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

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

- **PRAYER:** Mayor Davis offered the invocation in the absence of Pastor Dave.

- **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	Present
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.

Mike Merrill, resident of Star Valley, addressed the Council regarding construction activity near Mayfield Canyon. He expressed concerns about access restrictions affecting residents, emergency services, Meals on Wheels deliveries, and other visitors entering the area. He requested flexibility for local residents traveling through construction zones from local law enforcement.

Mr. Merrill also commented on reports of a potential biochar facility being considered by the Town of Payson. While stating that he was supportive of biochar technology, he encouraged the Town to monitor the project and explore the matter further if Star Valley were identified as a potential location for the facility. He expressed the importance of community awareness and involvement should such a proposal move forward.

Resident Tina Terry addressed the Council regarding Constitution Day and Constitution Week. She encouraged the community to recognize the significance of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights and provided educational materials to Council members.

No further comments were received.

- **PROCLAMATION: Constitution Week**

Town Clerk Jacob von Prisk read a proclamation declaring September 17 through September 23, 2026, as Constitution Week in the Town of Star Valley. The proclamation recognized the 239th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution and encouraged residents to reaffirm the principles established by the nation's founders.

- **PROCLAMATION: Domestic Violence Awareness**

Town Clerk Jacob von Prisk read a proclamation declaring October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Town of Star Valley. A representative from Time Out, Inc. accepted the proclamation and provided information regarding the organization's services, including emergency shelter, advocacy programs, and community outreach efforts. They also invited residents to attend the Lanterns on the Lake event scheduled for October 15, 2026, at Green Valley Park.

- **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 September 1, 2026.

Council Member Highstreet moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A as presented. 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 – Abstained due to absence.
- Council Member McDaniel – YES.
- Mayor Davis – YES.

The motion carried 6-0-1, with Council Member Highstreet abstaining due to absence from the September 1, 2026 meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation and discussion by representatives of the Star Valley Community Garden regarding community garden activities and projects.

Representatives of the Star Valley Community Garden provided a presentation regarding the history, operation, and community benefits of the garden. Glen McCombs explained that the concept for the garden originated in 2017 following the Town's acquisition of the property. He recognized the contributions of numerous volunteers

and community members who assisted in developing the garden, including site preparation, irrigation installation, layout design, fencing construction, and other improvements necessary to establish the facility.

Garden representatives stated that all garden plots have remained occupied since the garden's creation and that a waiting list currently exists for residents interested in participating. The presenters highlighted the garden's accessibility, noting that participants can access their plots throughout the day using individualized access codes. Volunteers also discussed donated tools, ongoing beautification efforts, and the shared responsibility gardeners take in maintaining the property.

Members of the garden described the positive impacts the facility has had on the community. Benefits identified included promoting healthy lifestyles, providing opportunities for residents to grow their own produce, fostering community relationships, supporting educational and photography interests, and creating opportunities to assist others through donations of fresh produce, flowers, and other resources. Garden representatives noted that produce grown at the garden has been donated to local food assistance programs and community members in need. The group also discussed ongoing efforts to reduce water consumption and improve conservation practices while maintaining the productivity of the garden.

Mayor Davis presented a certificate of appreciation to Glen McCombs in recognition of his dedication and service to the Community Garden and Community Park. A second certificate was presented to the members and volunteers of the Star Valley Community Garden in recognition of their stewardship, volunteer service, and contributions to the community.

Garden representatives expressed their appreciation to the Town Council and Town Staff for their continued support of the Community Garden and provided refreshments and produce grown in the garden for those in attendance.

No action was taken.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Star Valley and the Town of Payson for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Finance Administrator Tina Ridings provided an overview of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Star Valley and the Town of Payson regarding participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Ms. Ridings explained that the agreement allows the two communities to coordinate and alternate grant applications, enabling each jurisdiction to accumulate two years of funding eligibility before applying. She noted that this arrangement increases competitiveness for larger grant-funded projects and provides greater opportunities for both communities to obtain funding for eligible improvements.

Council Member McDaniel moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Star Valley and the Town of Payson regarding participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents. Council Member Highstreet 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 – YES.
- Council Member McDaniel – YES.
- Mayor Davis – YES.

The motion carried 7-0.

3. Consideration and Possible Action to Appoint Richard Likins to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Mayor Davis introduced the agenda item regarding the appointment of Richard Likins to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Council discussed filling the vacancy on the committee and noted Mr. Likins' interest in serving the Town following his recent candidacy for Town Council. The appointment would fill the vacancy left by the passing of former Planning and Zoning Committee member Ted Durst.

Council Member Highstreet moved to appoint Richard Likins to the Planning and Zoning Committee. 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 – YES.
- Council Member McDaniel – YES.
- Mayor Davis – YES.

The motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor McKinney moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Armington seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVED:

_____ **Date:** _____

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 15th day of September 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.
Dated the 17th day of September 2026.

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Jacob von Prisk, Town Clerk