

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY
Tuesday, October 25, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.
3675 East Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ
(Star Valley Town Hall)**

- CALL TO ORDER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL:

Mayor Rappaport X, Vice-Mayor Newland X, Council Member Hartwell X, Council Member Binney X, Council Member Coon Excused, Council Member Leis Excused, Council Member Henderson X.

- **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action to award the bid for the ADA remodel project at Town Hall, and to award the bid for the "pop-out" project at Town Hall. Cindy Schofield of CAAG to make presentation.**

Cindy Schofield informed the Council that the procurement to obtain the contract bids for the ADA improvements to Town Hall. At the time of obtaining the ADA improvement bids they also obtained bids for the "pop-out" project. There were 5 bids ranging from \$115,000 to \$88,000, which bids were first for the "base bid" or the ADA improvements, and then the "alternative" amount was for the "pop-out".

Ms. Schofield stated the low bid was from InterMountain West Civil Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$76,167 for the base bid. Ms. Schofield stated she has done a background check on InterMountain and their listed sub-contractors and they all are okay.

Town Manager Grier pointed out that this \$76,167 will be paid from the CDBG grant monies. Joe Janusz, Town Building Official, stated that the lift is a separate item and will cost \$24,000. The lift will also be paid for out of the CDBG grant monies. Mr. Grier stated the actual contract is still being written, but he expects it to be finished shortly.

A motion that the Council award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, which is InterMountain West Civil Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$76,167.00, for the ADA remodel project of Town Hall, and the funds from the CDBG grant be used to pay for this project was made by Council Member Hartwell, and was seconded by Council Member Binney.

The motion was voted on and passed 5-0.

Council Member Binney asked why InterMountain West is not responsible for the lift. Mr. Janusz explained that the lift company will bring the lift out and install it, so InterMountain West is not responsible for that part of the project. Town Manager Grier informed the Council they could proceed to do a motion regarding the lift at this time.

A motion that the Council authorize the Town Manager to proceed with the expense of \$24,192.00 for purchase and installation of the lift at Town Hall was made by Council Member Binney, and was seconded by Council Member Hartwell. The motion was voted on and passed 5-0.

Ms. Schofield then addressed the "pop-out" project, which will be paid for by the Town. Ms. Schofield informed the Council that the low bidder on this project was again InterMountain West Civil Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$12,104.00. Town Manager Grier clarified that this project would be paid for out of Town money.

A motion that the Council award the bid for the "pop-out" project at Town Hall to InterMountain West Civil Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$12,104.00, which project is to be paid for from Town money was made by Council Member Binney, and was seconded by Council Member Henderson. The motion was voted on and passed 5-0.

2. The first of two Public Hearings on Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule) and Resolution R 11-11 proposing an Alternative Expenditure Limitation.

Town Clerk Lois Johnson stated that the first home rule option was adopted in 2008 and has to be renewed every 4 years, so in 2012 it will need to be renewed. To start this process two public hearings must be held by the Council. This meeting is the first public hearing, and the second public hearing is scheduled for November 1, 2011, at which time the Council will vote on Resolution R 11-11, which if adopted will allow the home rule option to be placed on the 2012 ballot.

Ms. Johnson explained that home rule allows Star Valley to put its own limit on expenditures, which is controlled in the Town budget. Without home rule, the state sets the expenditure limit for the Town. Ms. Johnson pointed out that for the coming fiscal year if the state were to set the expenditure limit the Town would have an expenditure limit of \$2,188,290.00. The Town budget for that period allots \$7,555,518.00. Without home rule about all that could be done would be to keep the lights on in Town Hall and a few minor streets and roads projects. The current budget has a surplus of \$2.8 million, which is an indication of management coming up with a good budget every year and a Town Council that is spending money very wisely. Ms. Johnson stated that without home rule the Town could not spend the surplus, but the money would just sit in a bank account.

Ms. Johnson stated contained in the Council books was a packet containing various articles relating to home rule. Ms. Johnson also pointed that if the Council passes Resolution R 11-11 and approves putting home rule on the 2012 ballot, it will be the job of Council to inform the citizens of the Town about home rule and the role it plays in Star Valley.

All Council Members expressed the concurrent with the need to continue home rule. Council Member Binney stated it is "beyond common sense" that the State obviously is not spending its money wisely, so how can it tell the Town how to spend its money? Mayor Rappaport said "see what a great job the state does" and believes the last thing the Town probably wants to do is have the state try to control how the Town spends its money.

• **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 members. 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.

There were no public comments.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the Meeting was made by Council Member Hartwell, and was seconded by Vice-Mayor Newland.

The motion was voted on and passed 5-0.

APPROVED:

_____ **Date:** _____
William S. Rappaport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lois V. Johnson, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council of Star Valley held on the 25th day of October, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2011.

Lois V. Johnson, Town Clerk