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

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.
3675 East Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ
(Star Valley Town Hall)

- **PRAYER:** Pastor Dave of Rim View Community Church offered the prayer.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- **ROLL CALL:**

Official	Status
Mayor Davis	Present (remote)
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. 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.

Janice Chesser, Director of Development for the Payson Senior Center, addressed the Council regarding fundraising efforts for the new Payson Senior Center facility currently under construction. Ms. Chesser announced the launch of a virtual "baby shower" campaign for the new building and encouraged community members to support the project through donations at paysonseniorcenter.org. She stated that donations of any size would help the Senior Center move closer to achieving its fundraising goals for the new facility. Ms. Chesser also promoted the 3rd Annual Mogollon Ice Dip Fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Payson Golf Club. She invited community members to participate in the event and support the Payson Senior Center's programs and building campaign.

No action was taken.

- **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

All items listed under the Consent Agenda were voted on as a single motion. If discussion was desired regarding any Consent Agenda item, that item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

A. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on July 7, 2026.
Approval of Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Water Department for the period of July 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026.

Council Member Armington moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A and B as presented. Council Member McDaniel seconded the motion.

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 carried 6-0, with Council Member Highstreet absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation and Update on ADEQ Partnership Projects Including the Quail Valley Booster Station and Connection of Lamplighter RV Resort to the Town's Water System

Town Manager Tim Grier introduced Matthew Olson of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Mr. Grier discussed the Town's ongoing partnership with ADEQ and recognized Mr. Olson's efforts in helping the Town improve the safety, reliability, and long-term sustainability of Star Valley's water system. Mr. Grier noted that the project originated following PFAS contamination concerns and has become one of the most significant water infrastructure projects undertaken by the Town since incorporation. Mr. Grier further noted that the partnership has expanded service to hundreds of residents and strengthened the Town's ability to provide a safe and reliable water supply.

Mr. Olson presented an update on PFAS mitigation efforts and ADEQ's statewide water quality initiatives. He reviewed current EPA and ADEQ PFAS compliance requirements and timelines and discussed Arizona's statewide PFAS sampling program. Mr. Olson reported that ADEQ and the Town have worked collaboratively since 2023 to identify and address PFAS concerns affecting local water systems. He outlined major project milestones, including completion of compliance evaluations, engineering design work, and water system interconnections serving Little W Ranch, Houston Creek Park, and Pine View RV Resort.

Mr. Olson reported that the completed interconnection projects now provide safer drinking water service to approximately 388 additional residents and that ADEQ continues to work with the Town on future improvements, including construction of the Quail Valley Booster Station and the proposed connection of Lamplighter RV Resort to the Town's water system.

Mr. Olson stated that ADEQ has invested more than $700,000 in the Star Valley PFAS mitigation and water infrastructure projects to date. He also noted that the partnership has received statewide recognition, including being named a finalist for the Arizona Forward Environmental Excellence Awards and receiving Arizona Way Excellence in Government recognition.

Council Member Armington inquired whether PFAS testing had been conducted on area lakes. Mr. Olson explained that ADEQ's PFAS sampling initiative was limited to public water system entry points for compliance purposes and, due to funding limitations, did not include lakes, reservoirs, wells, or other surface waters. Mr. Olson noted that other agencies and programs may be conducting supplemental PFAS testing in those locations and offered to provide additional information when it is made available.

Water Operator Dean Shaffer discussed the operational benefits of the proposed Quail Valley Booster Station. He explained that the booster station will allow water from PW-1 and PW-2 to be distributed throughout the Town's water system and pumped to storage facilities serving the Knolls area. The booster station will provide a backup water source to that area should another source become unavailable. Mr. Shaffer also noted that PW-1 and PW-2 have shown no PFAS detections and represent an important source of safe drinking water for the Town.

Mayor Davis and members of the Council expressed appreciation to ADEQ, Town staff, engineers, and project partners for their efforts in improving the Town's water system and expanding access to safe and reliable drinking water.

