

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

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025 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 comments.

Denise Van Keuren of 623 S. Moonlight Drive in Star Valley spoke regarding cattle on her property. She said the neighborhood had been dealing with cattle on the streets for the last three months but last week a couple of bulls and six to ten cows were trying to knock down her chain link fence. She presented photos. She asked the council to develop an ordinance as a “no fence district” per the open range statute in Arizona. It may not be one hundred percent effective, but it may be a good start she said. She submitted some information from the Gilbert Sun News and Western Ag Life Magazine as examples for incorporated communities dealing with this kind of problem. Mayor Davis said they could not take action at this meeting but thanked her.

Mayor Davis then 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 and the Work Study Meeting held on May 6, 2025.

B. Approval of Accounts Payable from May 1, 2025 through May 15, 2025 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 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Plaque presentation by Program Administrator Ed Bantel with Southwest Risk.

The presentation was postponed due to the unexpected absence of Ed Bantel.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning generator bids for the Star Valley Water System.

Town Manager Grier reviewed the purchase of generators which were approved by the council at a previous council meeting. Bids have come in and were reviewed for the lowest bid. However, the generators won't be available until January 2026. Mayor Davis opened the meeting for discussion. Council Member Binney remarked that he found batteries for the wells which could be in place within 30 days. Engineer Dale Miller commented on the lowest bid of \$262,671 for generators with a run time of 24 hours and said they could be refilled with fuel should an outage last longer. Mayor Davis said the town staff recommends approving the lowest bid. Council Member Binney commented he thought the equipment would be LP generators. Water Operator Dean Shaffer said they would be too costly and problematic for maintenance. Mayor Davis asked where the town would get the diesel fuel and Mr. Shaffer said a local contractor could fill the tanks.

Council Member Armington indicated that it might be cheaper to contact the Gila County about an IGA to service the tanks. There was a discussion among council members and Town Manager Grier regarding availability of water during an APS planned shutdown. Mr. Grier said he was pursuing options, and that APS may help and assist. Another option might be to ask the Community Betterment Committee for assistance. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to approve Fann Environmental, LLC as the contractor for the Star Valley System Generator Project and authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with said contractor was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Council Member Dueker.

A roll call vote was taken:

Vice Mayor McKinney Yes, Council Member Armington Yes, Council Member Binney

No , Council Member Dueker Yes , Council Member Highstreet Absent , Council Member McDaniel Yes , Mayor Davis Yes .
The motion was voted on and passed 5 – 1.

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 25-03 – A Resolution of the Town of Star Valley of Gila County, Arizona, to authorize the application for a drinking water state revolving fund loan from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona.

Town Manager Grier stated the council had passed the resolution for the previous WIFA loan which made the town go into debt for the first time. However, it made sense because of the principal forgiveness on the loan for the water storage tank project. He asked WIFA if the town could qualify for another WIFA loan with principal forgiveness and was told we could within a range of \$250,000. He asked Engineer Dale Miller to complete an application for the loan to start the process. However, added Mr. Grier, the council does not have to go forward with it. Mr. Grier then asked the council to consider passing a resolution. Council Member Armington asked how it would affect the town's budget. Finance Administrator Tina Ridings responded that it was included in the new budget. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 25-03 – A resolution of the Town of Star Valley of Gila County, Arizona, to authorize the application for a drinking water state revolving fund loan from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona was made by Council Member McDaniel 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.

4. Public hearing, discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 25-04 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, adopting estimates of revenues and expenditures/expenses shown on the schedules attached as the tentative budget of the Town Star Valley for the fiscal year 2025/2026. Presentation by Finance Administrator Ridings and Town Manager Grier.

Finance Administrator Tina Ridings reviewed the revenue/expenditures for the fiscal year 2025/2026 budget giving a five year trend. The total budget came to \$11,581,965. Mayor Davis asked if the council had any questions and there were none. He then opened it up to public discussion. There was no public discussion. . Mayor Davis then asked for a motion.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. R 25-04 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona, adopting estimates of revenues and expenditures/expenses shown on the schedules attached as the tentative budget of the Town of Star Valley for the fiscal year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$11,581,965 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.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding repainting the yellow stripe down Moonlight Drive. Requested by Vice Mayor McKinney.

Vice Mayor McKinney explained that the town only paints one yellow stripe on one street in town, and it needs to be done periodically. As the town has the funds that could justify applying a new stripe on Moonlight Drive. He would appreciate consideration on this matter from the council. Town Manager Grier stated that he does not recommend repainting the yellow stripe down Moonlight Drive as there is going to be street work on it in the near future. Council Member Binney stated he felt it was not required and not a good use of town funds. Mayor Davis stated he was under the impression that Moonlight Drive had to have the stripe, but he found that it was not something that had to be done and said he would follow the recommendation of the staff. There was no further discussion and Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to paint a yellow stripe down Moonlight Dr from one end to the other was made by Vice Mayor McKinney. There was no second and the motion failed.

• ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney.

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 20th day of May 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 29th day of May 2025.

Del Dupree, Administrative Assistant