his life. He agrees with updating the codes but he is worried about an increase in fees that would be passed onto the builders and homeowners. Richard Likins of 83 S. Hillside Drive in Star Valley asked if the fees are associated with the regulations. Mr. Grier noted the fees were contained within the regulations and had been updated a month or so ago. There were no further public comments and Vice Mayor McKinney closed out the public comment portion.

A motion to approve and adopt Ordinance 24-01 amending the Star Valley Code by referencing that certain document entitled Amendments to Town of Star Valley Code, Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 9-1-1 of the Building Code and to direct staff to reevaluate the construction fees for next fiscal year was made by Council Member Highstreet and was seconded by Council Member Armington.

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

The motion was voted on and passed 6 – 1.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding cancelling the September 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Vice Mayor McKinney said this would be the council meeting immediately following the convention and everyone may be tired. Council Member Highstreet thought it appropriate to cancel this meeting.

A motion to cancel the September 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting was made by Council Member Highstreet and was seconded by Council Member Armington.

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.

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

A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.1 – Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee, or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee, or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting.

Discussion regarding the Town Manager’s contract and performance review.

Vice Mayor McKinney asked Town Manager Grier if he discussed this within the last twenty four hours with the Town Manager so that they can proceed. Town Manager Grier stated he doesn’t have an objection to this being discussed in Executive Session. There was no further discussion.

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made by Council Member Highstreet 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 X, Council Member McDaniel X, Mayor Davis X.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0

- EXECUTIVE SESSION

- CALL MEETING BACK TO ORDER

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the Town Manager’s contract and performance review.

Vice Mayor McKinney asked for a motion.

A motion to direct Town Manager Tim Grier to draft an updated contract to include a 2.5% increase match on his 457 and a 2% raise on his salary was made by Council Member Highstreet and was seconded by Council Member Binney.

Vice Mayor McKinney Yes, Council Member Armington No, 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 6 – 1.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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 August 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of August 2024.

Del Dupree, Administrative Assistant