

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

**Tuesday, September 16, 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 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.

The Mayor opened up this portion of the meeting for public comments. There were no public 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 September 2, 2025.

**B. Approval of Accounts Payable from September 1, 2025 through September 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 Yes, Council Member McDaniel Yes, Mayor Davis Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 7 – 0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the cost of mandatory postings in the local newspaper. Requested by Council Member Binney.

Council Member Binney noted the town is mandated to publish public notices in the newspaper but he believes it is a dying system. He recommended advocating to the League of Cities to do away with this requirement. Several council members disagreed as a lot of elderly residents don't use the internet and also stated it was a state law. The discussion ended with no agreement.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the cost to mail water billings. Requested by Council Member Binney.

Council Member Binney expressed frustration over the recurring expenses of mailing water bills which he felt amounted to \$400 per month and felt they should be emailed. Finance Administrator Ridings indicated that the cost was approximately \$276 per month, which was at a cost efficient level. Ms. Ridings said emailing would involve costs, training and customer resistance as a lot of residents don't have electronic services. There was no further discussion.

3. Discussion and possible action to waive building codes for buildings under 1200 square feet. Requested by Council Member Binney.

Council Member Binney noted the financial challenges that young people face in today's economy particularly regarding housing affordability. He attributed these issues to government regulations and argued for reducing building codes. The conversation addressed the building codes confirming that they fall under Star Valley regulations. There was a consensus that the existing codes must be followed and the council had limited ability to alter those regulations. There was no action on this item.

4. Discussion and possible action to encourage homeowners to install rain water retention systems by providing a reimbursement. Requested by Council Member Binney.

Council Member Binney expressed the need for water retention systems to support the local water supply and aquifer. He would like to propose a reimbursement program to encourage homeowners to install rainwater retention systems and bring it for discussion in the next budget cycle. Council Members thought it was a good thought but had reservations about how that would impact the town financially and the potential need for additional staff to manage any reimbursement programs for homeowners who install these systems. There was no further discussion.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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 16th day of September 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 23rd day of September 2025.

Del Dupree, Administrative Assistant