

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 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, and Councilors Carol German, Bruce George, Jessie Jones, Brad Gordon, and Robin Whatley were present.

**Also Present**

Town Manager Russ Martin, Marshal Nancy Gardner, Commander Bruce Girnt, Library Director Kathy Hellman, and Recording Secretary Saepyo Choe.

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) Regular Session – February 19, 2014

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

1) March 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session

2) FRIDAY, March 21, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. – Work Session

3) March, 26, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning

c) **Possible approval of Resolution 2014-914, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, for consideration the submission by the Marshal's Office for a GOHS Grant in Arizona's 2014 Fiscal Year Highway Safety Plan. The grant application is in the amount of \$24,562 and will be used to fully equip the existing mobile crash scene trailer for processing DUIs and accidents. Staff Resource: Nancy Gardner**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by German, Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor German stated that agenda items 7 & 8 would be moved to after item 11 for discussion. Councilor George welcomed back Mayor German who gave a report of his recovery and thanked the community for their support.

5. **Special Announcements and presentations:**

- **Yavapai-Apache Nation presentation of a check to the Town from gaming funds pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Nation's Gaming Compact in the amount of \$113,734, of which \$11,734 is to be allocated for Town projects.**

Council received a check from the Yavapai-Apache Nation (YAN).

Monica Marquez and Mamie Fox presented the details of the YAN's gaming revenues and disbursements. The YAN has presented checks to several Verde Valley Schools and given more than 900 million dollars to the state of Arizona.

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

There was no public input.

Councilor German requested items 7 & 8:

7. **Presentation by Yavapai County Attorney Sheila Polk relative to opposing the legalization of marijuana.**  
Council took no action on this item.

Sheila Polk, co-chair of MATFORCE, reported that they were nationally recognized in 2013 among 5000 organizations. She presented a detailed report of marijuana statistics including the following:

- 1 in 4 high school seniors in Yavapai County are regular users, and more seniors now use marijuana than cigarettes.
- 1 in 6 young users will become addicted; more people are in treatment for marijuana addiction than for any other drug; marijuana is more potent now that it was in previous decades.
- AZ has one of the highest rates of illicit teen marijuana use in the nation and rates will likely double upon legalization.
- Marijuana affects adolescent brain development, lowers the IQ from average to the lower third quarter, and is linked to schizophrenia.
- Colorado has experienced a 114% increase in traffic fatalities since 2006 due to driving under the influence of marijuana, and a 45% increase in school suspensions for drugs.
- Marijuana use increases employer issues--increasing absences, job turnover, and worker's compensation claims.

A Denver police officer advised Marshal Gardner against legalizing marijuana in Camp Verde, and Polk reported that Colorado regrets their decision to legalize marijuana. Polk expressed the importance of making AZ a "hard target" for activist groups who target cities and expend tremendous resources to legalize marijuana. It is important to be proactive and guard against such targeting now. It is especially important to protect our kids and help them succeed, rather than exacerbate the rising marijuana statistics and current crisis with child neglect due to drugs. She explained that AZ is already relatively lenient, as incarceration cannot occur for drug possession until the third offense.

Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Yavapai County have all recently approved the resolution to oppose the legalization of marijuana. She listed several influential community leaders who support the resolution, and those in attendance stood to indicate solidarity.

Vice Mayor Baker asked about the effectiveness of the nation's "war on drugs." Polk reported a 35% decrease of drug use since 1979, and explained that it will always be an ongoing battle. She stated that the true solution is multi-faceted--including prevention, deterrence, prosecution, and rehabilitation.

Public Hearing:

Dr. Leon Cattolico, a retired 38-year family physician and board member of MATFORCE, likened the legalization of marijuana to the legalization of morphine for recreational use. He stated that there is a difference between a helpful tool in the hands of a licensed physician and total accessibility for recreational usage. He stated that legalization of marijuana would add fuel to the problems of addiction and youth.

Star Bennett called attention to a CNN special "Weed 2" airing Mar 11th at 8:00 p.m. which documents the medical benefits of marijuana. She referenced the Surgeon General's endorsement of medical's marijuana and its effectiveness in treating children; as well as its regular administration in Israeli hospitals. She reminded that it is a "God-given plant," from which Hemp oil is derived, and called a felony for marijuana "agony."

Paul Smith, Pharmacy Director of the West Yavapai County Guidance Clinic, expressed that marijuana is a tool, not a toy. He explained that it is highly regulated by the federal government and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as a class 1 narcotic, due to its risks far outweighing its benefits. He called the matter a public health issue for youth and charged community leaders to correct the ambivalence and lack of education on

marijuana.

Marilee Fowler, Executive Director of MATFORCE and 19-year resident from South Dakota, reported that 68% of felonies several years ago were in connection to methamphetamines. MATFORCE has been successful at accomplishing legislative changes and conducting educational programs, such as for "meth," synthetic drugs, and opiates, but has become a target since their fight against marijuana. In her seven years of experience, she has seen the devastation of drug use, and she asked for urgent solutions.

Olive Fox, a 14-year resident and 25-year health care professional, stated that he has seen the devastation of drug use and recommended the approval of the resolution opposing legalization.

Kat Ginsel, a steering committee member of MATFORCE, 7-year Marshal's office volunteer, 12-year early childhood professional, 30-year recovery programs specialist, and Big Brother Big Sister ambassador for the Verde Valley, stated that drug rehabilitation and recovery rates are an astonishingly low 1% for lifetime recovery. She reported that prevention is the most effective solution for addiction.

Scott Mabery, Director of Juvenile Court Services for Yavapai County, corroborated the passionate statements of Fowler and Polk, and expressed the misfortune of seeing kids enter the court system after prevention fails.

Jerald Monahan, Prescott Chief of Police, reported that Colorado's legalization of marijuana has resulted in an increase in drug traffic, crime, and burglaries in the neighboring state of Nebraska.

Public Hearing closed.

Council thanked all the speakers for their support, community service, and input.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2014-915, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, opposing the legalization of marijuana.**

On a motion by Councilor German, seconded by Baker, Council voted to approve Resolution 2014-915, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, opposing the legalization of marijuana, with George voting "No."

Mayor German expressed that his passion as an educator had always been for the protection of youth from drugs, and stated the need to restore the nation and its moral compass.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval for Library Director, Kathy Hellman to apply for two Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants totaling \$85,700 from the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.** Staff Resource: Kathy Hellman

On a motion by Councilor German, seconded by George, Council voted unanimously to approve to direct Library Director Kathy Hellman to submit both Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records by Monday, March 10, 2014 for consideration in this year's competitive grant funding cycle.

Kathy Hellman explained that neither grants require matching funds, and requested Council's approval for submission of the two grant applications.

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible authorization to implement a Therapy Dog program through the Volunteer in Policing (VIPs) unit. The Therapy Dog program will be a therapeutic contact for community outreach and children who are victims of traumatizing events/crimes.** Staff Resource: Nancy Gardner  
Council took no action on this item. This was an informational presentation only.

Marshall Gardner introduced Helen Zimmerli and Gary Blair, newly trained volunteers of the Therapy Dog program. The Therapy Dog program is an extension of the Marshal office's volunteer program, is covered under at least a million dollar insurance policy, and costs only \$30 annually for registering the dogs. The presentation included the following facts.

- 11,000 Therapy Dog programs in the US, Canada, US Territories
- Marshal's office will supervise this program.
- They will visit community organizations to provide proven emotional benefits to people in various settings, support trauma victims, the senior center, community events, and accept requests.
- They will attend most of the events the Marshal's office supports, such as: National Night Out, Trick or Treat on Main Street, Fort Verde events, the Christmas parade
- Therapy dogs are personal pets that qualify in the areas of health and temperament.
- The Town will seek a mutual insurance indemnification with TD Inc.
- Training is available
- Dogs will have proper ID and be leashed at all times
- Contact the Marshal to recommend a pet for the Therapy Dog program
- Emergency Responders may request their services for trauma victims as long as the site is safe

Staff reported that the Town Risk Manager had reviewed the program and the insurance coverage, explaining that there would be no additional cost to the Town for insurance.

Councilor George testified to the therapeutic benefits of his dog that visited retirement homes.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to utilizing the remaining loan funds from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) in order to complete needed improvements at the wastewater treatment facility as required under the Aquifer Protection Permit issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin/Troy Odell/Ron Long/Jan Grogan  
On a motion by Vice Mayor Baker, seconded by Whatley, Council voted unanimously to approve utilizing the remaining loan funds from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) in order to complete needed improvements at the wastewater treatment facility as required under the Aquifer Protection Permit issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.
12. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda**  
Steve Goetting of Verde Entertainment, a 501c6 organization requested that the Town discontinue usage of the name "Pecan and Wine Festival" for the Spring Heritage event or pay Verde Entertainment for their official "Pecan and Wine Festival" supplies and promotional assets. He stated that the Town's event is not the "Pecan and Wine Festival" that people have come to associate with the name, and that use of the name would damage its reputation. The "Pecan and Wine Festival" by Verde Entertainment includes a dozen wineries, a car show, nationally recognized musicians, and local art and antiques, coinciding with the spring tourist season and the Buffalo Soldiers re-enactment. This festival has been the biggest economic boost for Fort Verde. He likened the Town's usage of the name to "a theft," and asked Council to correct the offense.
13. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to proposed legislation by the 51st state legislature during its 2nd Regular Session that convened on January 13, 2014.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin  
Council took no action on this item.

Council replied to a question from resident Tom Pitts that they had not yet responded to Bill 1062.

14. **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.

Whatley attended an Intergovernmental meeting.

George attended the Building Code, Verde Valley River Basin Partnership education, and Intergovernmental meetings.

Baker attended the Intergovernmental and Water Advisory Council meetings.

Jones attended the Marshal's banquet, thanked Marshal Gardner for the invitation, and recognized her for the success of the event.

German reported that she will agendaize a presentation for March 19 concerning post-secondary education in Camp Verde.

Mayor German encouraged support for the Camp Verde Unified School District's (CVUSD) Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) events, thanking the Marshal and Staff for offering local events for the community.

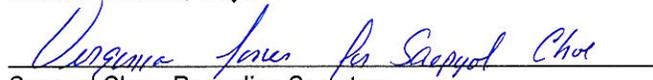
15. **Manager/Staff Report** Individual members of the Staff may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the Council and public of such events and activities. The Council will have no discussion, consideration, or take action on any such item, except that an individual Council member may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.  
Town Manager Russ Martin reported that he would not be available next week. He informed that the STEM events, though at the high school, are for all ages, and encouraged participation. He highlighted that there would be a 3D printer demonstration as well as many other interesting displays, and that the events would culminate at Yavapai College in Clarkdale Friday, March 28th 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Marshal Gardner reported that Active Shooter training will be conducted during Spring break with the Cottonwood Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Yavapai County Sheriff's office, the YAN, Clarkdale-Jerome School, the Camp Verde High School, and Camp Verde Elementary School for two, four-hour blocks of training.

16. **Adjournment**  
On a motion by Vice Mayor Baker, seconded by Jones, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.



Charles German, Mayor



Saepyo Choe, 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 5, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 23 day of March, 2013.



Debbie Barber, Town Clerk