No action was taken.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Canvass and Accept the Official Results of the July 21, 2026 Primary Election

Town Clerk Jacob von Prisk presented the official canvass of the July 21, 2026 Primary Election.
Mr. von Prisk reported that the Town had 1,865 registered voters and that 803 ballots were cast in the election. Four Town Council seats were available, each serving a four-year term.
The official election results for Town Council were presented as follows:

- Dennis Dueker – 535 votes
- Andy McKinney – 514 votes
- Ray Armington – 481 votes
- John Jackson – 375 votes
- Richard Likins – 279 votes
- Write-In Candidates – 18 votes

Mr. von Prisk reported that Dennis Dueker, Andy McKinney, Ray Armington, and John Jackson received the highest number of votes and were elected to four-year terms on the Town Council.
Mr. von Prisk further reported that Proposition 421 (Home Rule) passed with 542 votes in favor and 192 votes opposed.

Council Member Armington moved to accept the official canvass of the July 21, 2026 Primary Election and approve the election results as presented. Council Member McDaniel seconded the motion.

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 carried 6-0, with Council Member Highstreet absent.

Following approval of the canvass, certificates of election were presented to Andy McKinney, Ray Armington, Dennis Dueker, and John Jackson in recognition of their election to the Star Valley Town Council.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize Staff to Submit an Application to WIFA for Potential Funding for Electrical Repairs Identified in the CR Engineers Knolls Booster Station Electrical Evaluation Report

Town Manager Tim Grier introduced the item and provided background regarding the Knolls Booster Station Electrical Evaluation completed by CR Engineers. Town Engineer Dale Miller reported that rodent damage was discovered within the Knolls Booster Station during installation of the Town's backup generator. He explained that damage to wiring associated with the booster pump motor prompted further evaluation of the facility. Mr. Miller reviewed the findings of the CR Engineers report, which identified potential replacement needs for the booster pump motor, pump controller, and other electrical components. He explained that the report estimated repair and replacement costs at approximately $80,000, with additional costs possible for replacement of an electrical control panel, engineering services, and contingency expenses.

Mr. Miller recommended pursuing WIFA funding in an amount sufficient to address the identified improvements while allowing for future adjustments should actual project costs be less than anticipated. He estimated a funding request of approximately $120,000 to include construction costs, engineering services, and contingency funding. Water Operator Dean Shaffer discussed the age and condition of the existing equipment and noted that some components may be obsolete and difficult to repair. Mr. Shaffer explained that the booster station serves an important role in providing water service and fire flow capacity to the Knolls area and upper service areas of the Town's water system.

Council discussed the possibility of rebuilding the existing motor rather than replacing it and whether additional evaluations from qualified electrical contractors should be obtained. Council Member Binney expressed interest in obtaining additional information regarding whether the existing motor could be rebuilt rather than replaced. Council discussed obtaining an evaluation from another qualified electrical contractor to determine the feasibility and cost of rebuilding the motor and to compare those costs with full replacement. Discussion also included the age of the equipment, availability of replacement parts, operational reliability, and potential project costs.
Mr. Miller advised that pursuing WIFA funding would not prevent the Town from continuing to investigate repair alternatives. He noted that engineering design work would include consultation with equipment manufacturers and vendors to determine the most efficient and cost-effective solution and that the final loan amount could be adjusted if project costs were reduced. Mr. Miller further advised that the WIFA application and approval process typically takes approximately four months.

Following discussion, Council agreed that initiating the WIFA funding process would allow the Town to pursue financing while continuing to evaluate repair options and potential cost-saving measures.

Council Member McDaniel moved to direct staff to submit an application to WIFA for potential funding of electrical repairs identified in the CR Engineers Knolls Booster Station Electrical Evaluation Report. Council Member Armington seconded the motion.

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 carried 6-0, with Council Member Highstreet absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Binney moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Armington seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0, with Council Member Highstreet absent.

APPROVED:

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Bobby Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 4th day of August 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.
Dated the 7th day of August 2026.

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Jacob von Prisk, Town Clerk