

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
AMENDED REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.**

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**Meeting ID: 899 3102 8033**

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

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call.** Council Members Jackie Baker, Bill LeBeau, Cris McPhail Jessie Murdock, Robin Whatley, Vice Mayor Joe Butner, and Mayor Dee Jenkins.

**Others Present:** Town Manager Russ Martin (via Zoom), Town Clerk Cindy Pemberton, Recording Secretary Dana Donahue.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance-**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Baker

**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 – November 17, 2021

**b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**

1. Regular Session – Wednesday December 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Regular Session – Wednesday January 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Town Clerk Cindy Pemberton stated she would like to add a Special Executive Session on December 15, 2021 at 3pm in the Council Chambers.

Councilor McPhail motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented, Vice-Mayor Butner second.

Roll Call Vote;

Councilor LeBeau-aye  
Councilor Murdock-aye  
Councilor Baker-aye  
Councilor McPhail-aye  
Councilor Whatley-aye  
Vice Mayor-Butner-aye  
Mayor Jenkins-aye

Motion Passes 7-0

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Shelia Stubler, Fort Verde State Park Manager spoke about the Victorian Christmas at the Fort and the Candlelight tours. Ms. Stubler stated last year the Council had approved sponsoring one night of the tour each year for five years. She presented Council a Christmas Wreath and thanked them for their continued support of the Fort. This Saturday there is a workshop to make ornaments. December 11 is the Camp Verde Parade and entrance fees to the Fort are waived. The gift shop is having a sale with 20% off.

Pete Roulette stated he wanted to publicly thank Copper Canyon Fire and the Marshalls office for their care of his family after the death of his grandson. The investigation was thorough and professional. Thank you for the escort and somewhat unorthodox procession, it supported a whole bunch of grieving people. He wants to thank everyone for their continued support of his family during this difficult time.

6. **Public Hearing followed by Discussion, Consideration and Possible Approval for a Class 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License Application #1619996 – Salvatore Moscato-Moscato Italian Restaurant located 368 S. Main Street, Camp Verde, Arizona. Staff**

Resource: Cindy Pemberton

Town Clerk, Cindy Pemberton stated the Liquor License Application was received from the department of Liquor Licensing and Control on November 2, 2021. It was posted as required by law, for the required 20 days at 368 S. Main Street. All fees have been paid. The Clerk's office has not received any comments or concerns from the public at this time related to this application.

Mayor Jenkins stated she would like to open the public hearing at this time and inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak.

Nareda Bermudez came forward and said she was speaking for Chef Salvatore of Moscato's restaurant. She spoke about the success of Moscato's restaurant and the upcoming new building. There is a lot of construction still to be done. Moscato's is happy to be part of the community and feels very supported by the customers and town. She says she is happy to be part of a successful business and the restaurant and staff are very thankful to be here.

Mayor Jenkins Closed the public hearing and asked for Council discussion.

Councilor Murdock moved to approve a **Class 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License Application #1619996 – Salvatore Moscato-Moscato Italian Restaurant located 368 S. Main Street, Camp Verde, Arizona.** Councilor Baker seconded.

Roll call Vote;

Councilor Baker-aye

Councilor McPhail-aye

Vice Mayor Joe Butner-aye

Councilor LeBeau-aye

Councilor Murdock-aye

Councilor Whatley-aye

Mayor Jenkins-aye

Motion passes 7-0

7. **Discussion, Consideration and Possible Approval to write a letter of support for a specific redistricting map.** ENDORSING A REDISTRICTING MAP OR MAPS AND/OR INCLUSION WITH COUNTY REDISTRICTING (Amended). Resource: Vice Mayor Joe Butner

Vice Mayor Butner stated he wanted to bring this to the Council's attention because The Council did endorse the proposal that was submitted to the Town from Sedona, regarding the fact all of us in the "Verde Valley" including Sedona, wanted to stay together. Sedona wanted the Coconino portion of Sedona and Sedona to all be included in the Verde Valley. This is a complicated issue because Sedona wanted to be included in Coconino county in any redistricting. If we all stick together it will drag

us, the Verde Valley, into Coconino County. He does not feel that this is in the best interest of Camp Verde. He feels the Town needs to look at the redistricting maps. The Council needs to examine our interests in any redistricting. If Camp Verde is going to be part of a county, it needs to be Yavapai, not Coconino County because our interests are more closely aligned with Yavapai County.

