

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
473 S. Main Street, Room #106
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008
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, Vice Mayor Hauser, Councilors Smith, Garrison, Kovacovich, German were present. Councilor Elmer was absent.

Also Present: Town Manager Mike Scannell, Deputy Town Clerk Virginia Jones, and Recording Secretary Sharon McCormick, Accountant Lisa Elliott, and Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Kovacovich 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) Regular Session – October 1, 2008
- 2) Special Session – October 1, 2008
- 3) Executive Session – October 1, 2008
- 4) Special Session – September 17, 2008
- 5) Executive Session – August 27, 2008

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) October 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning
- 2) October 29, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. – Joint Tribal & Council Session with RBF
- 3) November 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 4) November 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Special Session with RBF to consider Master Plan
- 4) November 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular/Council Hears P&Z COMBINED
- 5) November 26, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning – **CANCELLED**

c) Possible approval of the Manager's compensation package. (Staff Resource: David Smith)

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Kovacovich, Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

Hauser noted that she would not be available for the meetings on October 29, November 5, and November 12. Councilor German noted that he was excused for a portion of the Executive Sessions on September 7 and October 11, 2008.

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

John Wischmeyer said that he was pleading with the Council to preserve the tranquility of the McCracken Lane neighborhood and proposed Council vote for the entrance to the new park be located off Highway 260. Wischmeyer stated the large volume of traffic is objectionable to the residents living on McCracken, noting that the entrance site off Highway 260 is currently a 4-lane road, with a center turn lane, and located away from residential structures. Wischmeyer reminded Council that when considering the cost difference between the two entrances, to keep in mind that the Town might have HURF Funds available for this project. Wischmeyer stated that if staff would begin negotiating with the Forest Service and ADOT now, the entrance would be ready when the park was open for public use. Wischmeyer informed Council that the residents off McCracken do not want the entrance to the new park located off McCracken road and hoped Council would make the correct decision.

Robin Whatley said that Fort Verde Days was a great event and thanked everyone who was involved in putting it on. She congratulated the Mayor for winning first place in the Senior Mounted Division and second place in Historical Accuracy.

6. **Council Informational Reports**

Councilor German advised that chip sealing is under way at Ranch Acres, Yaqui Circle, and Fort River Caves, noting that staff really stepped up. The Town Engineer provided the water truck and watered the streets all weekend, which the residents appreciated. German said there are some legal issues with the Sanitary District that he would be reporting to Council in the near future.

Hauser said that Fort Verde Days was wonderful, and for the first time she helped judge the entries. Hauser reminded everyone that October 23 is Water Education Day for the fourth graders at Dead Horse Ranch State Park and football season is going strong.

Smith advised that he would have a report at the next meeting regarding the Verde Valley Transportation Organization meeting.

Garrison said that she would not be attending the October 22 meeting, as she is involved with the NACOG tourism event. She said that she had attended a meeting where Supervisor Davis was the guest speaker. She advised that Davis indicated that our economy has not yet hit the bottom, is worldwide, and the County had to lay off 12 people. Garrison requested an agenda item for the first meeting in November to discuss the time clock.

Kovacovich said that he and Vice Mayor Hauser attended a luncheon at Salt River Materials Cement Plant in Clarkdale, noting that the plant had received the Energy Star Award.

Gioia said that he attended the dedication for the new wing at Verde Valley Medical Center and bumped into Senator Kyle. He advised that he discussed local funding regarding water issues with the Senator. Gioia thanked everyone for participation in Fort Verde Days. He said that he had also visited with John Teague who wanted to thank everyone for their prayers. Gioia advised that he spent the morning attending a Verde Watershed meeting where toxicology and the increase rise of arsenic in local wells were discussed. He also attended the Water Advisory Committee.

7. **Presentations of Certificates of Appreciation to Tom Neilson for his years of service to the Town as a volunteer, former Council member, and Library Commissioner and to Dave Freeman for his service as a Housing Commissioner. (Staff Resource: Mayor Gioia)**

Mayor Gioia presented Tom Neilson with a plaque for his years of volunteer service. Gioia thanked him for everything he has done from serving on the Town's first Council to spearheading the construction of the gazebo.

Mayor Gioia presented David Freeman with a certificate for his service as a Housing Commissioner and thanked him for his continued service as a Planning & Zoning Commission member.

8. **Skip Heyer, Vice President of Central Arizona Sportsmen's Association, will present plans for a shooting range, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff to prepare a letter of support for the project to be signed by the Mayor. (Staff Resource: Mayor Gioia)**

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Hauser, the Council voted unanimously to direct staff to prepare a letter of support for the project.

Mr. Heyer, Vice President of the Central Arizona Sportsmen's Association (CASA), explained that the association is working to establish a legitimate shooting range in the Verde Valley. He explained that the proposed site for the shooting range is located on Forest Service land off Beaverhead Flats Road in Cornville. The purpose of the shooting range would be to eliminate illegal and unauthorized shooting areas in the Valley. Heyer said that CASA is asking for a letter of support and not a financial investment.

Public Input

There was no public input.

9. **Robin Whatley, member Ad hoc Committee for Non-Profit Funding, will present the Committee's revised and simplified application and guidelines to Council for consideration and approval. (Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)**

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Garrison, the Council voted unanimously to accept the changes as presented and thanked the committee for all their work.

Robin Whatley reviewed the changes made to the application forms and the Guidelines, noting that the documents were simplified, yet retain all of the information needed for the Committee to make an informed decision and recommendation.

Public Input

There was no public input.

10. **Robin Whatley, member Ad hoc Committee for Non-Profit Funding, will present the Committee's recommendations for funding the Verde Valley Concert Association's request for \$1,750 for the Camp Verde Missoula Children's Theater and \$5,000 for the Performing Arts Studio's request for an After School Program, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible approval of funding recommendations.** (Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Smith, Council voted to approve funding for Performing Arts Studio's request for an After School Program, in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Garrison voted no.

In answer to Council questions, Whatley explained that the requests from organizations that are not organized as non-profit organizations are limited to \$500 per application, while non-profit organizations, such as 501(c)3 organizations, have no limit. Whatley further explained that the ad hoc Committee for Non-Profit Funding had previously come before Council and recommended funding for the Toys for Tots, Verde NRCO Environmental Education Center – Neighbor helping Neighbor Weed Eradication Workshop and the Stewards of Public Lands cleanup and that Council approved the requests.

Noting that the applications under consideration are from non-profit organizations, Whatley advised that the Committee recommended approval of the Performing Arts Studio's request. She explained that the Performing Arts Studio's request for an After School Program is in partnership with the school. The program serves 80 students at no charge and will serve 380 students for 16 weeks for a fee of \$110.

She asked Council to table discussion regarding the Verde Valley Concert Association's request for the Camp Verde Missoula Children's Theater until the Committee could meet again. Whatley advised that the total donations budget is \$10,000. She advised that there is a balance of \$1,750 remaining in the donations line item.

Public Input:

Dave Freeman said that he is familiar with these programs and worked with his son who started at the 8 years old and become famous in Hollywood at the age of 12. He said that these programs are shared programs and that funding comes from towns, individual sponsors, volunteers, acting fees, and stage fees. These programs are beneficial for children and very cost effective. They are successful because the whole town is involved and they become stakeholders.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible adoption of the Town of Camp Verde Financial Operations Guide, to include discussion of the Status of the Internal Review Recommendations and Corrective Actions.** (Staff Resource: Lisa Elliott)

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Smith, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Financial Operations Guide, Revision #1 as presented.

Elliott explained that the document before Council has been a work-in-progress for several years. Council commended staff for the excellent work and requested that a chapter related to Special Events be added to the Guide.

Public input:

Roger Doering said that this document is a good thing. He said that the Library Advisory wanted to recommend computers and found that in previous budgets, computers were hidden under office supplies.

12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action relative to the Town of Camp Verde entering into a ground lease with the Camp Verde Sanitary District for the right to utilize 15 acres of Sanitary District land more particularly described in the aerial map attached herewith and referenced in the May 11, 2007 recorded IGA, Section 2.1.9 between the two respective agencies. The duration of the lease is until the 25th year of the Effective Date of the IGA (May 11, 2007 to May 11, 2032). The cost of utilizing the property is \$100 annually.** (Staff Resource: Michael Scannell)

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Smith, the Council voted to accept the 15-acre portion of property from the Sanitary District for annual lease payments of \$100. German asked that the lease period be extended to 50 years.

Gioia and Smith agreed to include that time within their motion. Garrison voted no, stating that the Town has no business getting into another agreement.

Manager Scannell explained that the Town and the Sanitary District entered into an agreement in May 2007 and that a portion of the agreement included the Town's option to lease 15 acres from the Sanitary District. He advised that the Town could develop capital assets; however, he recommended a longer lease term so that the Town could amortize the asset over a 50-year period.

Council discussed the possibility of an animal control facility in that location, and possibly the asphalt-mixing table and the street yard and the potential for pollution.

Public Input:

Cherie Wischmeyer stated she agreed and expressed concern with the dust that would be created.

Susie Burnside stated she was very concerned and reminded Council that Highway 260 is a gateway to Camp Verde. The Sanitary District is in the Coconino National Forest and within the town limits. Burnside said that in the past the Sanitary District planned to develop that area, but agreed that the area is very visible. Burnside noted that if there were contaminants in their effluent, it would be expensive to correct. She felt the animal shelter would be a good idea. She also expressed concerns about heavy equipment on the road and cross traffic with the Sanitary District and Town Street equipment.

John Wischmeyer said that this sounded like good news with the animal shelter, noting that the road would have to be improved and the Community Park entrance would not have to be located off McCracken.

13. **Presentation, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff as it relates to the termination of the IGA with Camp Verde Unified School District for the maintenance and operation of the Heritage Pool and the potential financial impact this will have on the Town's FY 09/10 budget.** (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Hauser, the Council voted unanimously to continue this item, requesting that Councilor German speak with the School Superintendent or even the School Board to explain the history behind the grant application and the need to keep the Community Pool open.

Lynda Moore informed Council that the Camp Verde School District has put the Town on notice that they will be terminating the Intergovernmental Agreement for the maintenance and operation of the Heritage Pool. The School currently uses the pool 12 weeks out of the year and pays the water and electric.

Public Input

There was no public input.

14. **Discussion of Camp Verde Sanitary District's (CVSD) November election ballot questions relative to the IGA stipulation that the Town will not realize any savings to the taxpayers because of the proposed refinancing. CVSD Ballot question #1 states in pertinent part "Shall Camp Verde Sanitary District be authorized to become indebted to and pledge the District's full faith and credit to the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona in an amount not exceeding \$5,600,000 bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 4.75% per annum and not exceeding 30 years?" and Ballot question #2, states in pertinent part, "Shall Camp Verde Sanitary District be authorized to become obligated to the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona in an amount not exceeding \$2,095,000 bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4.75% per annum and not exceeding 24 years?"**

It was a consensus of Council to support the Manager's proposal to work with Councilor German, liaison to the Sanitary District, the Town Attorney, the Sanitary District, and WIFA to structure a refunding of the Koch Financial lease/purchase agreement #2 to include a provision to eliminate the requirement for the debt service reserve fund.

Garrison explained she has been receiving phone calls wanting to know why the Town of Camp Verde is requesting to become obligated to WIFA in an amount not exceeding \$2,095,000 and has attempted to explain that the Camp Verde Sanitary District has placed this item on the November Ballot and has now asked the Manager to help explain how a yes or no vote could help the citizens of Camp Verde.

Manager Scannell explained to Council that the Sanitary District refinancing did not allow the Town to realize any savings at all and that according to the Publicity Pamphlet their savings would be directed toward maintenance and operation, even though the Town's funds were restricted to construction. He stressed that the Town's goal was to work

collaboratively with the District. Scannell explained in detail about interest rates, financing, bonds, and associated costs. He proposed that he be sanctioned to approach various parties about refinancing the Town's portion of the Koch Financial Lease/Purchase Agreement #2, noting that the Town could possibly save \$12,000 to \$13,000 per year over 23 years. Members discussed the proposal.

Public input

There was no public input.

15. Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to the naming of the park that is referred to as "Black Bridge Park".

On a motion by German, seconded by Smith, the Council voted to name the park 'Rezzonico Family Park'. Garrison voted no.

Garrison explained that she asked for this item because the naming had been discussed in public previously, and she believed that it needed to continue, noting that the public needs to know that Council is now looking at alternate names.

Lynda Moore explained that the Parks and Recreation Commission previously recommended that the park be named Rezzonico Black Bridge; however, they learned that the former manager had assured the Rezzonicos that the park would be named after their family.

Hauser gave a brief history of the project, explaining that the Town purchased the property from the Rezzonico family at a reduced price and that the Babbitt family donated 7 acres at no charge. She asked if we would have to name the Community Park, Forest Service Park because we purchased the land from the Forest Service. She felt that the name should pay homage to both families, but that Council had to honor the agreement. She said that business used to be conducted in Camp Verde with a handshake and a promise to honor your word and that is the position that Council is in now. She said that it is important to get things in writing, but that it is also important to honor your word. She said that she is grateful to have a park with river access and that is what is important.

Kovacovich said that he remembered it differently, as did former Council members, and that it was going to be named after the Rezzonicos. He said it was important to honor our word.

Public Input

There was no public input.

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

There were no comments

There will be no Public Input on the following items:

17. Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures

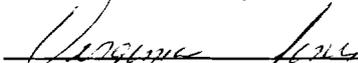
a) There are no advanced approvals.

18. Manager/Staff Report

There were no reports.

19. Adjournment

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Kovacovich, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 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 15th day of October 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6 day of November, 2008.



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk