

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

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 5:15 pm
3675 East Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ
(Star Valley Town Hall)**

- PRAYER was offered by Pastor Dave Barber of Rim View Community Church.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL:

Official	Status
Mayor Davis	Present
Vice Mayor McKinney	Present
Council Member Armington	Present
Council Member Binney	Present
Council Member Dueker	Present
Council Member Highstreet	Absent
Council Member McDaniel	Present

- **A quorum was established.**
- **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 from the public should 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.

Mayor Davis opened the public comment period. No members of the public addressed the Council, and the public comment period was subsequently closed.

- **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be voted on as a single 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 5, 2026.**
- B. Approval of Accounts Payable from May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026 for the General Fund and for the Water Department.**

Council Member Armington made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items A and B as presented, 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 – ABSTAINED due to not being present at the May 5, 2026 meeting.**
- **Council Member Highstreet – ABSENT.**
- **Council Member McDaniel – YES.**
- **Mayor Davis – YES.**

The motion passed unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes, one (1) abstention, and one (1) member absent.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Discussion and possible action to award a contract to PureOps of AZ, LLC in the amount of \$181,610.43 for the acquisition of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) water meter system, based on staff recommendation.**

Town Manager Tim Grier introduced the item and explained that staff and the project selection committee reviewed proposals from four vendors for the Town's AMI water meter replacement project.

Dale Miller, Town Engineer, stated that the selection committee consisted of Tina Ridings, Dean Shaffer, Jacob von Prisk, and himself. Mr. Miller explained that the committee evaluated each proposal based on overall value, software capabilities, meter quality, durability, and long-term operational savings, rather than simply selecting the lowest bid.

Representatives from PureOps and Master Meter provided an overview of the proposed AMI system. The Council discussed system functionality, cellular communication capabilities, customer access to usage information, leak detection, battery life expectancy, software compatibility with the Town's Caselle billing software, replacement meter costs, and annual software/cellular service fees. Staff noted the system would significantly reduce manual meter reading time, improve billing accuracy, allow faster leak detection, and provide operational efficiencies for Town staff and residents.

Mr. Miller further explained that the project funding would utilize existing WIFA loan funds, including available excess funding from the Childress Circle and Milky Way Water Line project through a scope amendment approved by WIFA.

Following Council discussion, Council Member McDaniel made a motion to award a contract to PureOps of AZ, LLC in the amount of \$181,610.43 for the acquisition of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) water meter system, seconded by Council Member Armington. A roll call vote was taken: **The motion passed unanimously with six (6) affirmative votes and one (1) member absent.**

2. Discussion and possible action to award a contract to DB Utilities in the amount of \$54,400 to install the water meters.

Dale Miller explained that, with the Town moving forward on the AMI water meter purchase, the next step was installation of the new meters. Installation bids were solicited separately, and DB Utilities was the lowest responsible bidder at \$54,400.

Mr. Miller stated that four bids were received, with DB Utilities being the lowest at \$54,400. He explained that the installation portion of the project came in under budget and would be funded through the existing WIFA loan funding allocated for the AMI project.

Mr. Miller advised that PureOps would provide the meters directly to DB Utilities for installation. He also reviewed the company's references, noting he contacted multiple municipalities and agencies, including the City of Chandler, and all references provided very positive feedback regarding DB Utilities' workmanship, customer service, and reliability.

Council discussed the anticipated project timeline. Mr. Miller estimated that the meters would arrive within approximately eight weeks and installation could likely be completed by the end of August 2026, with September as a contingency timeframe if necessary.

Following Council discussion, Council Member McDaniel made a motion to award a contract to DB Utilities in the amount of \$54,400 to install the water meters, seconded by Council Member Armington. A roll call vote was taken: **The motion passed unanimously with six (6) affirmative votes and one (1) member absent.**

3. Discussion and possible action to award a contract to Apache Underground and Excavating LLC in the amount of \$127,207.50 for the installation of water lines on Childress Circle and Milky Way.

Dale Miller presented the recommendation to award the contract for the Childress Circle and Milky Way water line installation project to Apache Underground and Excavating LLC in the amount of \$127,207.50.

Mr. Miller explained that the project is funded through a WIFA loan and that the bid came in significantly below the original project estimate and loan amount, at less than 50% of the anticipated cost. He stated that the resulting savings would allow the Town to utilize remaining WIFA funds to help cover the AMI water meter project and related engineering costs without needing to obtain additional loan funding. He noted that a WIFA scope amendment would be required following award approval. Mr. Miller stated that staff contacted Apache Underground to confirm the accuracy of their bid due to the substantially lower pricing. The contractor confirmed that the bid amount was accurate and that they could complete the work for the submitted price.

Mr. Miller also reported that multiple references were contacted and all provided highly favorable recommendations regarding Apache Underground's workmanship, timeliness, pricing integrity, and overall professionalism. Staff stated they were comfortable recommending award of the contract. Mayor Davis complimented the engineering team on the thoroughness and quality of the project information presented to Council.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Armington made a motion to award a contract to Apache Underground and Excavating LLC in the amount of \$127,207.50 for the installation of water

lines on Childress Circle and Milky Way, seconded by Council Member Binney. A roll call vote was taken: **The motion passed unanimously with six (6) affirmative votes and one (1) member absent.**

4. Discussion and possible action to sell the three existing town vehicles and purchase two new vehicles.

Town Manager Tim Grier provided a brief history of the Town vehicle fleet, explaining that several vehicles were originally purchased in 2005 and that the Town currently retains three aging vehicles, including two work trucks and the existing Town vehicle.

Council discussed replacing the current vehicles with two new vehicles, including an F-150 work truck and a Ford Explorer, and reviewed the costs associated with each purchase. Staff noted that vehicle replacements had already been included in the Town budget.

Council also briefly discussed future electric vehicle options but agreed that purchasing the proposed replacement vehicles at this time was the best course of action for Town operations and equipment hauling needs.

Council Member Armington made a motion to approve the sale of three existing town vehicles through government surplus and approve the purchase of two new vehicles, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney. A roll call vote was taken: **The motion passed unanimously with six (6) affirmative votes and one (1) member absent.**

5. Discussion and possible action to designate Tina Ridings, Finance Administrator, as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Town of Star Valley for purposes of financial administration and reporting to the Arizona Auditor General.

Council discussed the designation of Tina Ridings as Chief Financial Officer for official financial reporting purposes. Council Member McDaniel made a motion to designate Tina Ridings, Finance Administrator, as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Town of Star Valley for purposes of financial administration and reporting to the Arizona Auditor General, seconded by Council Member Armington. A roll call vote was taken: **The motion passed unanimously with six (6) affirmative votes and one (1) member absent.**

• ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Armington made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney. The motion passed 6-0, with Council Member Highstreet absent.

APPROVED:

Bobby Davis, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Jacob von Prisk, 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 2nd day of June 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated the 9th day of June 2026.

Jacob von Prisk, Town Clerk