

MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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, Councilor Jesse Murdock, Councilor Jackie Baker and Councilor Cris McPhail are present.

Also Present

Town Manager Russ Martin, Deputy Town Clerk Virginia Jones, and Rec Secretary Jennifer Reed.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor LeBeau 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. Special Executive Session – December 6, 2021
2. Executive Session – December 6, 2021 (recorded and on file)

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

1. Regular Session – Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Work Session – Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
3. Regular Session – Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Butner to approve the consent agenda. Second was made by Councilor Baker. **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))

Mischa Erdman- He states we find ourselves at war with secularism over religion. He opposes evolution being taught in the schools, mandatory vaccines and NAH's firing of staff who do not want to get the vaccine.

Timothy Wiggle- asked the council to publicly back the community with its stand against NAH. They are letting medical staff go because they chose to not get the vaccine. We are losing a lot of doctors.

6. Special Announcements and Presentations:

- **Proclamation Designating the Week of December 19th through December 26th as "Verde River Week."**

Mayor Jenkins read the proclamation and declared it so. Executive Director of Friends of the Verde River; Nancy Steele, thanked Council for their dedication to preserving the river. She introduced the Board Members of the Friends of the Verde River who were in attendance.

7. Discussion, consideration and possible appointment of Gary Horton as Presiding Town Magistrate and approval of a two-year agreement. Staff Resource: Russ Martin

Town Manager Russ Martin stated that after interviews and deliberation Council has selected Gary Horton to become the next Presiding Town Magistrate. He will have a 2-year contract for services.

Motion by Councilor LeBeau to approve a contract with Gary Horton for two years with a contract commencing on December 16th and expiration of December 31st, 2023. Second was made by Vice Mayor Butner. **Motion passes 7-0.**

Mayor Jenkins administered the Oath of Office.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible approval of Resolution 2021-1074 a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending fees for Town services for fiscal year 2021-22. Staff Resource: Michael Showers

Town Manager Russ Martin stated this item is being resubmitted to Council due to procedural errors. Earlier this year the Clerk's Office discovered the current fee schedule; specifically for renting facilities to political groups, was not in compliance with State Law. After discussion, we ceased renting facility space to political groups pending development of an adjusted fee schedule that complies with State Law. **Motion** by

Councilor Baker to approve Resolution 2021-1074 a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending fees for Town services for fiscal year 2021- 22. Second was made by Councilor Murdock. **Motion** passes 7-0.

9. Discussion, consideration, and possible direction for ongoing development of a multi-agency Public Safety Building including building and financing options. Staff Resource: Russ Martin, Corey Rowley

Town Manager Russ Martin stated he is looking for direction regarding the development of the Multiagency Public Safety Building. He would like Council to have the opportunity to discuss before further development of any formal agreements with potential development group, financing, and partners.

Marshal Rowley said this has been a vision of his since he came to Camp Verde. The location of the project will be in a centralized location, on Homestead Parkway and Highway 260. This will be a huge opportunity for the Verde Valley, especially with all of the growth that is happening. He introduced Development Manager Blake Carroll from Provident Real Estate Ventures.

Mr. Carroll gave a presentation and reviewed the floorplan of the building. This developer has several more projects planned for the near future.

Mr. Martin went over financing information and scenarios. He explained because the property is located in the *Opportunity Zone*, the developer would hold onto the property for 10 years then the Town would have the opportunity to purchase it after that. Everything would be agreed to prior to construction.

Vice Mayor Butner asked if the purchase price will be negotiated by the Town up front for the purchase in 10 years. Mr. Martin stated yes. Rates look like they would be at about 2.5%. There is a 30-day window to lock in the rate. Mr. Martin stated there are a lot of variables in this project.

Councilor McPhail asked about money, that the Town would be borrowing. Mr. Martin stated the Town would be borrowing about future revenue. Not the building.

Councilor Baker stated the sooner we get to the financing options, we can take advantage of the low rates.

Public Comment:

Tony Gioia is impressed with the project. He asked several questions concerning financing and leasing. (How much commitment do we have from other partners? How long are leases expected for each department? What percentage of the loan in the first year will they be paying?)

Mr. Martin will refer some questions to the Marshal but as far as the financial standpoint they will be equal. He went on to explain the "opportunity zone" obligations. They are still working out the details with the developer.

Marshal Rowley said the Architect Company has met with each department individually. The Sheriff's Department is very interested but still has to go before the Board of Supervisors with details.

Timothy Wiggle would like a *Lowes* here. They need a local facility. He suggested the developer might want to look into putting in a *Lowes* Facility. He is in agreement that the Marshal's Office is sorely needing space.

Motion by Councilor Murdock to direct staff to continue by development of a formal agreement and pursue partnerships and finance options for the Public Safety Building including building and financing options. Second was made by Councilor Baker.
Motion passes 7-0.

Meeting Break: 7:45pm

Meeting Resume: 7:53pm

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No public to speak.

11. **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 Yavapai Apache Tribal Council Meeting, the Christmas Light Parade and Craft Fair.

Councilor Whatley attended the Christmas Light Parade and Craft Fair.

Mayor Jenkins attended the biweekly Mayor/Managers Meeting, a PSPRS Meeting, the Christmas Light Parade and Craft Fair, and a luncheon recognizing "Women in Law Enforcement. Mayor Jenkins has spoken with several people over the phone about NAH. She contacted NAH Admin Josh Segal in Flagstaff and followed up with a letter regarding issues. (Council all received a copy of the letter) NAH would like to set a meeting in January.


- 12. 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:

- Gave Kudo's to Shawna Figy with everything she did to put together the Christmas Light Parade.
- We are postponing the Staff's Christmas Celebration due to COVID. The Town is doing rapid testing for staff.
- Heavy cleaning is planned for the library. The Gym is closed, and the floor is looking fantastic.
- The Marshal's Office has several openings. Two officers graduate police academy, and are advertising for civilian investigators. The School Board recognized the Marshal's Office for an incident that happened at the school.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 8:03 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 December 15, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2021.



Cindy Pemberton, Town Clerk