

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
473 S. Main Street, Room #106  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2007  
at 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**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Gioia, Councilors Smith, Garrison, Kovacovich, Elmer, and Parry were present. Vice Mayor Hauser was absent.

**Also Present:**

Interim Town Manager Dave Smith, Town Attorney William Sims, Housing Director Matt Morris, Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore, and Recording Secretary Virginia Jones

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Smith 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) July 18, 2007 – Regular Session

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

1) Joint Work Session with the Library Advisory Commission – August 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

2) Regular Session – August 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

3) Council Hears Planning & Zoning – August 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

c) **Possible appointment of P&Z Commission member Bob Burnside as liaison to the Design Review Board for a 6-month term, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission.**

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Kovacovich, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

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

Jim Ellington invited Council to visit the Farmer's Market on Saturdays. He stated he has been there several times and noticed that there have always been several motor homes present. He said that the Farmer's Market is a huge success, drawing tourists off I-17. Ellington also shared an experience that he had when he signed his two grandsons up for swimming lessons. He explained that one of his youngest had a near-drowning experience two years ago and was afraid of the water. He explained that he spoke with Debbie Miller, the Pool Manager. Miller had one of the lifeguards work with his grandson and helped him to overcome his fear. He noted that while Miller and the lifeguard were attending to his grandson, the other lifeguards covered the pool. Ellington said that all the lifeguards showed compassion, love, and care for the children, and he presented a check for \$50.00 to be used for an appreciation party for the lifeguards.

6. **Presentation of a \$1,000 check to the Camp Verde Marshal's Office by Diane Joens and Stewards of Public Lands to monitor, educate, and enforcement of laws aimed at stopping illegal dumping on public land.**

Diane Joens presented a check for \$1,000 to the Town to assist with enforcement of illegal dumping.

Joens presented a brief summary of the Stewards of Public Lands history and explained that they received a grant from Yavapai County that will go to Verde Valley law enforcement offices to help enforce the laws against dumping on public lands. Joens thanked all of the volunteers and the local businesses that help to make clean up possible.

Kathy Davis, a member of the Stewards of Public Lands, said her experiences working with the Stewards have been inspirational with very visible results.

Charles Mackey said that he joined the Stewards a year after they started and then he shared his first clean-up experience at Copper Canyon when it was snowing. He stated the Stewards are making a difference.

Debbie LaFrance stated that the work that the Stewards do is very important and thanked the Town of Camp Verde and other partners like Marvin Buckel, Jodie Allen, and the Switzers who have been extremely helpful.

7. **Presentation by The Osborne Group on the Health Information Exchange.**

Kevin Logan and Casey Osborne from the Osborne Group gave a presentation explaining that Governor Napolitano, through an executive order, requested a strategy to achieve 100% electronic health data exchange among all of the players, including healthcare providers, consumers, researchers, and government agencies. Osborne advised that their company is based in Cottonwood. Osborne explained that the Governor's vision of the exchange would bring everyone involved to the table. The Health Information Exchange will create new training requirements, improve the level of care, as well as improve the workforce by creating new jobs.

Mayor Gioia thanked Logan and Osborne and requested that they include the need for pediatric services in Camp Verde.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible appointment to Housing Commission for the term expiring in September 2009.**

A motion by Smith, seconded by Kovacovich, to appoint Jackie Baker to the Housing Commission failed with a 3-3 vote, with Gioia, Garrison, and Parry voting 'no'.

A motion by Gioia, seconded by Kovacovich, to appoint Kathy Davis to the Housing Commission also failed with a 3-3 vote, with Smith, Kovacovich, and Elmer voting 'no'.

**Kathy Davis** gave a presentation outlining her work history and her involvement in the Arizona State Parks system working with State housing. She advised that she attended the public meeting with the Drachman Institute and noted that Camp Verde has made excellent efforts, despite the lack of economic development. She informed Council that she will bring a hands-on approach to the Commission, has the ability to gather and analyze data, is great at problem solving, has management skills, and is very organized. She also spoke about her technical writing experience. In response to Council questions, Davis explained that she knew she would have to give a minimum of 10 or more hours a month to the Commission and is willing to devote the necessary time.

**Jackie Baker** explained that she spent the past 8 years, while serving on Council, supporting and working on housing issues that are facing Camp Verde and the entire country. Baker noted the importance of working with the other communities and thanked Council for their

consideration.

