

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL  
Of the TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. MAIN STREET ROOM 106  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014 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 Charles German, Vice Mayor Jackie Baker, Councilors Bruce George, Brad Gordon, Jessie Jones and Carol German were present. Councilor Robyn Whatley was absent.

**Also Present**

Town Manager Russ Martin, Yavapai County Supervisor Thomas Thurman, Deputy Town Clerk Virginia Jones, and Recording Secretary Lynn Riordan.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor German led the pledge

4. **Consent Agenda**

a) **Approval of the Minutes:**

- 1) Work Session – April 30, 2014
- 2) Special Session – April 2, 2014
- 3) Executive Session – April 2, 2014

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

- 1) May 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters
- 2) June 4, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 3) June 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. – Work Session
- 4) June 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 5) June 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters

c) **Approval of a Special Event Liquor License application for the Verde Valley Rangers, Mounted Sheriff's Posse fundraiser to be held during the Cornfest on July 18 and 19, 2014.** Staff Resource: Debbie Barber

d) **Resolution 2014-922, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending the "Town of Camp Verde Procedures and Operations", and superseding all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions adopted by the Town of Camp Verde in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution or any part of this Resolution are hereby repealed, effective as of the date that this Resolution is effective. Amendment includes replacing the "Hazard Communication and Chemical Safety" with the 'Hazard Communication Program' in the Risk Management policies and procedures/Town of Camp Verde Procedures and Operations Guide.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin/Carol Brown

On a motion by Vice Mayor Baker, seconded by Councilor George, the Council unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

5. **Special Announcements and presentations:**

**Update and discussion relative to local, state, and county matters with County Supervisor Tom Thurman.**  
Staff Resource: Mayor German

Yavapai County Supervisor Tom Thurman advised the Mayor and Council that the groundbreaking ceremony for the "solar farm project" is next Friday at the Yavapai County Superior Court Building on Commonwealth Drive in Camp Verde. Supervisor Thurman updated the Mayor and Council on the Water Advisory Council (W.A.C.) that was founded in 1999 because of the projected growth and available water supply for the growth. In 1999, it was

anticipated that the Verde Valley population would double in 10 years. W.A.C., funded by the Towns and Cities in the Verde Valley and the County, has compiled a multitude of data and research regarding water sources, aquifers and actual vs. anticipated water needs for the Verde Valley. Over the past 15 years, W.A.C. has spent 1.5 million in research, and now the population growth has stopped, data and research is complete, and it is anticipated that the W.A.C. mission will be changing to focus on assisting Cities and Towns in purchasing water companies and putting water conservation plans into place. Currently the Verde Valley aquifers are very poor and we, as well as most of the State of Arizona, are suffering from a water shortage. W.A.C. is proposing a 50-50 split again this year for funding to give it time to convert over to its new mission. Supervisor Thurman addressed the Title 2 funding for the USFS, stating there was 3.1 million dollars in requests with a 300,000 budget. Supervisor Thurman is on the committee for Title 2 funding for USFS trails and improvements, and 2/3 of the funding has been spent in the Verde Valley. The Town of Camp Verde and the Verde Valley have done an excellent job of stretching the limited funds to create the maximum benefits. Supervisor Thurman stated that he lobbied heavily for the Hwy 260 Project, as ADOT was looking to possibly re-allocate funds in Southern Arizona. Supervisor Thurman stated he toured Out of Africa last week and their expansion plans looked good, and good for the Town. Supervisor Thurman stated he sent a letter of support to the Conservation Fund for Hauser Farms to remain agriculture. Supervisor Thurman stated he would be meeting with engineers next month regarding Middle Verde Road. Supervisor Thurman then presented a power point presentation to the Mayor and Council that outlined the county involvement in the community parks and recreation, legislative updates and items that were signed by and those vetoed by the Governor that may impact the Town and the county, the county income and expenses, and the need to add another ¼ percent tax to create funding for building of a new jail facility in Prescott. Currently the fine for violation of a fire ban is \$400, Supervisor Thurman recommends the fine/penalty be increased to \$5,000. Supervisor Thurman stated the State had over-valued the gas-pipeline, which now has cut funds from Yavapai County causing a \$400,000 deficit – the county is trying to recover this loss without raising property taxes. In his closing comments, Supervisor Thurman provided a handout (Red Rock District Trails need your feedback! And stated that Coconino National Forest General Plan is currently open for public comment, and he encourages the Council, and each person individually, to send in comments ([www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)) regarding the proposed General Plan. No motions were made at this time, however, the Council concurred that the sanctions for violation of fire ban should be substantially increased. The Mayor and Council thanked Supervisor Thurman for his presentation and participation in the community.

