

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2005
6:30 P.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.

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Dickinson, Vice Mayor Reddell, Mayor-elect Gioia, Councilors Baker, Kovacovich, Parrish and Teague; and Councilors-elect Hauser and Ron Smith were present.

Also Present: Town Magistrate McElhaney, Town Manager Lee, Town Attorney Woodford, Asst. Parks & Rec. Director Moore, Library Director Laurito, Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Foreman, Trails Committee Chairperson Reddell and Vice Chairperson Salsman; Town Clerk Debbie Barber and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Vice Mayor Reddell.

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) May 19, 2005 – Budget Work Session
- 2) May 18, 2005 – Regular Session

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

- 1) Regular Session – June 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Council Hears Planning & Zoning – June 22, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Gioia, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

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

Councilor Baker said that the staff, with especially the help of Virginia Jones, had put together two special gifts for outgoing Mayor Dickinson and Vice Mayor Reddell and she presented them to each on behalf of all those who will miss them.

Manager Lee then presented plaques to Dickinson and Reddell to commemorate and express appreciation for their time and volunteerism serving the Town of Camp Verde.

Dickinson thanked each and everyone and said he wanted all to know that the Town staff is the hardest-working, most caring people, functioning as a family and a team that really does their best to serve not only the Council but the citizens as well, and added his thanks saying the Town is lucky to have them all.

6. **Oath of Office for Newly Elected Mayor and Council Members pursuant to Town Code Section 2-1-5 and Assumption of Office pursuant to Section 2-1-3.**

Judge McElhaney administered the Oath of Office for Tony Gioia, followed by administering the Oath of Office for newly elected Councilors Brenda Hauser, Bob Kovacovich, and Ron Smith, and re-elected Councilor Bob Kovacovich, whereupon Mayor Gioia then took his seat of office, with Hauser, Kovacovich and Smith assuming their places on the Council. Mayor Gioia expressed his thanks to the departing Council members, acknowledging the time and efforts devoted to serving the Town of Camp Verde, and said he looked forward to working with the group as a team.

7. **Discussion, consideration, and possible appointment of a Vice Mayor.**

Mayor Gioia briefly described the functions and importance of the Vice Mayor, and based on her past experience serving on the Council as Mayor, nominated Brenda Hauser as Vice Mayor; the motion was seconded by Hauser, and failed to pass by a 4-3 vote, with "no" votes by Smith, Kovacovich, Parrish and Teague.

On a motion by Teague, seconded by Smith, Baker was appointed as Vice Mayor by a 6-0 vote, with Baker abstaining.

At 6:45 p.m. since the Chairman of the Yavapai-Apache Nation was not yet present, the Council agreed to address Item 9 ahead of Item 8.

8. **Presentation of a gift to the Yavapai Apache Nation as a token of friendship, anticipated cooperative efforts for our future, and community partnership.**

There was no action taken.

Mayor Gioia invited Tribal Chairman Jaime Fullmer to join him on the floor of the Council Chambers; Gioia then presented Chairman Fullmer with a new sign as a token of the Town's good faith, together with hopes and well wishes for a new time of inter-community cooperation and atmosphere of mutual respect, highlighting areas of the many shared goals and aspirations of both as one larger community. Chairman Fullmer responded with the acknowledgment that the Valley is going to grow and agreement that the common goal is to see it grow in a healthy way. Fullmer said the Nation would like to be neighbors in participating in supporting the growth, but also hopes that the Town leadership still feels the same way, that it will be a controlled growth. Fullmer added that they have appreciated the willingness of the community and their leaders to be willing to allow the Nation to co-exist and to support what they are trying to achieve as a Nation. On behalf of the Nation he thanked the Mayor and the Council for the sign, saying that he will place it at the entrance to the reservation.

9. **Presentation by Enalo Lockhard from Yavapai County Regional Planning Department.**

There was no action taken.

After introduction by Mayor Gioia, Enalo Lockhard, Assistant Director for Development Services for Yavapai County, presented an overview and update of the progress of the proposed Verde Valley Regional Plan. The hope of Yavapai County is to make regional planning a reality for the Verde Valley that includes five municipalities and five unincorporated communities plus the Yavapai-Apache Nation. The goal of the Regional Plan is to help those entities retain their own character as well as the character of the Verde Valley, with cooperation from and working together with the various communities. The County has approved employing an outside consultant to help develop a regional plan that will augment the general plan of each community or entity, with the key elements of open space, transportation, dealing with land trades, and affordable housing, at a cost of approximately \$130,000 to \$170,000. The County will assume the major cost, and is asking the various communities within the Verde Valley to share their commensurate share based on population. Camp Verde's share would amount to approximately \$8,500, or 5.7% of the overall cost. Mr. Lockhard was advised that Camp Verde has continued to include in the proposed budget the funds to participate in the project.

