

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2013 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 Baker, and Councilors Carol German, Bruce George, Brad Gordon, Jessie Jones, and Robin Whatley were present.

Also Present

Manager Russ Martin, Bugle Reporter Bill Helm, Town Clerk Deborah Barber, and Recording Secretary Saepyo Warren.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Councilor Whatley 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) August 7, 2013 – Regular Session
 - 2) August 7, 2013 – Special Session
 - b) **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
 - 1) August 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters – **CANCELLED**
 - 2) September 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session – **CANCELLED**
 - 3) **September 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. – Work Session**
 - 4) September 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. – Work Session
 - 5) September 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
 - 6) September 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters
 - c) **Possible recommendation of approval of a Special Event Liquor License for the Verde Valley Rangers Mounted Sheriff's Posse for the Ft. Verde Days event to be held on October 11, 12, and 13, 2013. Staff Resource: Debbie Barber**

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

5. **Special Announcements & Presentations** – There are no special announcements or presentations.
6. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

Adrienne Martin from the Yavapai AmeriCorps Project announced her departure due to a new opportunity in Florida, thanked the staff for their support and introduced the new director, Jenna Truman. The new director recognized Adrienne for all her work in the community with AmeriCorps. She introduced herself as a Yavapai County resident for 2 years, originally from Kansas, welcomed any suggestions, and distributed her business cards.

Mayor German thanked Martin her for her service on behalf of the community.

7. **Public Hearing and discussion, consideration, and possible recommendation of approval of a Series 10 (beer and wine store) liquor license application for Yavapai-Apache Whitehills (Chevron) Store #11208, located at 320 W. Castle Lane. Staff Resource: Debbie Barber**

On a motion by George, seconded by Baker, the Council voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Series 10 liquor license application for Yavapai-Apache Whitehills (Chevron) store.

Town Clerk Debbie Barber reported that the notice for the license was posted for 20 days with no comments received. Scott Canty, the lawyer for the Yavapai Apache Nation explained to the Council that the license was new in "name only." The business has had a liquor license since 2003 and is now operating under a new business name.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible addition of Camp Verde Fire District Liaison to the 2013/14 Council Committee Assignments.**

On a motion by German, seconded by Baker, the Council voted unanimously to add the Camp Verde Fire District Liaison to the 2013/14 Committee assignments.

Mayor German reported that he addressed the fire board recently and asked their opinion about appointing a liaison. He reported that the fire board was enthusiastic about such an appointment.

Councilors asked questions about the nature of the liaison's responsibilities and inquired about dates and times for meetings. It was explained that the board meetings are once a month on every third Thursday at 2:30 pm. No one on the council remembered having such a liaison, but agreed that it was a good idea since they work with many other organizations and the fire department, which has a substantial impact on the Town, is right across the street.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible appointment of a representative to serve as the Camp Verde Fire District Liaison.**

On a motion by German, seconded by Baker, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Councilor Brad Gordon as the Camp Verde Fire District Liaison and Vice Mayor Baker as the alternate Liaison.

10. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO CO-SPONSOR, WITH THE COMMUNITIES OF CLARKDALE AND COTTONWOOD, "A RIVER RUNS THROUGH US" ART EXHIBIT AT THE STATE CAPITOL.**

On a motion by Gordon, seconded by George, the Council voted unanimously to co-sponsor the art exhibit, "A River runs through us", at the State Capitol.

Councilor German encouraged all to attend the exhibit in September and to be involved in securing the venue in Phoenix.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible instruction to the Mayor as to how to vote on the proposed League Resolutions at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns (LACT) League Resolution Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. located at the Hilton El Conquistador 10000 N. Oracle Road, Oro Valley, AZ. The following is a summary of the proposed resolutions (the resolution numbers are established by the LACT): 1) develop and pass legislation to make the requirements for annexation simpler and more flexible; 2) prohibit Fire Districts from annexing areas inside a municipal planning area without the consent of the municipality, unless the municipality does not operate a fire department; 3) establish a mechanism enabling local government to create renewable energy and conservation financing districts; 4) promote legislation that grants legislative authority to cities & towns to freeze property tax levels on commercial & industrial zoned parcels that support speculative development at pre-improvement levels until such time as the developed property is fully leased; 5) authorize street light improvement districts to levy and expend money to repair, maintain, and replace lighting facilities; 6) change ARS §34-603, which deals with alternative project delivery methods to allow the use of the final list in the procurement until a contract for construction is entered into; 7) place reasonable limits on the frequency of requests for public records and on requests that are overbroad or abusive; 8) amend ARS Title 13 (Criminal Code) to ensure that restitution for graffiti includes all costs of a victim associated with graffiti abatement; 9) support implementing a pilot program to restrict trucks to the two right most lanes when traveling on Arizona highways in urban areas with three or more lanes in each direction; 10) stop future sweeps of Highway User Funds (HURF) allocated to AZ cities & towns and restore HURF funding to FY 2008 levels; 11) develop and pass legislation to ensure the viability of**

AZ State Parks, including but not limited to allowing municipalities to enter into long-term leases of State Parks and the restoration of the AZ State Park Heritage Fund; 14) pass legislation that supports efforts to reduce the shortage of health care professionals in the State of AZ; 15) grant municipalities the option of providing workers compensation benefits to employees of another agency when working under the municipality's control or in its jurisdiction through and IGA or contract, especially as it relates to public safety personnel; 16) include one representative from a large city along with one representative from a small non-metropolitan city on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board of Trustees; 17) request that the Public Safety Retirement System review their actuarial assumptions with regard to salary increases and base assumptions on current historical actual; 18) equalize the maximum tax credit and the timeframe allowed for collection of funds for qualified charitable organizations, private schools and public schools to qualify as a tax credit in any given year; 19) pass legislation or engage in other activities that support and advocate for resources to improve Arizona's ports of entry with Mexico and related infrastructure; 20) support the long-term retention of Arizona's military installations. League Staff Recommendations: 1) Preserve the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds and 2) pass the Marketplace Fairness Act.

Council reviewed the proposed resolutions and instructed the Mayor to vote as discussed. A copy of the summary is attached and becomes a permanent part of this record.

Mayor German asked Town Manager Russ Martin to prioritize these items for the Council. Martin organized the issues into three categories. He recommended a "Yes" vote for Resolution #4 on page 39, despite it not being recommended by the League for approval. He said the resolution left it optional for Towns to opt-in to the program.

On Resolution #8, the Council suggested making an amendment to implement fees which would deter unlimited requests, which would unduly tax the resources of the Town. Concerned about communicating the wrong message, the Council determined it would be best not to limit the number of requests for public records. Despite the legitimacy of the issue, as well as Camp Verde's experience with such, Council determined that taxpayers pay for this service, and though some citizens may abuse it, governments have to take the good with the bad. One Councilor referred to the federal Freedom of Information Act which assesses fees for documents in excess of a certain number of pages. Although, this would not solve the issue, since some may simply bring in their own paper, assessing a reasonable fee would act as a deterrent to abusing the system.

Council agreed with the League's recommendation to vote "No" on Resolution #10 that would allocate funds to a pilot program that simply conducts a study, rather than implementing actual changes.

Council agreed with voting "Yes" on Resolution #18. Two of the three educators on the board were in favor of equalizing tax credits, which are currently unfair. It was mentioned that voting "Yes" on public school tax credit issues, which are not directly related to the cities and towns, could set an unwanted precedent for other unrelated issues to be pushed to the League for consideration.

Martin recommended voting "Yes" on all the Significant Municipal Issues: Resolutions #7, #14, #15 and #17.

On the League's two Staff Recommendations, Martin agreed with Recommendation #1, explaining that it saves taxpayer money. He also agreed with Recommendation #2 that would implement an internet sales tax. He explained that it was important to support brick and mortar businesses, to collect revenue for the Town, and to consider how the lack of internet sales tax may diminish the Town's revenue source--such as from property taxes.

The Council considered the ability of the government to enforce such taxes, discussed the unfairness to brick and mortar businesses, considered the fact that other states have already implemented internet sales tax, and predicted that this would likely be implemented at the state and possibly even at a federal level.

12. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**
There was no public input.

13. **Council Informational Reports.**

Jones attended two Yavapai Apache Nation tribal meetings where ADOT and a consulting design group presented Highway 260 plans. She plans to attend the Town Chamber of Commerce meeting on August 22, 2013.

Baker attended a Middle Verde Water Advisory Committee meeting where Mayor Doug Von Gausig presented a PowerPoint study. She recommended that the Council become familiar with such information. She plans to attend NACOG and the Intergovernmental meeting on August 22, 2013.

George attended a Fossil Creek meeting with the Forest Service and looks forward to more in the future.

Gordon attended a League of Towns meeting, a General Plan work session, and met with APS about the deregulation of the energy market. He mentioned that Felipe Zubia of ReSEED offered to help with the General plan.

Mayor German reported on the ongoing issues with Bull Pen involving flood events that has caused 23 deaths. He explained that the camping areas are in the flood plain and that it will cost an estimated \$40,000 to address the issue, which includes: risk assessment, surveying, mitigating 67 trees, and building camp sites above the flood plain. Bull Pen is expected to open in the spring for day-use only.

14. **Manager/Staff Report**

Martin reported being asked for his opinion on the article in the Verde Independent about the solar usage monthly fee, and recommended that the Council consider their direction for this issue.

He reminded Council that the carpool group departs at 5:05 pm for the Intergovernmental meeting and asked Council to RSVP. He expressed the importance for the Council to attend to help debunk the misconception that Camp Verde is privy to more information about the Highway 260 construction plans. He announced that per diem reimbursement checks could be made available before the event, if needed, and explained that the Town has already covered the cost of their hotel rooms.

15. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Jones, seconded by German, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Charles German, Mayor



Saepyoal Warren, 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 August 21, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19 day of Sept, 2013.



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk