

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

**Tuesday, October 1, 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 Absent, Council Member Dueker X, Council Member Highstreet X, Council Member McDaniel X, Mayor Davis X. **Council Member Binney arrived during the reading of the proclamation.**

- **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 comments. There were no public 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 September 17, 2024.

B. Approval of Accounts Payable from September 16, 2024 through September 30, 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 McDaniel.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion was voted on and passed 6 – 0.

PROCLAMATION:

1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Town Clerk Chapin read the proclamation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a mural on the splash pad water storage tank. Presentation by artist Sarah Linkey.

Town Manager Grier explained that the black ten thousand gallon water storage tank for the splash pad was not the most attractive feature in town. He introduced Sarah Linkey, who is a local artist and also taught pottery at the community college for the last seven years. She said murals can revive a town and public art lifts places up. She submitted a bid for a mural she would like to do for the water tank. Council Member Armington asked if it would be direct painting? Ms. Linkey said she would do a primer first, paint with outdoor paint and varnish with a UV protectant. She said it would take two weeks to complete. Council Member Binney asked if she could do a sample and she said yes. Mr. Grier asked if there would be a guarantee or warranty for the mural. Ms. Linkey responded that if anything happens she will repair it. Mayor Davis stated the mural is beautiful and it would enhance the park. Council Member Dueker said he would like to see a test patch. Ms. Linkey said she would do a test patch on the back of the tank. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to contract with Sarah to paint the water storage tank in the amount of \$7,000 was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Council Member McDaniel.

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 regarding PFAS mitigation including looking at Financial assistance from AZ Smart for the Quail Valley storage tank. AZ Smart Grant Writer and Business Manager Jon Luther will be in attendance to answer any questions as well as Town Manager Tim Grier.

Town Manager Grier stated that ADEQ will fund the booster station project at a cost of \$400,000 but they won't cover the \$500,000 water storage tank. Mr. Grier introduced Jon Luther, who is a grant writer affiliated with Good Creations LLC and Local First Arizona. Mr. Luther reported he has had extensive conversations with Arizona Water Infrastructure Finance Authority ("WIFA") regarding obtaining a grant for up to \$500,000 and he believes there is a good chance of getting a grant. Mr. Luther believes the grant would cover the whole cost. Council Member Binney asked Mr. Luther how he would get paid. Mr. Luther responded that his retainer would be approximately 1% of the total project cost and he would try to write that into the grant. Council Member Dueker cautioned that Town Manager Grier needs to look at the contract before anything goes forward. Mr. Grier asked if the worst case scenario would be \$450,000 covered by the grant and \$50,000 covered by a low cost WIFA loan. Mr. Luther said correct but if the grant came in with different figures the Town would have the option of declining the offer. Mr. Grier asked what the time frame would be. Mr. Luther said the submittal would take about two to three weeks and we would probably know something in about 6 months. Mr. Luther clarified that we

would have a signal from WIFA on what kind of terms they are seeking in about four to five months from now. Council Member Dueker asked if the grant is thru WIFA. Mr. Luther said it is a State Revolving Fund (“SRF”) known as Drinking Water SRF administered by WIFA. We would be seeking a Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) overlay through the federal government handed down from the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), but WIFA administers that pot of money as well. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to move forward with Jon Luther in pursuing grant money for the water storage tank was made by Council Member Binney 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 .

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 24-09 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Payson to establish a partnering arrangement for application for Community Development Block Grants and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same.

Town Manager Grier explained that this was a procedural process that has been ongoing for a number of years. He said the Town of Star Valley and the Town of Payson each split a two year period of funding from CDBG. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 24-09 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Payson to establish a partnering agreement for application for Community Development Block Grants and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same was made by Council Member Binney 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. Update on completed streets and roads projects and future projects. Presentation to include Finance Administrator Tina Woody, Town Manager Tim Grier and Job Order Contractor Roy Haught.

Finance Administrator Tina Woody explained that the Town had a cash balance of \$500,000 marked for streets and roads. To date the completed roadwork has cost \$359,000 from January through August as shown through a slide presentation which showed patch work on Dealer’s Choice, ditch work on Pinon and paving on Switchman. Town Manager Grier said he wanted to move forward aggressively with the street projects as there is still a cash balance left to work with. Mr. Grier asked Job Order Contractor Roy Haught for a status on the streets and roads. Mr. Haught gave a slide presentation on road work to date and future projects. He said most of the roads in the area are in fairly good shape; however, there is work to be done on Mountain View, Dealer’s Choice, Orion, Mars, Valley Road, Cornerstone Road and in Houston Creek Landing. All of which are routine maintenance that need to be done periodically in terms of potholes, chip sealing or asphalt overlay. Mr. Haught said he would get the Town

a full list of upcoming projects. Mr. Grier then asked the council if they wished to continue on the path with road maintenance and they agreed.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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 1st day of October 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 8th day of October 2024.

Del Dupree, Administrative Assistant