Public Input

Anita Goss, from Cottonwood, said that she wondered if a decision has been made regarding when there will be a meetings held, how often and where, if the proposed regional plan project is approved by all the communities. Mr. Lockhard said that once all the various entities have adopted their budgets a go-ahead will be given to the consultant to start the process, perhaps by late August or September; many meetings are anticipated throughout the communities.

There was no further public input.

Mayor Gioia announced that a new, simplified form for the use of the public in providing public input during meetings has been adopted, and will be used in the future.

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff regarding a meeting with Army Corps of Engineers to discuss issues concerning Verde Lakes/Clear Creek, the Verde River, and Beaver Creek.**

On a motion by Teague, seconded by Baker, the Council voted unanimously to direct staff to continue to arrange the meeting for the date and time discussed.

Town Manager Lee said that pursuant to direction to staff following the recent flooding, and after numerous contacts during the last few months, a meeting has been scheduled for June 10th at 2:00 p.m. A member of the Corps of Engineers will attend and Arizona Engineering has been invited to attend; the participants will be given a tour around the various areas to view the flooded and damaged areas out to Clear Creek and over to Beaver Creek as well. Gioia announced having discussed some funding possibilities through FEMA and the State Emergency Funds, and said he would also like to invite personnel from those agencies to attend the meeting together with some NAU staff; graduate students from NAU have been working on opportunities for funding. The Council members agreed that the meeting should be held as scheduled with the Army Corps of Engineers, rather than causing any delay or change by trying to include the other entities suggested. Lee confirmed that the scheduled meeting was the result of direction to staff by Council several months ago.

Public Input

Karen Keel, a resident of Verde Lakes, prefaced her remarks with the comment that she felt it was a "slap in the face" of the voters that the Council members did not support the Mayor's choice of a Vice Mayor. Of the 11 lots that need to be acquired, Ms. Keel announced that one owner has confirmed she is willing to donate her lot to the Town, and the owner of two more lots has indicated he would also be willing to donate those.

Barbara Miller questioned whether discussing funding and acquiring additional property has gone beyond what is listed on the agenda for discussion tonight.

Joan Wilson, another resident of Verde Lakes, specifically expressed her thanks to Lee, and described the damage to her property from the recent flooding; she pointed out three distinct places that were determined by some residents to be a source of the flooding. She added that she is excited that the Army Corps of Engineers will be coming out to look at the problem.

There was no further public input.

At 7:16 p.m., the Council agreed to address Item 8 before moving on to Item 11.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible appointment of Council members to serve on all committees in which the Town wishes to be involved.**

On a motion by Teague, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously voted to continue Item 11 to the next regular session.

The Council briefly discussed tabling the item to allow for more time for Councilor Teague to "mull it over".

12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible appointment of Council member to serve as liaison on the Library Design Committee.**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Parrish, the Council unanimously appointed Councilor Hauser to serve as liaison on the Library Design Committee.

Library Director Laurito explained that Vice Mayor Reddell had served in the past as the Council representative on the Library Design Committee. In order to keep informed and as a vehicle for input from the Council into the process, he requested that a Council member be appointed to replace Reddell. After a brief discussion, Hauser tentatively volunteered and was then nominated to serve as liaison.

There was no public input.

13. Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a \$2,000 expenditure to purchase well monitors for the Verde Valley Water Users Association.

On a motion by Parrish, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously approved a \$2,000 expenditure to purchase well monitors for the Verde Valley Water Users Association.

Councilor Kovacovich said that the request is tied in with the water adjudication issue. There are currently three well monitors that are measuring the water level in wells to try to prove that those levels are not tied in with the river. SRP would like to say that the water in all the wells from one mountain range to the other is tied to the river and they want to claim it. Kovacovich explained that the more monitors placed on various wells, the better chance there is to demonstrate to the contrary. It was confirmed that the funds are available in the budget, and the Council agreed to support the request to purchase the additional monitors.

There was no public input.

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

Robert Foreman said he wanted to congratulate the new Mayor and Council members and to applaud the Mayor for changing the speaker forms, although he respected Mayor Dickinson and all his work for Camp Verde. He urged anyone who is interested to volunteer to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Charlotte Salsman repeated the invitation to all in connection with the Trails Committee. Since he is also a hiker, Steve Ayres from the press was invited to come to the next Trails Committee meeting and consider becoming a member. Ms. Salsman later on discussed with Lee the letter from the Forest Service soliciting input on what the citizens want in the proposed Community Park; Lee said that persons contacting Town Hall could be given the e-mail address to use for that purpose.

Jim Bullard suggested that a speed limit sign is needed coming up from 260 to Finnie Flat Road.

Diane Joens, Cottonwood City Council member, congratulated all of those elected and said she looks forward to working together on mutual projects. She said she wanted to express her appreciation for John Reddell's dedication when appointed to the Cocopai Resource Conservation & Development and stressed the importance of that group and described its function. She also complimented the Trails Committee on the excellent work they are doing.

Anita Goss thanked all of the people who are now serving, as well as those who have served before, acknowledging that it is a lot of hard work. She was very glad to hear about the regional approach described by Mr. Lockhard, and that it is very important for the Valley for communities to work together. Ms. Goss then read a letter from Jane Moore, Mayor of Jerome, by which she highly recommended the appointment of Tony Gioia to the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee, highlighting his through knowledge, expertise and experience serving in the past. Ms. Goss suggested that Kovacovich continue to be on the Committee as an alternate.

Lori Boyce also congratulated those who had been recently elected, saying that their work is about to begin, adding that those remaining will learn from the new members. Ms. Boyce said that she and others would like to see more public meetings, and in connection with the community park remember that there are those already living there who would like to retain some of the wildlife, perhaps through some buffering, and to also provide trails through it.

There was no further public input.

15. Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Teague, the Council unanimously approved the expenditure of \$2,500 for Street Loader repairs.

Lee advised the Council that a turbo charger has failed in a loader that is about 6 or 7 years old. The repair is scheduled for tomorrow at a cost of \$2500, or less, and approval is requested for that repair; the Council agreed that it appeared to be a normal maintenance problem considering the age of the machine.

16. Manager/Staff Report

Manager Lee reminded everyone that the 2nd Annual Crawdad Festival will be held this coming weekend, adding that volunteers are needed and would be welcomed to help with the many things to be done in advance of the event. Lee also described a game designed by the Main Street Merchants in which the public will participate, as a boost to the businesses.

17. Council Informational Reports

Hauser said she looks forward to working with the Council and that she is grateful to be here.

Smith commented on the benefits of community service volunteering, describing the work done by the Trails Committee and the work ahead and the need for members to serve on the Committee, as well as volunteers to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Kovacovich thanked the voters for their support in the election, and said he looks forward to the next four years.

Teague said that a citizen at the pre-opening event for Out of Africa asked that a speed limit sign be put on Cliffs Parkway during the construction as well as perhaps a Children At Play sign.

Parrish said he would not be in town for the Crawdad Festival, explaining that he will be traveling to Tulsa in connection with his wife's bowling team; he collected various materials from the area for the team members to distribute there, including some Town pins donated by Manager Lee.

Baker said she also wanted to welcome the new and reelected members, agreeing with Smith that it will be another good Council. She also encouraged everyone to volunteer as a way to get to know the community, adding encouragement for everyone to attend the Council meetings and provide their input and guidance for the Council.

Gioia said he was very encouraged by the public participation this evening and the attendance, and hopes it will continue. He also pointed out the Town website that offers opportunity for input to the Council through e-mail. Gioia commented on accidents in the area of the senior apartments on General Crook; the Marshal will be looking into setting a speed limit for that area, and possible efforts to establish speed limits for other areas. He also looks forward to a great Council, and the next two years working as a team.

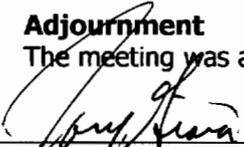
18. Discussion or consultation with the attorney for discussions or consultations with designated representatives in order to consider its position and instruct its

representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale, or lease of real property in the Town of Camp Verde. Council may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(7).

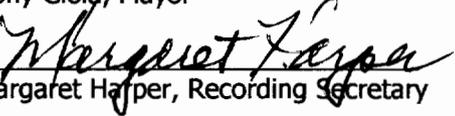
On a motion by Baker, seconded by Parrish, the Council voted to go into Executive Session, with Hauser voting no.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Tony Gioia, Mayor

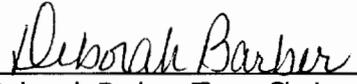


Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary

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 meeting of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 1st day of June, 2005. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21 day of June, 2005



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk