

**(corrected) MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016 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 German called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Charles German, Vice Mayor Bruce George, Councilor Robin Whatley, Councilor Brad Gordon, Councilor Carol German, Councilor Jackie Baker, and Councilor Jessie Jones-Murdock were present.

Also Present

Town Manager Russ Martin, Public Works Director Ron Long, Town Clerk Virginia Jones, and Recording Secretary Lynn Riordan.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor German led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:**

- Regular Session -March 23, 2016
- Regular Session – March 16, 2016

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

- Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Work Session
- Friday, April 15, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. Budget Work Session
- Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
- Friday, April 22, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. Budget Work Session
- Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters

c. **Consideration and possible authorization to execute Amendment No. One of ADOT IGA 13-0000292-SR 260 Industrial Drive Roundabout for the design and construction of a roundabout at the junction of SR-260, Industrial Drive and Goswick Way.** Staff Resource: Ron Long

d. **Possible authorization for the Mayor to sign the Finnie Flat Road and Montezuma Castle Highway Improvement Project-Design Phase Contract with RICK Engineering Company in the amount of \$100,000.00** Staff Resource: Ron Long

On a motion by Vice Mayor George, seconded by Councilor Whatley, the council unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding item 4.a.2 Approval of the Minutes of Regular Session – March 16, 2016, item 4.c Consideration and possible authorization to execute Amendment No. One of ADOT IGA 13-0000292-SR 260 Industrial Drive Roundabout for the design and construction of a roundabout at the junction of SR-260, Industrial Drive and Goswick Way, and item 4.d Possible authorization for the Mayor to sign the Finnie Flat Road and Montezuma Castle Highway Improvement Project-Design Phase Contract with RICK Engineering Company in the amount of \$100,000.00 at the request of Councilor German.

Councilor German stated an objection to, and addressed concerns regarding, approving the Minutes of the

Regular Session on March 16, 2016. On a **motion** by Vice Councilor German, seconded by Councilor Baker, the council voted (6-1 with Vice Mayor George voting nay) to table approval (postpone approval) of Item 4.a.2 Regular Session Minutes of March 16, 2016 and place it on the next Regular Session Consent Agenda.

On a **motion** by Vice Mayor George, seconded by Councilor Whatley, the council voted (6-1 with Councilor Baker voting nay) to approve item 4.c Consideration and possible authorization to execute Amendment No. One of ADOT IGA 13-0000292-SR 260 Industrial Drive Roundabout for the design and construction of a roundabout at the junction of SR-260, Industrial Drive and Goswick Way, following an updated over-view and explanation provided by Public Works Director Ron Long and Town Manager Russ Martin for the proposed round-about on Highway 260. Mr. Long advised that currently there is more than one option so no final drawings are available, and there is a possibility of private property owners participating (financially) which would reduce public costs. Council Discussion: Councilor Baker stated concerns of serious traffic problems, primarily safety, in that area, and this proposed Amendment does not appear to alleviate all of the traffic problems. Councilor Baker, although she stated appreciation for the time and work the Mr. Long has provided, stated she opposes approval as she does not want to be pushed into something that is not good for the community. Councilor Whatley advised that Hwy 260 is actually ADOT's road and the Amendment is ADOT's improvement plan.

On a **motion** by Vice Mayor George, seconded by Councilor Whatley, the council unanimously voted to approve item 4.d Possible authorization for the Mayor to sign the Finnie Flat Road and Montezuma Castle Highway Improvement Project-Design Phase Contract with RICK Engineering Company in the amount of \$100,000.00, following a brief presentation from Dale Miller, Civil Engineer with RICK Engineering Company. Mr. Miller advised that he personally would oversee this project as the project superintendent and would be available to Town staff, council and residents to address any public safety concerns before and during the project.

5. Special Announcements and presentations:

- **Approve Proclamation-First Wednesday of April – Start by Believing Day**
Proclamation: Mayor German proclaimed the first Wednesday of April as Start by Believing Day
- **Presentation of 2016 first quarter Business Beautification Award to Laid Back – Jim and Sandy Lawson:** Vice Mayor George presented the Town's First, First Quarter 2016 Business Beautification Award to Jim Lawson, Laid Back Jewelry. Mr. Lawson addressed the Council thanked his wife (not present), family and the Town for their recognition.
- **Recognition of the following business**
 - **Parker Construction Ent.**
 - **Bugle**
 - **The Flower Shop**
 - **MHC Willows Community LLC**
 - **The Station**

Mayor German advised that the Town was now recognizing its long term and loyal business owners, noting that some of these businesses were actually in operation prior to the Town's incorporation in 1986. Mayor German presented a "Key to the Town" plaque to Tom Tracy, Bugle (newspaper) in appreciation of his business longevity and loyalty to the Town. Mayor German advised that no representatives were present for Parker Construction, The Flower Shop, MHC Willows Community, or The Station, however their "Key to the Town" plaques would be personally delivered.

6. Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.

Luke Jonas, addressed the Mayor and Council advising he was a partner in two downtown businesses and was hosting a live broadcast and raffle on Friday May 6, 2016. Mr. Jonas encouraged downtown businesses to participate stating that this broadcast provides excellent advertisement. A raffle will be held with raffle tickets available to businesses and the public; proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Calvary Chapel youth group. Mr. Jonas provided a hand-out. Mayor German requested the Town Manager and Economic Development Department to contact Mr. Jonas to inquire about the Town participating in this event.

Marie McClue, Camp Verde Senior Center, addressed the Mayor and Council advising the Senior Center is having a "cereal drive" during the month of April. Participation and donations (cereal or money) are greatly appreciated. The closing event will be on April 30, 2016 from 9am to 2 pm. Cereal drop off locations are available throughout the Town.

Steve Goetting, on behalf of the Camp Verde Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Mayor and Council advising the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting is tomorrow, Kurt Haskell from Yavapai College will be speaking with respect to the college small business classes and services. Mr. Goetting encouraged attendance by council members and small business owners, and parties desiring to start a new business. Mr. Goetting stated B.J. Davis, Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman, gave a presentation at last month's Chamber of Commerce meeting about the proposed General Plan. Mr. Goetting expressed disappointment with the Wine-Pecan Festival, stating although it was a good event, the wine glasses (for attendees to take home) say Cottonwood on them, not Camp Verde. Mr. Goetting stated no-one approached him, or his business(s), with respect to donating or participating in providing wine glasses for the Wine/Pecan Festival.

7. Presentation and update by Fire Chief Terry Keller regarding the proposed Joint Powers Agreement (contracted merger) to create a new separate legal entity to manager both the Camp Verde and Montezuma Rimrock Fire District.

Terry Kelly, Fire Chief, gave a presentation on the proposed Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and the current Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) for providing services to Verde Valley Communities and residents. Mr. Keller provided a brochure that is available to residents and property owners. Mr. Keller stated the Fire Department hosted several community meetings, but few residents have attended. With Proposition 117 limiting the Fire District's income and expenses, JPA's and IGA's are an excellent solutions to sharing resources and saving money. Mr. Keller explained the benefits to the community for the JPA versus merging the fire districts. Council discussion: At the request of council members, Mr. Keller advised that the Fire Districts have saved approximately \$250,000 over the past couple of years through enactment of IGA's, and the savings will be increased through a JPA; a JPA allows for other Verde Valley communities to join the JPA at a later date versus a merge which restricts additional communities to join; coverage for services includes all of Rimrock, Lake Montezuma and Camp Verde, including the Yavapai Apache Nation, and other Verde Valley communities under the IGA; the proposed JPA will be governed by a General Governing Board made up from each districts current Board, however, each district will continue to have its own Governing Board per status quo. Mr. Keller encouraged council support and public attendance and comments at community information and board meetings.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff relative to proposed legislation by the 52nd State Legislature during its second regular session that convened on January 11, 2016.

Town Manager Russ Martin stated he had nothing new to report, but will keep the council informed of any new proposed legislation that may affect the Town.

9. Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.

None.

- 10. Council Informational Reports.** These reports are relative to the committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are Camp Verde Fire District, Camp Verde Schools Education Foundation; Chamber of Commerce, Intergovernmental Association, NACOG Regional Council, Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization, Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee, and shopping locally. 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 Jones-Murdock – stated she attended the opening ceremony for Camp Verde Little League and advised there is substantial community support for parks and recreation.

Councilor Baker - stated she attended the Spring Heritage event and the opening ceremony for "The Wall" Veteran Memorial in Sedona.

Vice Mayor George – stated he had nothing to report.

Councilor Whately - stated she had nothing to report.

Councilor Gordon - stated he attended the leadership council, "string of pearls" proposed trail maps were discussed.

Councilor German - stated she had nothing to report.

Mayor German - stated he had nothing to report.

- 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 stated the STEAM Festival would be hosted at the Camp Verde Gym tomorrow, April 7, 2016, and encouraged council members to stop in to view the event and display; History of Soldier's event is this weekend.

Town Clerk Virginia Jones stated the candidate packets are now available in the Clerk's Office.

- 12. Adjournment.** Mayor German, with no objection from Council, pronounced the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Charles German, Mayor



Lynn Riordan, Recording Secretary

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 Mayor and Common Council of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on March 16, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21 day of April, 2016.



Virginia Jones – Town Clerk