

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

**Tuesday, June 17, 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 Mayor Davis.
- 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.

Bob Wolf, Chair of the Star Valley Community Betterment Committee, commented that the water coverage for a potential APS shutoff initially was intended for the water district customers only. He said the town should consider coverage for the entire Town of Star Valley. Mayor Davis responded by saying further discussion would be in a town council meeting and no decision could be made tonight. Mr. Wolf also suggested that all the streets in Star Valley should have a street sign which would help visitors who come into the area. Town Manager Grier stated that the street signs have been ordered.

Wes Traynor, Fire Chief of the Hellsgate Fire District, spoke about coming before the town council to give an update once a month. He stated that their call volume has gone up about 103 percent from two years ago. An issue lately has been small wildfires along the Beeline and campfires in the forest. If the campfires are in the national forest, the Forest Service and Gila County Sheriff's Office will handle those calls. If the campfires are close to town, then Hellsgate Fire District will help also. Chief Traynor went on to say that the fire district has received a large donation which will allow them to

remodel parts of the station. Also, he is working on getting the auxiliary with the fire district back and going again.

There were no further comments and Mayor Davis 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 May 20, 2025.

B. Approval of Accounts Payable from June 1, 2025 through June 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 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

Ed Bantel, the agent and underwriter for Southwest Risk, spoke and commented that the Town of Star Valley is unique in that there have been no claims in twenty years since it was incorporated in 2005. Southwest Risk would like to recognize that accomplishment by presenting a plaque to the town for its outstanding operation. Mayor Davis thanked him on behalf of the town council and staff.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding streets and roads projects.

Town Manager Grier reviewed the budget numbers presented at the last council meeting. Staff recommendation is to fund both projects. He invited job order contractor Roy Haught to identify which roads need upgrading. Mr. Haught explained that Moonlight Drive needs to have the water line finished before any work can be done on it. Also, Springdale, Orion, Milky Way and Mars need repairs. In addition, as a separate project, he stated there was work to be done on Highline Drive. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to approve the road projects at Orion, Milky Way, Springdale and Mars in the estimated amount of \$33,067.89 was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney.

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.

A motion to approve the road projects on Highline Drive for an estimated amount of \$410,229.41 was made by Council Member Armington and was seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney.

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.

3. Discussion and possible action concerning the purchase and installation of additional playground equipment, shade structures and seating at the Ronnie and Diane McDaniel Community Park.

Town Manager Grier requested Town Clerk Chapin to explain what's included in Option #1. Option #1, explained Ms. Chapin, includes a Starter Ensemble of outdoor musical instruments, a shade structure to add to the splash pad, a shade structure to add to the children's playground (ages 5-12) to put over the swing set, and eight Adirondack chairs for seating over by the splash pad. Mayor Davis asked if the musical instruments will be in a concrete spot. Ms. Chapin said they will go in the ground. As we add to the park, stated Town Manager Grier, we also add park maintenance as we have more visitors there. The cost of the first option is \$85,151.84. The second option is for the musical instruments, one shade structure for the splash pad and four Adirondack chairs at a cost of \$51,467.05. The park maintenance proposal in the amount of \$6,669.50 includes maintenance of the zipline. The Adams Custom Concrete Bid in the amount of \$4,750.00 is for cement tree well seating that will go around the tree near the splash pad.

Town Manager Grier said the town has \$77,360.00 in available grant money to spend at the park. Town Clerk Chapin procured funding in the amount of \$51,360 from Gila River Indian Community and \$4,000 from APS. A donation of \$22,000.00 is expected from the local Tonto Apache Tribe. That almost covers the \$85,000.00 for Option #1 leaving about \$8,000.00 that can be covered by the General Fund. Town Manager Grier suggested Option #1 as the Town is certainly in a position to make that choice.

Council Member McDaniel asked how the Adirondack chairs will be secured. They are movable on purpose, answered Town Clerk Chapin, so that people can move them around to the shade. They can be secured, added Ms. Chapin. According to the brochure, stated Council Member Dueker, they are 41 pounds. Council Member Dueker expressed his concern that they will disappear and recommended using concrete to secure them. Town Manager Grier asked the council if they would like to go with the chairs or scrap the chair idea. The council unanimously stated that they like the chairs. Town Clerk Chapin mentioned that optional hold down kits are available for purchase. Council Member Binney stated he likes the idea that the chairs can be moved around but he thinks the hold down kits are needed. Mayor Davis asked if there were any other questions.

Council Member Binney asked about the park maintenance proposal and what it includes. Town Clerk Chapin explained it is for maintenance of the zipline and engineered wood fiber for all the playgrounds. Vice Mayor McKinney congratulated Town staff for their creativity. There were no further questions and Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to approve the purchase and installation of additional playground equipment, shade structures, and seating as well as the tie down kits from Experplay was made by Council Member McDaniel and was seconded by Council Member Dueker.

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.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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 17th day of June 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 23rd day of June 2025.

Del Dupree, Administrative Assistant