

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

**Tuesday, November 5, 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.

- **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.

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 October 15, 2024.

**B. Approval of Accounts Payable from October 16, 2024 through October 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 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. **Second public hearing, discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. O 24-02 captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF STAR VALLEY, ARIZONA BY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. O 07-04 (ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION) AND ORDINANCE NO. O 07-16 (ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES) AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT ENTITLED “AMENDMENTS TO STAR VALLEY TOWN CODE, TITLE 2 (BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), CHAPTER 4 (COMMUNITY BETTERMENT COMMITTEE)”;** REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager Grier said the town has been looking to rescind the Architectural Design Review Commission and replace it with a Community Betterment Committee tasked with the idea of looking at different projects around town with the purpose of beautifying the area. The Council will appoint a new five person committee. Mayor Davis asked for a discussion from the council and there was none. The Mayor opened the discussion to the public. Bob Wolf of 196 Chitwood Lane in Star Valley said he was excited about the new committee and a lot could be done to make the town more user friendly.

A motion to approve and adopt Ordinance No. O 24-02 amending Star Valley Town Code by repealing Ordinance No. O 07-04 (Architectural Design Review Commission) and Ordinance No. O 07-16 (Architectural Design Review Guidelines) and adopting by reference that certain document entitled “Amendments to Star Valley Town Code, Title 2 (Boards and Commissions), Chapter 4 (Community Betterment Committee)” was made by Council Member Binney and was seconded by Council Member Highstreet.

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 to adopt Resolution No. R 24-10 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, amending the Town Code of Star Valley, Arizona, by repealing Ordinance No. O 07-04 (Architectural Design Review Commission) and Ordinance No. O 07-16 (Architectural Design Review Guidelines) and adopting by reference that certain document filed with the town clerk and entitled “Amendments to Star Valley Town Code, Title 2 (Boards and Commissions), Chapter 4 (Community Betterment Committee).”**

Town Manager Grier explained that this was a follow up to item #1 on the agenda which would rescind the Architectural Design Review Commission and replace it with the Community Betterment Committee. There was no discussion and Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 24-10 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, amending the Town Code of Star Valley, Arizona, by repealing

Ordinance No. O 07-04 (Architectural Design Review Commission) and Ordinance No. O 07-16 (Architectural Design Review Guidelines) and declaring as public record that certain document filed with the Town Clerk and entitled “Amendments to Star Valley Town Code, Title 2 (Boards and Commissions), Chapter 4 (Community Betterment Committee)” was made by Council Member McDaniel and was seconded by Council Member Highstreet.

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. Town Manager Tim Grier will provide an update on the splash pad.

Town Manager Grier announced that the splash pad was a splashing success after a few bugs were worked out. We shifted to a 10,000 gallon storage tank which helps irrigate the park at night while using the water twice. He observed that the splash pad brings pure joy to a lot of little ones. Finance Administrator Ridings had created a summary of expenses and went through them with the council. Total expenditures amounted to \$200,629. Mayor Davis said he received many positive comments on the splash pad and zip line. Water Operator Dean Shaffer said the splash pad was turned off now for the winter. Council Member Armington asked if the pump will keep up with the usage and Mr. Shaffer said yes.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval or disapproval of the mural on the splash pad water storage tank.

Town Manager Grier said he was ready to go forward but several members of the council had expressed concerns and that is why he is asking for additional discussion. Council Member Binney said in his research that the tank needed to be sanded first and the artist said she would maintain the mural. Council Member Binney said he liked the idea of the mural. Council Member Dueker said he researched it also and found it might take extra steps to sand and keep the mural clean than the artist anticipated. Council Member Armington explained that a bonding agent such as used on cars could be applied first as an adhesive promoter and the artist might want to look into that also. Council Member Highstreet asked about the cost and was told it would be \$7,000. He asked if they could share their concerns with the artist. Water Operator Dean Shaffer said the tank is drained now but might stretch when it is filled again. Mr. Grier said he would like to ask the artist to come back to discuss her comfort level regarding solvent, sanding, price change, etc. and to answer questions.

A motion to invite the artist back to answer more questions and relieve some concerns 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.

5. Town Manager Tim Grier will provide an update on the asbestos-cement (“AC”) water lines and the recent line break.

Town Manager Grier reviewed a water emergency that occurred during the last council meeting which required Water Operator Dean Shaffer to leave the meeting immediately. Mr. Shaffer reported that

he had to cross private property to access the water break. Mr. Grier then asked Mr. Shaffer to talk about AC water lines and age. Mr. Shaffer explained that some of the water lines, which were put in during the 60's, are on private property and access is difficult. Also trees and root systems are squeezing the water lines. Council Member Dueker asked if the water lines could be moved into a right of way? Mr. Shaffer said that was the plan along with a water line replacement program. Mr. Grier explained that the PFAS issue shifted the town's priority but this was also a priority. Mr. Shaffer said the water line replacement plan would be estimated at \$3 million to do 14,000 feet. The water lines would be upsized for replacement. That cost only replaces what is existing. It's quite a project and dual water lines would be done so customers won't be out of water.

Council Member Dueker asked if there might be government funding to help with this project. Water Operator Dean Shaffer said there might be money and Finance Administrator Ridings will discuss a letter sent to the water customers of Star Valley per the request of the EPA. The letter advises customers to check their own water lines for lead pipes. Mr. Shaffer said the town's water lines were PVC or PE. Town Manager Grier said he was not optimistic about a grant and the council needs to figure a budget for this without grant dollars. Council Member Highstreet asked what areas should be concerned about lead pipes. Mr. Shaffer said everything in the older parts of town except the Knolls and Houston Creek Landing. Mr. Grier said he wanted the council to be aware of this issue in advance and Mr. Shaffer said there would be a webinar with the EPA in December to provide more information. Mr. Shaffer emphasized that it is the responsibility of the homeowner to determine the content of their own water pipes. Mr. Grier said the town provides clean water. It is unfortunate that an EPA regulation required the letter to be sent out, which might scare some people in a misguided way, but he wanted the council to be aware of the this. Mr. Shaffer indicated that the letter would have to be sent out yearly until we verify the unknown and we have about three years to do so.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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 5th day of November 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 14th day of November 2024.

Del Dupree, Administrative Assistant