

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.**

Minutes are a summary of the discussion. They are not verbatim.
Public input is placed after Council discussion to facilitate future research.

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor German, Vice Mayor Jackie Baker, and Councilors Bruce George, Carol German, Robin Whatley, and Jessie Jones are present. Councilor Brad Gordon was absent.

Also Present: Town Clerk Virginia Jones, Marshall Nancy Gardner, Library Director Kathy Hellman, Recording Secretary Lynn Riordan.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor German 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) Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters – February 25, 2015
- 2) March 4, 2015 – Regular Session
- 3) Executive Session – March 6, 2015 (recorded)
- 4) Special Session – March 6, 2015

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning - **Cancelled**
- 2) Friday, March 27, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. – Council/Manager Work Session/Retreat
- 3) Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
- 4) Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. – Special/Executive Session
- 5) Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Work Session
- 6) Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
- 7) Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Council Hears Planning & Zoning

c) Possible approval of Resolution 2015-938, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, pertaining to the submission of projects for consideration – Department of Homeland Security Grant (DOHS) in Arizona's 2015 fiscal year. Resolution authorizes staff to proceed with a Department of Homeland Security Grant, for \$58,345.00 to continue the upgrade of the inter-operability radio communication process. Funding availability was not available for the entire project; this is the 3rd phase of the project. Staff Resource: Marshal Nancy Gardner

On a motion by Vice Mayor Baker, seconded by Councilor George, the council unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda, exception of Item 3 Approval of Resolution 2015-938 (DOHS) Grant due to stated concerns by Vice Mayor Baker. Vice Mayor Baker requested clarification of Item 3, and requesting information on the status of the project. Marshal Nancy Gardner addressed the Mayor and Council stating the first DOHS

grant was realized in three stages, Stage One \$105,000+/- completed, Stage Two \$40,600+/- completed and now Stage Three \$58,345 which is the final stage upgrading the radio communications and towers. This final stage will complete the tower in the vicinity of the CC Casino, and will alleviate the current radio dead zones which will provide clear and continuous radio communications for dispatch and emergency services. On a **motion** by Vice Mayor Baker, seconded by Councilor George, the council unanimously voted to approve Consent Agenda Item 3.

5. **Special Announcements and presentations:**
- **Proclamation declaring March 29, 2015 as Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day**
 - **Proclamation declaring March 21-29, 2015 as SciTech STEM Week**
 - **Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month**
 - **Proclamation declaring the week of April 12-18, 2015 as National Volunteer Week**
 - **Proclamation declaring the week of April 12-18, 2015 as National Library Week**

Mayor German read and stated the Proclamations enacted.

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

Library Director **Kathy Hellman** addressed the Mayor and Council inviting them to participate in the Camp Verde Library and Parks & Recreation Photo Contest for "My Camp Verde, stating the contest is soliciting photos that explore and share why living in Camp Verde is unique and special. Ms. Hellman presented a handout with rules and terms for the "My Camp Verde" Photo Contest. Additional information is available at the Library and Parks & Recreation.

Linda Buchanan addressed the Mayor and Council expressing gratitude for their courage and vision to help Camp Verde grow and continue to make Camp Verde a better place to live for all of its residents. Ms. Buchanan stated support for the Council's recent actions in relationship to enactment of sales tax.

Tom Pitts addressed the Mayor and Council with an update regarding the progress of installation of Broadband/Internet in the Verde Valley; the coalition is currently seeking out funding sources to reduce the costs for all of the Verde Valley municipalities and communities.

7. **Public Hearing followed by discussion, consideration and possible approval of Class 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License Application for Daphanie Hancock Sanchez Goodman/Gabriella's Taco Shop and Fresh Garden Salsa located at 1620 State Route 260 #D, Camp Verde, AZ. 86322. Staff**

Resource: Virginia Jones

- **Staff Comments**
- **Public Hearing Open**
- **Public Hearing Closed**
- **Council Discussion**

On a **motion** by Councilor Whatley, seconded by Councilor George, the council unanimously voted to approve the Class 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License Application for Daphanie Hancock Sanchez Goodman/Gabriella's Taco Shop and Fresh Garden Salsa.

Town Clerk Virginia Jones advised Notice and posting requirements for the application of Daphanie Goodman/Gabriella's Taco Shop had been met pursuant to law. The Clerk's Office had not received any comments or objections to the application.

Daphanie Goodman addressed the Council advising of her plans and expansion of Gabriella's Taco Shop and Fresh Garden salsa.

