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

Tuesday, November 18, 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 <u>Absent</u>, Council Member Armington <u>X</u>, Council Member Binney <u>X</u>, Council Member Dueker <u>X</u>, Council Member Highstreet <u>Absent</u>, 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. Richard Likins of 83 S. Hillside Drive in Star Valley would like the council to consider giving as much support to the Payson Senior Center as they can since the center is moving into a new building and expanding services. Any more the town can give would be greatly appreciated.

## • 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 November 4, 2025.
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable from November 1, 2025 through November 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 <u>Absent</u>, Council Member Armington <u>Yes</u>, Council Member Binney <u>Yes</u>, Council Member <u>Dueker Yes</u>, Council Member Highstreet <u>Absent</u>, Council Member McDaniel <u>Yes</u>, Mayor Davis <u>Yes</u>.

The motion was voted on and passed 5 - 0.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and possible action to recommit and contribute to the Meals on Wheels, Senior Ridership, and Center Meals programs.

Town Manager Grier reviewed the contribution of \$40,000 given last year and indicated a new contribution would not be payable until February 2026. He introduced the Senior Center Director of Development, Janice Chesser. Ms. Chesser announced there will be a groundbreaking ceremony of the new senior center on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Chesser then introduced the new Senior Center CEO, Rima Urban. Ms. Urban said the current center was busting at the seams as transportation is up 40 percent and Meals on Wheels is also increasing. Council Member Dueker applauded the great work they do, and Mayor Davis said Star Valley residents get meals seven days a week. Ms. Chesser said the center really appreciates the town's help. Council Member Binney thanked them for their financial information. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to authorize a contribution to the Meals on Wheels, Senior Ridership and Center Meals programs for the citizens of Star Valley in the amount of \$40,000 was made by Council Member McDaniel and was seconded by Council Member Armington.

A roll call vote was taken:

Vice Mayor McKinney <u>Absent</u>, Council Member Armington <u>Yes</u>, Council Member Binney <u>Yes</u>, Council Member <u>Dueker</u>, Council Member Highstreet <u>Absent</u>, Council Member McDaniel Yes, Mayor Davis Yes.

The motion was voted on and passed 5 - 0.

2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 25-09 – 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 explained the town had a glitch in the water department billing and his recommendation is to replace the water meters with automated water meters. He said manual readings are prone to human error and he wants to modernize as other towns in the state have done in their water departments. The town is seeking funding for another WIFA loan in the amount of \$175,000 for the new meters. In the meantime, the town will contract with an independent meter reader until the meters are replaced. Mr. Grier explained the goal is to fix the problem, but it is a big project, and his recommendation is water meter replacements. Council Member Binney said there is nothing more important than the integrity of our meter readings. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-09 – 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 Armington and was seconded by Council Member McDaniel.

A roll call vote was taken:

Vice Mayor McKinney <u>Absent</u>, Council Member Armington <u>Yes</u>, Council Member Binney <u>Yes</u>, Council Member <u>Dueker Yes</u>, Council Member Highstreet <u>Absent</u>, Council Member McDaniel <u>Yes</u>, Mayor Davis <u>Yes</u>.

The motion was voted on and passed 5-0.

3. Discussion and possible action to authorize the town manager to move forward with the water meter replacement project if the WIFA loan is not approved.

Town Manager Grier reviewed the reasons for applying for a WIFA loan to replace the water meters. If the WIFA loan does not come through the town should still go forward and pursue this. He stressed the importance of accurate meter readings and felt it was time to upgrade. Council Member Binney agreed and again said integrity of the reads is most important.

A motion to authorize the town manager to move forward with the water meter replacement project if the WIFA loan is not approved was made by Council Member McDaniel and was seconded by Council Member Armington.

A roll call vote was taken:

Vice Mayor McKinney <u>Absent</u>, Council Member Armington <u>Yes</u>, Council Member Binney <u>Yes</u>, Council Member Dueker <u>Yes</u>, Council Member Highstreet <u>Absent</u>, Council Member McDaniel <u>Yes</u>, Mayor Davis <u>Yes</u>.

The motion was voted on and passed 5 - 0.

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 25-10 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Star Valley authorizing the submission of an application for FY2025 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds.

Town Manager Grier explained the town had a second public hearing on applying for CDBG funds at the last council meeting during which the town approved a water line replacement project for the funds. This resolution would continue that process. Mayor Davis asked for a motion.

A motion to approve Resolution No. R 25-10 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Star Valley authorizing the submission of an application for FY2025 State Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds was made by Council Member McDaniel and was seconded by Council Member Dueker.

A roll call vote was taken:

Vice Mayor McKinney <u>Absent</u>, Council Member Armington <u>Yes</u>, Council Member Binney <u>Yes</u>, Council Member <u>Dueker Yes</u>, Council Member Highstreet <u>Absent</u>, Council Member McDaniel <u>Yes</u>, Mayor Davis <u>Yes</u>.

The motion was voted on and passed 5 - 0.

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Bobby Davis, Mayor			
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Edie Chapin, Town Clerk			
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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 18th day of November 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of December 2025.

**Del Dupree, Administrative Assistant** 

• ADJOURNMENT