

**MINUTES
REGULAR
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.
Public input is placed after Council motions to facilitate future research.
Public input, where appropriate, is heard prior to the motion.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Gioia, Vice Mayor Hauser, Councilors Smith, Baker, Kovacovich, Parrish and Parry were present.

Also Present: Town Manager Bill Lee, Town Attorney Bill Sims, Finance Director Dane Bullard, Grants Administrator Mike Casebier, Parks & Rec Director Lynda Moore, Deputy Town Clerk Virginia Jones, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Councilor Smith.

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) Special Session – January 31, 2007
- 2) Council Hears Planning & Zoning – January 24, 2007
- 3) Executive Session – January 24, 2007

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

- 1) Regular Session – February 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Council Hears P&Z – February 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- 3) Regular Session – March 7, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- 4) Regular Session – March 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
- 5) Council Hears P&Z – March 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

c) **Possible authorization to purchase two (2) patrol and one (1) animal control vehicles for the Camp Verde Marshal's Office for \$60,391. There is \$73,000 budgeted in the CIP for the purchase of CVMO vehicles.**

d) **Possible authorization to install ductwork and air conditioning in the Adult Literacy section of the Community Center building. There is \$10,000 budgeted for this project in the CIP Fund.**

e) **Possible approval of a short-term lease agreement with Out of Africa for the use of tram/train equipment and generator that was recently purchased by the Town from State Surplus.**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Kovacovich, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented, with Item 4.e) pulled for discussion.

Councilor Smith requested that Item 4.e) be pulled for discussion.

e) **Possible approval of a short-term lease agreement with Out of Africa for the use of tram/train equipment and generator that was recently purchased by the Town from State Surplus.**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Smith, the Council unanimously approved the short-term lease agreement with Out of Africa for the use of tram/train equipment and generator that was recently purchased under economic development.

In response to questions from Smith, Town Manager Lee responded that the agreement provides for payment of \$1 per month, a purchase price that will recoup all the cost of shipping and handling plus the \$300 requested by Council, and all maintenance costs; the agreement also includes liability and property insurance.

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

Staff was directed to look into both Code Sections 108 and 109 to determine possible conflict, P&Z will review and then make a recommendation to Council.

Leonard Krautbauer expressed concern about what he considers a hog farm next door to his property; he estimates the number of pigs at over 50 at one time and the odor is offensive. Mr. Krautbauer would like to get rid of all the pigs in the Town of Camp Verde altogether, except for one hog for each 4-H person.

Susan Danner said she is another close neighbor and would like the Council to do something about the pig problem; the smell is disgusting and there should be a limit to the number of pigs allowed.

Eric Schweitzer also complained about the neighbors with the pig farm who let their rabbits run loose and breed and multiply into a neighborhood nuisance.

Gary Blair spoke on behalf of the pig situation and said he understands what the owner is up against, but also understands that only two pigs are allowed for each FFA or 4-H member.

Vern Johnson outlined his history growing up in the area and participating in 4-H, and stressed the importance of children being involved in 4-H and FFA; the pigs are very necessary for locally and economically supplying animals for the 4-H and FFA projects.

Greg Terry, referred to his sons as being the owners of the hog farm, and that it is a 4-H breeding project. Mr. Terry also outlined the benefits to all the children who are active in 4-H and FFA. Mr. Terry said he notified the neighbors of his plans to bring in pigs to breed and supply piglets for the children to choose for their projects. He believes that Ordinance Sections 108 and 109 are in conflict and need to be updated regarding ownership of swine and/or farm animals.

Norma Garrison said that she understands that the issue of Sections 108 and 109 will be discussed tomorrow at the P&Z meeting; maybe it can be resolved at Planning & Zoning.

There was no further public input.

6. **Presentation by Gwen Gunnell, Director, Camp Verde Adult Reading Program (CVARP), regarding CVARP activities and the Adult Literacy Week, and possible approval of a proclamation declaring February 18-24, 2007 as Arizona Adult Literacy Week.**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Hauser, the Council unanimously approved the Proclamation declaring February 18-24 Adult Literacy Week.

Gwen Gunnell distributed badges and brochures to the members on the Adult Reading Program with its current theme of "I Am In Love With Learning." Ms. Gunnell pointed out that the Governor has proclaimed Adult Literacy Week, gave a report on the 19-year history and past excellent results of the Camp Verde Adult Reading Program, and the benefits of important ongoing projects. Ms. Gunnell thanked the Town of Camp Verde for participating in issuing a proclamation as well.

There was no public input.

7. **Presentation by Christine Bryson-Lazo, President and Chair, Verde Valley Seniors in Action Coalition, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a cooperative agreement for advocacy and representation for senior citizen matters.** On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Parry, the Council unanimously authorized the Mayor to sign a cooperative agreement for advocacy and representation by the Verde Valley Seniors in Action Coalition, between that Coalition and the Town of Camp Verde.

Christine Bryson-Lazo distributed some literature to the members that included information about the group's recent accomplishments, a list of senior issues pinpointed during an event held on September 30th, and the historical background of the Verde Valley Seniors in Action Coalition ("VVSAC"). Ms. Bryson-Lazo reviewed in detail what the VVSAC proposes to accomplish and asked the Town Council to consider recognizing the VVSAC as the official advocacy organization regarding issues affecting Camp Verde seniors by entering into the subject cooperative agreement.

Mayor Gioia outlined his desire to possibly create a committee to represent seniors, his subsequent contact with Ms. Bryson-Lazo, and reviewed highlights of the proposed agreement with the VVSAC that would provide that representation. A brief discussion on the benefits and make-up of that organization followed.

There was no public input.

8. **Presentation and update by staff and Wilbert Odem from the NAU College of Engineering and Technology regarding the evaluation and possible funding sources and construction alternatives for the low-water crossing project on Verde Lakes Drive followed by possible direction to staff concerning next steps.**

Staff was directed to look into regulations to determine how much authority the Town has in the delineation of or ability to rebuild the roadway; also to look into the possibility of the Forest Service grading an extension of Lazar as a way out.

Town Manager Lee said that the presentation was a follow-up to directions from Council for staff to look into the low-water crossing on Verde Lakes Drive; this included the cost for a study by Arizona Engineering and Arizona EnviroSystems.

Grants Administrator Mike Casebier, together with Dr. Wilbert Odem, made a power point presentation outlining their findings and conclusions based on their research into the history of the flooding problems, environmental issues and impacts, the different proposed engineering solutions, and the estimated projected costs, as well as the difficulty of finding sources of funding.

The members discussed the projected costs and many impediments, including the restrictions on as well as current lack of available government funding, the lack of Town funds, and the sensitive environmental issues, all of which appeared to preclude any immediate resolution of the low-water crossing problem. It was acknowledged that a tremendous amount of money, time and effort has gone into trying to resolve the low-water crossing issue on Verde Lakes Drive. It was generally agreed that at this time the issue should be just held in abeyance pending a possible totally different solution that might come along.

PUBLIC INPUT

Tom Nielsen said that there are three streams coming down and across; he suggested bringing the three streams together, right down the center, and put the culverts together to make a bridge.

Karen Keel said she is directly affected by the problem, but she wanted to thank this administration for pursuing the issue as much as they have; she agreed that perhaps the matter

should just be held open until something good might come along. Ms. Keel added that the residents are not asking for the impossible or millions of dollars to be spent.

Sandy Cronin said she is also affected by Verde Lakes Drive; she said she can go around and it is not a major problem, or an inconvenience, unless a heart attack would be involved. Ms. Keel understands it is an impossibility right now, and agrees that the issue could just be kept open.

Shirley Brinkman lives in Verde Lakes and is impacted, but she said it is not that big a deal to go around Big Valley, except when that might flood. Ms. Brinkman said there is no other way out, unless it would be Lazar, which would need a four-wheel drive. Perhaps the Forest Service could grade that out as a way out.

Bob Johnson suggested that a bridge be built like one in Baltimore, Maryland over Chesapeake Bay, and described that arch as similar to the McDonald's arch, really high. Mr. Johnson also suggested building a flood wall.

Greg Terry commented on the environmental issues as well as the monetary issues; he suggested adapting the back road so that it would still be accessible in the event of an enormous flood.

There was no further public input.

A recess was called at 8:40 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 8:47 p.m.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff regarding adding Council members, Commission members, and volunteers to the mandatory drug testing procedures as set forth by the Town's Personnel Manual, Section 307.**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Parrish, the Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session.

Staff was directed to review the personnel manual, make the necessary changes in accordance to the law and bring back to Council recommendations regarding Council, Commissions, and Volunteers.

Mayor Gioia said that he had requested this agenda item in light of what is happening in the State, plus the fact that the Town asks staff to undergo random drug testing; Gioia feels it only appropriate therefore that Council members, Commission members and volunteers that deal with the children also agree to the same standards. After a brief discussion among the members, the Town Attorney confirmed that Council should go into Executive Session, at which time the following Items 10 and 11 could also be addressed. Input from the public was then requested.

PUBLIC INPUT

Norma Garrison said that she has been pushing for this issue since September as a safeguard for the children, to give the parents the confidence in the volunteers working with their children. Ms. Garrison pointed out how times have changed as shown by recent incidents of uncovering pedophiles, new people are moving into the community; she is adamant about the need for drug testing and background checks. Ms. Garrison stated for the record that she is very disappointed that the discussion will go into Executive Session; it should be a public discussion in a public meeting, and the opinion of the Attorney should be public as well.

