

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106  
CAMP VERDE, AZ 86322  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 at 12:30 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 Charles German called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

- 2. Roll Call.** Councilor Jackie Baker, Councilor Dee Jenkins, Councilor Brad Gordon, Vice Mayor Jessie Murdock, and Mayor Charles German were present. Council Buck Buchanan and Robin Whatley were absent.

**Others Present:** Town Manager Russ Martin, Councilor-Elect Joe Butner, Councilor-Elect Bill LeBeau, Public Works Director Ron Long, Risk Manager Carol Brown and Deputy Town Clerk Virginia Jones were present.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Charles German led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Discussion and possible direction to Staff regarding the Old Circle K property including, but not limited to Intersection Alternatives.**

Town Manager Russ Martin indicated that the purchase of the Old Circle K Property is finally complete and staff is working towards taking necessary steps to protect the Town's asset. Manager Martin stated the purpose of this meeting is not to get direction but to inform the public and Council of options they may have for the property. Public Works Director Ron Long provided Council and the audience with a handout of three options. A copy of the handout is attached and becomes a permanent part of this record. Long reviewed each option as follows:

Option 1 would align Montezuma Castle Highway with Arnold Street, this option would be the most expensive due to the fill dirt and retaining walls that would be necessary to complete. The cost would be approximately \$60,000.00.

Option 2 would align Montezuma Castle Highway with the shopping center driveway where a signal will be placed. This option requires less fill dirt and retaining wall and the building located on the property would be removed.

Option 3 would be to abandon the current driveway into the shopping center. It would allow for a gentler grade, there would be less retaining wall needed, it would be less expensive and would allow the old Circle K building to remain.

Council discussed all the options and their concerns if the building contained asbestos. They stated their desire to make the best long-term decision and requested the building be tested for asbestos.

Risk Manager Carol Brown stated that she has been working with Code Enforcement and they have secured the area and will look into any attractive nuisance issues with

the building.

**5. Discussion and possible direction to Staff regarding the Town of Camp Verde current Complaint Process.**

Manager Russ Martin explained the current process includes a 10-working-day turnaround but when it comes to an employee’s civil rights the 10-day time limit does not always work. Martin indicated that in all his years of service he has never had to deal with a complaint against his boss. Martin stated when it comes to elected officials the normal procedure would be through the Attorney General’s Office or Arizona Revised Statute has guidelines. Judicial complaints are a very formal process and not handled through the municipality.

Discussion amongst Council included the Council’s need to know a complaint has been filed and its subject matter but not to be included in any details along with anonymous complaints and the challenges with those types of complaints.

Public Comment:

Risk Manager Carol Brown indicated that it is in the Council Members best interest to not be involved in complaints and cautioned them.

Council Member Elect Joe Butner indicated there should be a formal process, law enforcement has silent witness, Council needs to be aware of any complaints filed.

Cheri Wischmeyer agreed Council needs to know what is going on and needs to be aware of complaints. Wischmeyer indicated that she filed a complaint in July and is still waiting for a response. She stated she requested on the complaint that Council be notified and as a citizen she has a right to communicate with Council.

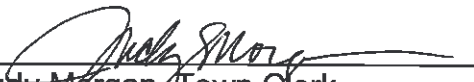
Council Member Elect Joe Butner stated that state statute is very clear how to handle a complaint against an elected official.

**6. Adjournment**

Mayor German, with no objection from Council, adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.



Charles German, Mayor



Judy Morgan, Town Clerk

**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 Work Session of Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, held on September 7, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

  
Judy Morgan, Town Clerk