

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

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 5:15 pm
3675 East Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ
(Star Valley Town Hall)**

- PRAYER was offered by Mayor Davis.
- 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 June 2, 2026.

B. Approval of Accounts Payable from June 1, 2026 through June 15, 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 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 passed unanimously with six (6) affirmative votes and one (1) member absent.

• **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. Public hearing, discussion, and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R 26-03 adopting the final budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$10,710,523. Presented by Finance Administrator Ridings.**

Finance Administrator Ridings introduced and presented the proposed final budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027—in the amount of \$10,710,523. Town Manager Grier continued the presentation and provided additional context regarding prior budgets and the Town’s current financial position. Town Manager Grier discussed the Town’s progression over time and its current ability to move forward with projects and initiatives.

Council and staff engaged in discussion regarding the Town’s financial position, staffing, and operational capacity. Staff described the Town’s organizational structure as efficient due to its small team environment, which allows for direct communication among staff and decision-makers without multiple administrative layers. This structure was noted as improving responsiveness and coordination across departments.

Discussion included the Town’s working relationships with consultants and contractors, including engineers and financial personnel, emphasizing the benefits of consistent communication and established professional relationships. A significant portion of the discussion focused on the value of experienced personnel currently serving the Town. It was noted that several staff members possess decades of institutional knowledge, particularly in areas such as the Town’s water system, and that this expertise is a critical resource that is not easily replaced.

Council and staff acknowledged that portions of the workforce are nearing retirement, creating a limited window of opportunity to utilize this experience. In response, staff explained that the Town is taking a proactive approach by advancing projects and initiatives while experienced personnel remain available. Town Manager Grier further noted that, in comparison to many other municipalities facing budget reductions, staffing limitations, or delays in capital improvement projects, the Town of Star Valley is currently in a position to continue progressing with planned improvements and investments.

Town Manager Grier also emphasized that the Town's decision-making process is data-driven, noting that the use of reliable financial and operational data allows Council and staff to make informed and responsible decisions. He stated that this approach relies heavily on the financial data, analysis, and reporting prepared by Finance Administrator Ridings.

During discussion, Council expressed appreciation and commended Finance Administrator Ridings, Town Manager Grier, and Town staff for their hard work and dedication, noting that their efforts have positioned the Town to be financially stable and able to operate independently while continuing to advance key projects and initiatives. Council Member McDaniel commended Finance Administrator Ridings for the structure and presentation of the Town's budget, noting that it promotes transparency and allows for clear understanding of the Town's financial position. The discussion reflected a forward-looking approach, with Council recognizing both the opportunities available under current conditions and the importance of planning for future operational needs.

Council Member Armington made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R 26-03, adopting the final budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 in the amount of \$10,710,523, seconded by Council Member Dueker. **The motion passed unanimously with six (6) affirmative votes and one (1) member absent.**

2. Discussion and possible action to award a \$10,000 contribution to the Beeline Bus.

Council discussed the proposed \$10,000 contribution to the Beeline Bus regional transportation service. Brandon Urness of the Town of Payson addressed the Council and provided an overview of Beeline Bus operations and ridership specific to Star Valley. Mr. Urness shared ridership data and results from a rider survey conducted during the previous summer, which included information on who utilizes the service and how it is used. Mr. Urness reported that outreach efforts were conducted in the community, including visits to motels and RV parks to distribute updated service information. As a result of these outreach efforts, Beeline Bus has experienced increased ridership. Mr. Urness noted that while complete year-to-date numbers were not yet available, first-quarter 2026 ridership in Star Valley had increased by approximately 60 percent compared to the prior period.

It was noted that the Beeline Bus currently operates Monday through Friday, with no weekend service at this time. Mr. Urness offered to answer any questions from Council. Council discussed the value of the Beeline Bus in providing accessible regional transportation, including access to employment, medical appointments, and essential services. The service was recognized as an important regional partnership benefiting Star Valley residents. Following discussion, Council expressed general support for continued participation in the Beeline Bus program.

Council Member McDaniel made a motion to approve a \$10,000 contribution to the Beeline Bus, seconded by Council Member Dueker. **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 Council Member Dueker. 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 16th day of June 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated the 19th day of June 2026.

Jacob von Prisk, Town Clerk