8. **Update, followed by questions and answers, regarding Yavapai College in the Verde Valley from Ruth Wicks and Bob Oliphant, proponents of Verde Valley Community College. Staff Resource: Councilor Carol German**

Councilor German introduced Ruth Wicks and Bob Oliphant. Ms. Wicks addressed the Mayor and Council and thanked the Council for their genuine concerns to enhance and encourage continuing education in

the Verde Valley. Ms. Wicks advised that the College Advisory Board met this morning and there are new (certification) programs proposed for next year with classes being scheduled at the Camp Verde and Mingus Union High School Campuses. A culinary certification program at Camp Verde HS and a welding certification program at Mingus Union HS. Mr. Oliphant addressed the council giving a historical over-view of Yavapai College and its path to where it is now with the administrative control and vast majority of services being offered in Prescott, and the current interest and development in re-structuring a Verde Valley based college. Currently some expansion in career and educational programs are scheduled in the Verde Valley, unfortunately, the College is run like a private corporation, with all control being centralized in Prescott and the Verde Valley Community is not extended a vote or opinion in approving the budget/expenditures or the designation of any class schedules. Ms. Wicks advised that the Verde Valley Citizens Advocates (Community College committee) have a vision of a Verde Valley based College to meet the needs in the Verde Valley Communities, not just the Prescott area. Ms. Wicks also stated that the taxpayers have, and continue to, financially support Yavapai College, and the College has led the taxpayers to believe that the College is underfunded and struggling financially, when in fact, the College is experiencing a 28 million dollar surplus, yet they are not willing to expand in the Verde Valley.

Public Comment: Linda Buchanan thanked Ms. Wicks and Mr. Oliphant for their diligence and continuing efforts in supporting higher education, and she supports the need for expanding career and technology education. Ms. Buchanan stated the sources for information provided to the council was not disclosed by the Verde Valley Citizens Advocates and could not be verified, and she did not believe that the Verde Valley Citizens Advocates and the information being provided to the Council was transparent. Ms. Buchanan stated an objection to an administrative college being based in the Verde Valley, as Yavapai College currently provides what is needed for the Camp Verde High School students that want to attend college and the distance/travel time to the campus in Prescott is the same as it is to Clarkdale. Additionally, many students that choose to go to college want to be away from home. The Prescott campus has student housing and allows the students the freedom and adventure of living away from home while attending college, yet they are less than an hour away from home.

9. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval to submit two (2) Library Services and Technology (LSTA) Grants to the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. There is no matching funds required for these grants.** Staff Resource: Kathy Hellman

On a **motion** by Councilor German, seconded by Vice Mayor Baker, the council unanimously voted to direct staff to submit the grants as written by Dianna Manasse.

Library Director Kathy Hellman introduced Dianna Manasse. Ms. Manasse advised the Mayor and Council that she had written grants to be submitted for new programs, particularly children's reading programs, for the library, which will be implemented even before the new library is completed and expansion in the new library with hopes of incorporating the Camp Verde Schools participation. Additionally, the library will be offering classes and programs to assist high school students in preparing and submitting grants for college. These classes/programs will be publicized and posted. The Council thanked Ms. Manasse.

10. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval of appointment of Ed Lee as Camp Verde's Citizen Liaison to the OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) project.**

On a **motion** by Councilor German, seconded by Councilor George, the council unanimously voted to appoint Ed Lee as Camp Verde's Citizen Liaison to the OLLI project.

Ed Lee addressed the Council stating his excitement and support of the OLLI project. The OLLI project currently will be using Town facilities and space, and will expand into the new library when the facility is completed.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to proposed legislation by the 52nd State Legislature during its 1st Regular Session that convened on January 12, 2015.** Staff Resource:

Camp Verde Marshall Nancy Gardner provided a packet/handout to the Council regarding the proposed legislation with respect to concealed weapons, stating the legislation, if passed, would have a huge financial impact on the Town in providing required security. Marshall Gardner stated she would keep the Council informed of the legislative progress.

12. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

Tom Pitts addressed the Mayor and Council opposing the legislature's actions, stating the legislators are not taking into consideration the financial impact they are imposing on counties and towns with their actions, specifically with respect to the weapons/firearms bill. Further, he believed the legislature wants to be in recess by April 2, 2015, and therefore are not spending the time needed to fully read and understand the legislation they are enacting and the trickle-down effect they will cause.

13. **Council Informational Reports.** These reports are relative to the committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are 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 George advised that he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Verde Valley Medical Center. Mayor German, Vice Mayor Baker and Councilor Jones also attended.

14. **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.

None.

15. **Adjournment**

On a **motion** by Vice Mayor Baker, seconded by Councilor Jones, the council unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:41 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 of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on March 18, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2015.



Virginia Jones Town Clerk