Town Manager Russ Martin-via Zoom said the redistricting maps are being reviewed. A lot of folks are suggesting changes. The Legislative draft maps are different from the Congressional maps. The IRC or Independent Redistricting Committee will be taking in all the input they have been gathering for the last couple of months and ultimately will make those changes. If you go to the IRC website, there are over 70 maps. This is difficult because it is simplistic. The Legislative draft maps include Yavapai County as a whole Legislative District. However, in the Congressional maps Yavapai County is inclusive but you take in the northeast part of Arizona, that Congressional District would need a population of over 700K. In both cases, and if you reference the Supervisors letter, as well as the draft maps, there are maps that include Yavapai County. The only thing in the draft maps we don't see is that sliver of Sedona. We supported Sedona being part of the process. This was intended to give you reference.

Mayor Jenkins asked are we concerned about Congressional District 2 and Legislative district 5? She would like the Council to agree on which maps they want to endorse and not endorse. We want to keep Sedona whole. We have multiple choices here. We could do nothing, we don't have to do anything, however as Mayor I need feedback on what you on the Council are thinking. It would be nice if we had a consensus on what maps we will or will not endorse. We want to stay with our partner towns.

Councilor Baker stated that looking at all the maps is difficult. Councilor Baker understood, the Commission constitutes four or five people to make the decision out of a group of people.

Mr. Martin stated that the law says the commission must be two registered Democrats, two registered Republicans and one registered Independent. These five people will make the decision.

Councilor Baker is concerned that the redistricting maps decision will be made by these people based upon what we are trying to say. She is concerned that they wanted to keep all the Native American tribes together. In looking at the Yavapai county map, we can have the Yavapai-Apache Nation, but it excludes the other tribes. Perhaps the Board of Supervisors in Coconino County must have made a good case if Sedona is wanting to be part of Coconino County instead of Yavapai, this is surprising. She has never considered Sedona part of the Verde Valley. She considers Rimrock, Camp Verde etc. as part of the Verde Valley.

Councilor Whatley attended the meeting with the CRC. She would like to read part of her remarks she gave to the CRC during the meeting in Cottonwood; "I am greatly concerned about Camp Verde and the Verde Valley being lumped into the same legislative district as Prescott or Flagstaff. As a representative of the district, I would be

more concerned that the interests of Prescott or Flagstaff with their higher populations than those of the Verde Valley. The citizens of the Verde Valley deserve the same representation as those that reside in the Flagstaff and Prescott area. In my opinion we should not endorse either plan.” She is concerned about the redistricting and does not like either plan and feels we will probably get into a district that includes either Flagstaff or Prescott, example Yavapai College.

Vice Mayor Butner stated the goal of the CRC Committee is to come up with a voting district that is as even as possible regarding Republicans and Democrats. Their purpose is to have common goals among the districts. In the past we have been in a Congressional district that has been from Flagstaff to the northern part of Tucson. Because of this, we did not get the proper representation for our small town. This did not reflect our goals and needs. This is the main reason Vice Mayor Butner has brought this issue to the attention of the Council.

Some of these maps have Camp Verde included in a “rural” district that includes the eastern counties in Arizona, which also does not align with our goals. There were many maps, and they are all a little confusing. We have gotten the cold shoulder from Yavapai College in the past. We have more in common with Yavapai County than any other county. For ten years we are stuck with whatever district we get. Maybe we should try to dance with Yavapai county to get more of what we need. Maybe we don’t want to endorse any district, but maybe we want to be part of the Yavapai County Legislative and Congressional district.

Councilor Baker asked Vice Mayor Butner, if we change this, do we know the percentages for representation? We are talking about establishing districts for fair representation. We need a fair representation; will it help us if we balance this out?

Vice Mayor Butner stated yes and no, there are several maps to look at. One map shows several counties and some of those are primarily Democrat and primarily Republican. They want to make a balance of voters. Legislative District 5 is mostly Yavapai county and a small portion of Maricopa. It is not on us to figure out the balance of Democrats and Republicans. Maybe we don’t need to endorse any map, but maybe endorse something that keeps us in Yavapai County. It is up to us to say where we have common interests.

Councilor Murdock thanked Vice Mayor Butner for all his hard work. She does not think we should be part of the “copper corridor” or Eastern Arizona. The alignment with Yavapai county is a better fit for us and we have the same interests. We need to be vocal with those that represent us.