Dave Freeman, a member of two of the Commissions, and a past public school teacher working with volunteer and youth organizations also commented on how society has changed in the last ten years; he believes strongly in drug testing and background checks, especially on behalf of the children, as well as being able to have confidence in our leaders.

Gary Blair, a 20-year resident of Camp Verde, told one of his grandchildren had witnessed and reported a drug deal going on at the swimming pool; the person in charge was of good character and called the police. Mr. Blair also reviewed his background in law enforcement, and based on that experience strongly supports drug testing and background checks.

Tom Nielsen said he has never touched drugs but has been in the middle of them all his life; his wife is a teacher and has shared with him her experience that the parents are on drugs and are a source of the problems; drug testing and background checks are necessary.

Greg Terry said that the CDL drivers are tested to provide public safety on the road; it is no different for the leaders of the community; if it is legal to do so, testing would provide that safety net for the public.

Robin Whatley said that if, as suggested, the testing might be illegal, she would expect that the Council members would volunteer for drug testing and background checks, as well as anybody else that would work or volunteer for the Town.

Daria Wier said that as an educator in the community and being a counselor for eight years, it was sad to believe how many kids are on drugs, and sad to listen to their problems, and that comes from the home; she said that at least we can prevent some of it by screening those who work with the children so that the children are safe.

There was no further public input.

There were additional comments from the Council expressing support for drug testing and background checks, and reconfirmation from the Attorney regarding the necessity of holding an Executive Session for advice on the law. Councilor Hauser added that she believes it is the right message to convey to our community, that drugs are not acceptable here and we do not tolerate it in any area of our Town government or employment.

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of/or direction to staff regarding mandatory background checks for all elected, appointed officials, and volunteers.**
On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Baker, the Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session.

Staff was directed to make necessary changes in the Personnel Manual, and bring the Manual back with recommendations regarding Council, Commissions, and Volunteers.

There was no public input beyond that expressed in combination with Item 9.

11. **Receipt of legal advice followed by discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff concerning the acceptance of the street improvements in the Verde Cliffs Subdivision.**
On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Baker, the Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session.

No further action was taken by Council.

PUBLIC INPUT

Gary Blair said he was concerned about the agenda item, that he lives in the Cliffs and does not understand what the litigation is. *Gioia explained that the litigation involves the newer Verde Cliffs, not his development.*

There was no further public input.

The following Items 12 through 15 were addressed prior to going into Executive Session:

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

Daria Wier spoke in favor of the 4-H programs and expressed concern over the protest about the swine in the community. Ms. Wier outlined her activities growing up in 4-H activities and her belief in the importance of those activities fostering responsibility in the children.

Lynda Moore said she lives next door to the Terry farm and there is no smell; she invited anyone over to check that out personally.

There was no further public input.

13. Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures

a) There are no advanced approvals.

There were no advanced approvals.

14. Manager/Staff Report

Lee reported that former Council member Jim Redinger is doing rather poorly after recent surgery, and encouraged everyone to send him well wishes.

15. Council Informational Reports

Smith reported on his and Roy Gugliotta's appearance in connection with the Good Morning Prescott TV show on the Pecan, Wine and Antique Festival. Smith also commented on reporting for jury duty. He added a reminder regarding the Buffalo Soldiers.

Baker said she had participated in a conference on the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee for NACOG; she will make copies of her notes to distribute to the other Councilors. She stressed the importance of talking to the rural legislative people in Phoenix regarding funding.

Kovacovich reported on his attendance at the first meeting of the Yavapai County Drought organization, together with Smith and Lee.

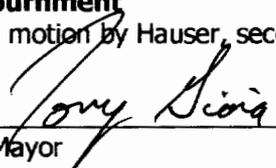
Hauser said that the Governor has asked members of the WAC to be in Phoenix in the morning at 9:00 in connection with upcoming legislation. Basketball and wrestling are still going on and it is a fun activity to watch. Hauser added that she needs water questions for the WAC meeting on the 21st. The Verde Watershed movie on Fossil Creek will be shown Sunday from 3:00 to 5:00 at the Cliff Castle Casino.

Gioia asked the community to contact our representatives, Lucy Mason for one; her phone number is 602-026-5874. One of the biggest issues is the 100-year assured water supply is being proposed to drop down to 30 years assured water supply. Jake Flake's phone number is 602-926-4129. Another representative is Andy Tobin at 602-926-5172.

A recess was called at 9:24 p.m. to go into Executive Session to address Items 9, 10 and 11; the meeting was called back to order at 10:25 p.m.

16. Adjournment

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Tony Gioia, Mayor



Margaret Harper, 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 the 7th day of February 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 22 day of February, 2007.

Virginia M Jones
Virginia Jones, Deputy Town Clerk