

**MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.**

Note: Council member(s) may attend Council Sessions either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Dee Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Dee Jenkins, Vice Mayor Joe Butner, Councilor Bill LeBeau, Councilor Robin Whatley (ZOOM), Councilor Jackie Baker, Councilor Jesse Murdock and Councilor Cris McPhail are present.

Also Present

Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Clerk Cindy Pemberton, and Rec Secretary Jennifer Reed.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Butner led the Pledge.

4. Consent Agenda – All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.

a) Approval of the Minutes:

1. Regular Session – July 7, 2021
2. Executive Session – July 7, 2021 (recorded and on file)

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

1. Regular Session – Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Regular Session – Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Regular Session – Wednesday September 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. CANCELLED.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Butner to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Second was made by Councilor LeBeau.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Jenkins: aye
Vice Mayor Butner: aye
Councilor Whatley: aye
Councilor Murdock: aye
Councilor Baker: aye

Councilor LeBeau: aye
Councilor McPhail: aye
Motion carried 7-0.

5. **Call to the Public for items not on the Agenda. (Please complete Request to Speak Card and turn in to the Clerk.)** *Residents are encouraged to comment about any matter NOT included on the agenda. State law prevents the Council from taking any action on items not on the agenda. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. (Pursuant to ARS §38-431.01(H))*
No public comments.

6. **Special Announcements and presentations**

- **Equine Emergency Evacuation – Carol Fontana**

Ms. Fontana's presentation will be placed on an August Council Meeting due to a broken leg.

- **Presentation of ALEAP Accreditation Award, to be presented by Mr. Kevin Rhea and Chief Wingert (ALEAP Commission Chair) to the Camp Verde Marshal's Office**

Pete Wingert, Chief of Police for the Paradise Valley Police Department & ALEAP Commission Chair and Program Director for ALEAP Kevin Rhea, presented Marshal Rowley and the Camp Verde Marshal's Office the ALEAP Accreditation Award. He gave an overview of the assessments that were needed to be met to achieve this award. The Camp Verde Marshall's Office is only the 12th agency to be accredited.

Marshal Rowley recognized Lieutenant Butler who was the team leader for the accreditation process. Marshal Rowley thanked the Council for their support and received the award on behalf of the Marshall's office.

- **Recognition of Finance Director Michael Showers being awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). – Russ Martin**

Town Manager Russ Martin presented Finance Director Mike Showers the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. Mr. Showers thanked the Department Heads for being prepared, participating and making his job easier.

7. **Discussion, Consideration and Possible Approval of a letter or agreed upon values statement to be made to the Independent Redistricting Commission identifying the Town of Camp Verde along with other communities in the Verde Valley as a community of interests. Staff Resource: Russ Martin**

Town Manager Russ Martin gave an overview of this item. He explained Council could create a letter that shows Camp Verde as a Community of Interest. Council has an opportunity to add comment before maps are drawn. Clarkdale and Sedona are the

only Towns to take action by their Council. Councils can write and submit a letter or attend the meeting and present it to them in person. Mr. Martin reviewed the six values listed in the packet as reasons to consider the Town of Camp Verde for this.

Vice Mayor Butner suggested a couple of additional values to consider adding to the letter:

1. Law Enforcement- Our Marshall's Office was just recognized and accredited for being an outstanding community-based law enforcement agency, at a time where communities are talking about defunding the police. It's time to say something about that.
2. Education- Camp Verde is a younger community and is in need for support for education in the community. We have tried to get support from Yavapai College. Legislators may have not recognized that.
3. Supporting the River,
4. Healthcare Representation,
5. Broad band and other infrastructure.

Vice Mayor Butner would like to create another list and add these values.

Councilor McPhail would agree about adding the preservation of the Verde River to the list of values. It is important to our community.

Town Clerk Cindy Pemberton reviewed the agenda item, the statement vs. the motion. Councilors would need to make a motion according to the agenda title.

Motion by Councilor McPhail move to approve a statement of our values to be made at the Independent Redistricting Commission; identifying the Town of Camp Verde in the Verde Valley as a Community of Interest to be developed by our Mayor and Town Manager. Second was made by Vice Mayor Butner.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Jenkins: aye

Vice Mayor Butner: aye

Councilor Whatley: aye

Councilor Murdock: aye

Councilor Baker: aye

Councilor LeBeau: aye

Councilor McPhail: aye

Motion carried 7-0.

8. **Discussion, Consideration and Possible Approval of a letter to the Federal Highway Administration requesting formal withdrawal of the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Forest Service land formerly considered for the Verde Connect project.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin

Town Manager Russ Martin reviewed the draft letter to the Federal Highway Administration requesting formal withdrawal of the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Forest Service Land formerly considered for the Verde Connect Project.

Councilor Baker loved the letter and thanked whoever for writing it.

Vice Mayor Butner explained to the public that this is a letter to remove the Town of Camp Verde's support for the Verde Connect Project.

Motion by Vice Mayor Joe Butner to submit a letter to the Federal Highway Administration requesting formal withdrawal of the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Forest Service land formerly considered for the Verde Connect project. Second was made by Councilor Baker.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Jenkins: aye

Vice Mayor Butner: aye

Councilor Whatley: aye

Councilor Murdock: aye

Councilor Baker: aye

Councilor LeBeau: aye

Councilor McPhail: aye

Motion carried 7-0.

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No public to speak.

10. **Council Informational Reports.** These reports are relative to the committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are: Copper Canyon Fire & Medical District, Yavapai College Governing Board, Yavapai Apache Nation, Intergovernmental Association, NACOG Regional Council, Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (VVREO), League Resolutions Committee, Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool, Verde Valley Transportation Org, Verde Valley Transit Committee, Verde Valley Water Users, Verde Valley Homeless Coalition, Verde Front, Verde Valley Steering Committee of MAT Force, Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board, Phillip England Center for the Performing Arts Foundation. In addition, individual members may provide brief summaries of current events. The Council will have no discussion or take action on any of these items, except that they may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.

Councilor McPhail attended the Yavapai Apache Nation Tribal Council Meeting, a School Board Meeting, an Arizona Water Law Seminar, and the Business Alliance Mixer. She also said the "Old Guys" have been working with summer campers and built catapults.

Mayor Jenkins, Vice Mayor Butner, Councilor McPhail and Councilor LeBeau all attended Cornfest and had words of praise for the event, the staff who helped put it together and those who worked at the event

Councilor LeBeau stated he is extremely proud of the Marshall's Office for receiving the accreditation.

Mayor Jenkins attended the bi-weekly Verde Valley Manager and Mayor Meetings and volunteered at the Information Booth at Cornfest. Her focus has also been working on & with and attending meetings to facilitate funding for our major projects.

11. **Manager/Staff Report** Individual members of the Staff may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the Council and public of such events and activities. The Council will have no discussion, consideration, or take action on any such item, except that an individual Council member may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.

Town Manager Russ Martin:


- The beer situation at Cornfest will be addressed. The situation is being rectified. Corn sales brought in \$1,200 towards Kiwanis.
- Staff has been keeping an eye on COVID situations, please bring any concerns and comments to him.
- He has been in contact with legislative people on projects. Council will be addressing projects in upcoming meetings. If you have any projects, please let him know. If you need details on projects, please call the town's office and they will give more details.
- Staff has not received a response from the Federal Government regarding the park.

12. **Adjournment**

Mayor Dee Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.



Mayor Dee Jenkins



Attest: Town Clerk Cindy Pemberton

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Regular Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on July 21, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2021.

Cindy Pemberton

Cindy Pemberton, Town Clerk