Councilor McPhail agrees with Councilor Murdock. She feels that we need to stay in Yavapai county.

Mayor Jenkins stated she gets to work with several groups across the county. She is very pleased with the feedback and help she has received from the Yavapai County Supervisors. I am confident they are working on our behalf. We now have a voice, and

they listen to us. She recognizes the issues with Yavapai College. She would endorse staying in Yavapai county.

Ms. Pemberton acknowledged there was a member of the public that wished to speak on this matter.

Pete Roulette, a citizen of Camp Verde, spoke about the groups he is associated with in Camp Verde and agrees with the effort to stay with Yavapai County.

Mayor Jenkins asked if the Council wanted to continue the discussion?

Councilor Murdock asked if Mayor Jenkins wants a motion or a decision?

Mayor Jenkins stated the agenda item is to write a letter. Do we have enough information to write a letter? The Council agreed, yes.

Councilor Whatley is not a fan of Yavapai County and wishes we were Verde County. She says she was born in Prescott and has lived in Yavapai County her entire life. She is not happy with staying in Yavapai County.

Vice Mayor Butner does not want to make a motion but has some language that he needs help with for the letter. He asked the Council for help with the letter. He read a few notes he jotted down; "Camp Verde endorsees redistricting maps that keeps Camp Verde part of Yavapai County for voting purposes in Congressional and Legislative elections." The main objective is to stay with Yavapai County Legislatively and Congressionally.

Council Murdock asked, "are we all signing the letter or only the Mayor?"

Mayor Jenkins stated she felt she could sign the letter to represent the Council, which is why it was brought to Council as an agenda item. She asked Town Clerk Cindy Pemberton for clarification. Ms. Pemberton replied, yes at this time you are making a possible motion for writing a letter endorsing the possible redistricting maps. The contents could be created in the form of a letter if there are any tweaks or balances to that we can notify the Council and they can provide input.

Mayor Jenkins called for a motion authorizing her to write a letter based on the discussion from this Council meeting.

Councilor McPhail made a motion authorizing Mayor Jenkins to write a letter regarding the redistricting issue based on the discussion the Council has had.

Vice Mayor Joe Butner second the motion.

Mayor Jenkins called for a vote.

Councilor Baker-aye

Councilor LeBeau-aye

Councilor McPhail-aye  
Councilor Murdock-aye  
Councilor Whatley-no  
Vice Mayor Butner-aye  
Mayor Jenkins-aye

Passes 6-1

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**There was no public comment.**

9. **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 Baker attended the opening of the new Archology building. It is amazing and is great value to our community. It brings a lot to the state of Arizona. Please go see it.

Councilor Le Beau-nothing

Councilor McPhail also attended the Archology opening and the STEM openings.

Councilor Murdock thanked the Marshal's office for their care.

Councilor Whatley attended the Pep meeting. There are new board members that are community leaders, and we hope to have some concerts next year. She also toured the Zoll building. It is amazing. They are also going to have a children's hands on room with a virtual sandbox where you are able to uncover items, but virtually. It is full of potential. The little library at Rezzonico Park is great and full of science books.

Vice Mayor Butner- nothing

Mayor Jenkins attended the Mayors meeting. Several of us attended the meeting with the Mexican Consulate representative. Great interaction with the Marshals' office as well. We look forward to a long relationship with these folks.

10. **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 stated that the water company purchase is in escrow. There are a lot of historical easements etc. The Arizona Corporation Commission now has our filing. It will take about 60 days to close. The good news is that we will close on the WIFA loan next week and lock in the rate. We will not pay interest until we close. The rate is currently 1.8% and we want to lock that rate in. I will keep you updated. We will work toward the ACC approval. I will keep you updated.

The sports complex is moving forward. The dugouts are in and some other things are done such as bleachers. The first parking lot area is in order, although not paved. Please walk through it.

Next Saturday at 6pm is the Light Parade. There will be vendors.

Reminder, Monday we will send out packets for the interviews of Magistrate. There are three parts with three finalists. This is for the public to know. We have a panel of former judges and legislative folks. They will rotate through the Executive session at three, four, and five o'clock. and hopefully we will get someone appointed.

ON the 21<sup>st</sup> we are doing an all-staff luncheon at 1130. If any of the Council can help serve at 11:30, that would be great. We will be doing service awards at that time.

11. **Adjournment**

Without objection Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

  
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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 Special Executive Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on



December 6, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.



Cindy Pemberton, Town Clerk