

**MINUTES
COUNCIL – STAFF RETREAT
DAYS INN
1640 Highway 260
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2006
at 8:00 A.M.**

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

Present: Present at the retreat were Mayor Gioia, Vice-Mayor Baker, Councilors Hauser, Smith, Parry, Kovacovich, and Parrish.

Also Present: Town Manager Bill Lee, Finance Director Dane Bullard, Community Development Director Will Wright, Planner Nancy Buckel, Judge Michael Bluff, Parks & Recreation Supervisor Lynda Moore, Marshal Dave Smith, Librarian Gerard Laurito, Deputy Clerk Virginia Jones, Grants Administrator Michael Casebier, Special Projects Coordinator Wendy Escoffier, Street Superintendent Wally Dickinson and Steve Ayres from the Bugle Newspaper.

Manager Bill Lee thanked Council and Department Heads for coming to the retreat and asked Marshal David Smith to give an update from the Marshal's Office. Dave had samples of river rock and limestone that could be used on the façade of the new facility. With a show of hands, it was agreed the majority liked the look of the limestone. Mike Parry stated he would like to work with the contractor to oversee the grouting.

Wendy Escoffier gave a PowerPoint presentation on Camp Verde Housing Needs.

Gerry Laurito showed Council and staff a conceptual of the New Library Facility. Gerry stated the facility would cost approximately \$150 a square foot.

Bill Lee gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed Community Park. The PowerPoint included what the Town would spend, depending on the cost per acre and how the Heritage Grant will help finance the park.

Quality of Life Tax was briefly discussed, Councilor Hauser gave an update of several small farms that have dissolved in the past few years.

Judge Michael Bluff gave a presentation regarding the caseload his clerk's have in comparison to other cities and Towns in the Verde Valley.

Manager Lee advised everyone the first Development Impact Fee Committee Meeting would be on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 6:30 in Council Chambers.

Community Development Director, Will Wright gave an update on the Buxton Report. The retail match list came up with 87 prospective businesses and has been decreased to a list of 20.

Discussion regarding State Route 260. Mayor Gioia gave an update regarding meetings he has had with other Community Mayors.

Tourism was discussed and included the Rock Building behind the Chamber of Commerce, Fort Verde State Park. It was stated the Fort has approximately 17,000 visitors a year and that number included the visitors on General Crook Days.

Manager Lee stated the Mayor had received a letter from Fred Ruskin regarding different options the Town would have in acquiring land. Lee stated Ruskin would like an answer from Council by February 10th.

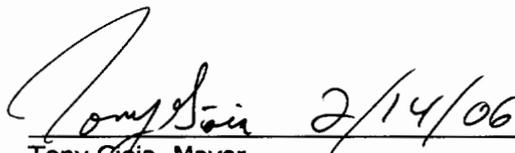
Street Superintendent Wally Dickinson gave an update on the Street Department, describing all the duties they perform and reported they have 6 employees.

Deputy Clerk, Virginia Jones stated the Clerk was out of the office due to surgery and asked Council to consider web-based council meetings in the next budget year.

Grants Administrator Mike Casebier gave an update on the Grants he is currently working on.

Parks & Recreation Supervisor Lynda Moore stated the maintenance department has been working on putting the floor in the Ramada. The Parks Department has been getting ready for the upcoming Pecan and Wine Festival.

General Projects Coordinator, Wendy Escoffier stated she has been working on Storm Water Pollution Prevention, The Transit Voucher System and the Town Site Redevelopment Plan.


Tony Gioia, Mayor


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 Council-Staff Retreat, held on 27th day of January 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17 day of Feb, 2006.


Virginia Jones, Deputy Clerk