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

Steve Goetting addressed the Mayor and Council regarding Spur Ventures, developing a new website CampVerdeRodeo.com, and is soliciting partners (private or public). Spur Ventures hosts business assistance, for new businesses and sustaining successful businesses, and host speakers at “Bolders” on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each Month. It is open to the public and free of charge. Steve Goetting stated that he, and Spur Ventures, encourage and supports, the expansion of broadband in Camp Verde.

7. **Discussion, consideration, and possible authorization for the “Old Guys” to move forward with the concept and site location for the construction of an all-purpose building near the Ramada.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin.

On a **motion** by Vice Mayor Baker, seconded by Councilor George, the Council unanimously voted to give authorization to the “Old Guys” to move forward with the site location and construction of an all-purpose building near the Ramada. The Mayor and Council commended George Devorik, and the “Old Guys” for all the positive improvements they have provided to the Town.

George Devorik addressed the Mayor and Council, providing a set of plans for each Council Member to review, and explained some minor changes that will be made to the plans/construction. The projected completion of the all-purpose building near the Ramada is 2 ½ to 3 months from the date of ground-breaking (after authorization and permits have been approved).



8. **Call to Public for items not on the Agenda.**

There was no public comment.

9. **Council Informational Reports.**

Councilor German stated she attended the MATT Force celebration in Prescott. The Camp Verde Middle School took the first place award for their video. She stated how nice it was to see our middle school children succeeding and moving forward with positive leadership in our community.

Vice Mayor Baker stated she attended the W.A.C. meeting with Supervisor Thurman, and she will attend the meeting next month to see what direction W.A.C. will be evolving. The contributions for W.A.C. should be considered and addressed during the tentative budget work sessions.

Councilor George stated the Verde River Basin Partnership Board Chairman O'Halleran is resigning to run for a congressional seat. Councilor George also stated that he will be attending the General Meeting at the City of Sedona for the purpose of learning about the management of the water treatment plant.

Councilor Gordon expressed thanks to Joel Westervelt for the Mylar donation.

Mayor German stated he will be attending the GAMMA meeting to obtain information, mostly in support of HURF funds and conservation funds, to take to the Arizona Leagues of Cities and Towns conference. Deputy Town Clerk Virginia Jones advised the Council that reservations have been made and confirmed for all Council Members to attend the League conference in Phoenix.

10. **Manager/Staff Report.**

Town Manager Russ Martin stated the intergovernmental meeting is tomorrow (Thursday) in Sedona at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Martin also stated that tentatively the Council Agenda on June 4, June 11, and June 18, 2014 will include review and consideration of the tentative FY 2014-15 Budget. If the Mayor or Council Members have any questions concerning Budget matters, please forward your questions or concerns to Russ Martin as soon as possible so any questions or concerns can be researched if necessary and allow Staff to be prepared with an answer or solution before the Regular or Work Sessions. Mr. Martin also requested the Council Members let the Town Clerk know if their personal calendars would allow the Council to skip one or two Regular Council Meetings in July (summer break/vacation).

11. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Mayor German, seconded by Councilor Gordon, the council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.



Charles German, Mayor

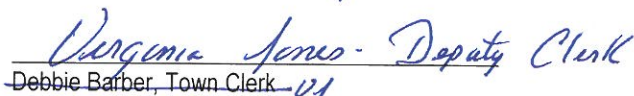


Lynn Riordan, Recording Secretary

**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 May 21, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.



~~Debbie Barber, Town Clerk~~ 01