**Public Input:**

**Paul Clawson**, noting that he worked for the Park Service in the past, stated he has never heard a negative word about Kathy Davis. He said that Kathy came to work soon after he left, but that he spoke to his former co-workers and they had positive things to say about Kathy. Clawson encouraged Council to appoint Davis, stating she would be an outstanding member of the Commission.

9. **Discussion and review of the IGA with the Camp Verde Unified School District for the Camp Verde Heritage Pool facility and property use, and possible acceptance or modification of the District's offer to maintain the current annual financial contribution of \$12,800 and to continue insurance coverage for the next 3 years, with the next review of the IGA to take place in the year 2010.**

Council directed the Town Manager and Attorney to work with the School District to develop a new IGA that includes at least a 53% increase in annual financial contributions for next fiscal year.

Dave Smith explained that the IGA with the school is for the pool and should have been reviewed every three years, noting that the last IGA from the year 2000 has not been reviewed. Smith explained the property belongs to the School District and that we share expenses for the pool. He advised that the School District has already approved their budget for this fiscal year and therefore, could not increase their annual financial contribution.

Council voiced concerns about the division of the responsibility, stating that the School District budget is larger than the Town's budget and that the Town has used CIP funds for a solar heater and blanket to cut down on operation costs.

There was no public input.

10. **Update and discussion of the plans for Black Bridge Park as requested by Council.** Council directed Moore to work with the Engineer on the location of the bathroom and the incline and to work with the Sanitary District to determine the possibility of hooking up to the sewer system.

Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore presented a conceptual drawing of the Black Bridge Park. Moore. She explained that according to the State Park guidelines, the Town must stay within the scope of work that was applied for in the grant application, and one of the amenities that were to be provided was a boat dock. She discussed the problems associated with a dock and the permits that were needed and she advised that she intended to ask State Parks for an amendment. She said that she hoped to schedule an on-site meeting in the near future.

Council discussed the location of the restroom and the advantages of hooking up to the Sewer District, rather than using a septic system.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible support of resolutions submitted by communities throughout Arizona for consideration at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Resolution Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess Resort located at 7575 E. Princess Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona.**

Council reviewed the 25 proposed resolutions from communities throughout the State that were submitted to the League for consideration. Council agreed to support all of them. Resolution number 20 was discussed in detail when Council Member Garrison stated she was opposed to exempting court buildings, facilities, and courtrooms from gun storage locker requirements as

prescribed by law and place court building, facilities and courtrooms under the same exemption enjoyed by licensed liquor establishments. Parry and Garrison did not support the resolution.

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

**Paul Clawson** stated that he was shocked when he first heard the Town had lost over \$19,000 at the Crawdad Festival; however, he felt it was a good investment for the Town. He requested that Council consider an events coordinator to help alleviate the many hats that Moore presently wears and asked the Council not to cut any of the events.

**Michael Snell** addressed the Council and presented a letter regarding his experience with local law enforcement officials and requested dismissal of his case in court. Mr. Snell advised Council that he would be filing a Civil Rights Lawsuit against the Town.

**There will be no Public Input on the following items:**

13. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

a) **There are no advanced approvals.**

There were no advanced approvals.

14. **Manager/Staff Report**

Marshal Smith advised that two new deputies, Samantha Kuntz and Larry Ellis would be starting to work on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Kuntz will be heading to the academy and Ellis is certified.

15. **Council Informational Reports**

**Mike Parry** stated that he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and they discussed the Special Events and doing the promotions.

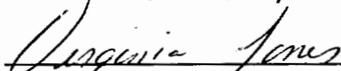
**Greg Elmer** said that he also attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and they had many good ideas, very high energy level, and are committed to supporting the events.

**Norma Garrison** advised that she has almost completed the book left by Lance Decker and that she spent a lot of time looking for an IGA with the School for the Skate Park.

**Mayor Gioia** stated he spent over two hours with the Osborne group and he had requested the presentation with Council. He reported on Verde River Basin partnership meeting and noted that Title 2 committed everything but the funding. He advised that he met with Interim Manager Smith and representatives from AFSCME who will be coming to Council for consideration of forming a union.

16. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Parry, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

  
Virginia Jones, 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 1st day of August 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

  
Debbie Barber, Town Clerk