

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
COUNCIL HEARS PLANNING & ZONING COMBINED  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008  
6:30 P.M.**

**Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.  
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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Gioia, Vice Mayor Hauser, Councilors Garrison, Kovacovich, and German were present; Councilor Smith was absent; there is one seat vacant.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Mike Scannell, Sr. Planner Mike Jensen, Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore, Deputy Town Clerk Virginia Jones, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Gioia.

**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 – December 3, 2008
- 2) Special Session – December 3, 2008
- 3) Executive Session – December 3, 2008 (Taped)

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

- 1) December 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning – **CANCELLED**
- 2) January 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 3) January 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular/Council Hears P&Z COMBINED
- 4) January 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning - **CANCELLED**

**c) Possible approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Camp Verde Unified School District for use of a parking lot and trail located on Camp Lincoln Road between the School District Office and Butler Park. (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)**

**d) Possible authorization to go to public auction of real property identified as a vacant .36-acre parcel of residential land located east of McCracken Lane in the 1200 Block South, a portion of parcel 404-02-171 with a starting bid of \$20,000 and specifically laying out easement issues following the sale. (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)**

**e) Possible approval of Councilmember German's and Town Manager Mike Scannell's out-of-state travel expenditures related to the December 10, 2008 settlement discussions with Canyon Wood Yard/California Hot Wood's owners. (Staff Resource: Michael Scannell)**

**f) Possible approval of Resolution 2008-757, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the Town Clerk and entitled, 'Supplementary Local Audit Procedures for the Town Tax Code of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona'. (Staff Resource: Michael Scannell)**

**g) Possible approval of Ordinance 2008-A356, an Ordinance of the Town of Camp Verde relating to privilege License Tax: adopting 'Supplementary Local Audit Procedures for the Town Tax Code of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona' by reference; amending Article V-Administration of the Town Tax Code and Regulation 8-555.1; providing penalties for the violation thereof; providing severability and establishing an effective date. (Staff Resource: Michael Scannell)**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Kovacovich, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented, with Items c), d), e), f) and g) pulled to be addressed separately.

Mayor Gioia requested that Items d), f) and g) be pulled for discussion; Councilor Garrison requested that the remaining Items c) and e) also be pulled.

**4.c) Possible approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Camp Verde Unified School District for use of a parking lot and trail located on Camp Lincoln Road between the School District Office and Butler Park.**

**On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Gioia, the Council voted unanimously to send this IGA document back to the newly convened School Board for January, for their agenda, to look this over.**

Garrison said she would like the subject document to come from the new Board that will include three new members to be seated in January; in addition, the terms of the proposed IGA appears to unfairly favor the School District. The Council members indicated agreement with that proposal.

**Note: Councilor German recused himself from the hearing on the following item based on conflict of interest, and left the Council Chambers.**

**4.d) Possible authorization to go to public auction of real property identified as a vacant .36-acre parcel of residential land located east of McCracken Lane in the 1200 Block South, a portion of parcel 404-02-171 with a starting bid of \$20,000 and specifically laying out easement issues following the sale.**

Staff was directed to meet with Mrs. German and Mr. Brown, together with the appraiser, bring back a recommendation as soon as possible; also to request the Town Attorney to provide a legal opinion to the Council in connection with A.R.S. 37-803, as cited by Mrs. German.

Gioia explained that he wanted to address this item in order to give the adjacent property owners the opportunity to address Council on the issue. Hauser acknowledged the fact that this issue had been addressed previously, but the decision was made to put the parcel up for auction in response to concerns from the property owners. Responding to a request from Garrison to share some of the background with the community, Manager Scannell reviewed the steps taken by staff pursuant to Council direction and how the Town arrived at the value of the subject parcel; he believes that the interested parties have some concern about the method of determining the value. Gioia suggested that the appropriate staff be allowed to review the appraisal, discuss with the property owners and bring it back to Council if there is anything worth divulging to Council. There was also opinion expressed that auction might not be necessary and the open market might dictate the value.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Carol German** questioned the minimum bid for the narrow strip of property, commented on its unique nature, and the process used for the appraisal that contained the admission that there was a lack of truly analogous sales data to rely upon. Ms. German referred to her review of A.R.S. 37-803 that appears to allow a direct sale with proper public notice, which would be a considerable savings.

**Robert Brown**, an adjacent property owner, agreed that the appraiser had no comparable parcels, pointing out errors made by the appraiser in selecting parcels upon which to base the final appraisal. He suggested that the Town use the original purchase price of the property as the basis for establishing a current fair price.

**Bob Burnside** outlined his mathematical review of the appraisal that indicated to him that in reality the value of the property would not total over \$10,000.

There was no further public input.

Garrison requested the Town Manager to discuss with Mrs. German and Mr. Brown the questions raised by Mrs. German as well as the issues discussed at this meeting, in order to perhaps arrive at a fair price and just sell it by posting the intent to sell pursuant to the A.R.S. section cited by Mrs. German. Scannell said he would be happy to meet with the principals again, together with the appraiser, and bring back a recommendation to Council as soon as possible; the issue will be addressed at the meeting set for January 21, 2009. Scannell will also ask the Town Attorney to provide a legal opinion to the Council based on his review of the statute cited by Mrs. German and the applicability of that statute to this issue.

**Note: Councilor German returned to the Council Chambers at 7:01 p.m.**

**4.e) Possible approval of Councilmember German's and Town Manager Mike Scannell's out-of-state travel expenditures related to the December 10, 2008 settlement discussions with Canyon Wood Yard/California Hot Wood's owners.**

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Garrison, the Council unanimously approved the amount of \$1,040.80 for the subject out-of-state travel expenditures.

Town Manager Scannell reviewed the request by Council to try to find grounds for an agreement by negotiating directly with the business owners. He explained that after some preliminary contacts, it was concluded that a face-to-face meeting would be appropriate, and that a trip to California was immediately necessary since time was of the essence based on the upcoming January 8<sup>th</sup> court hearing. Garrison announced that the travel expenditure was \$1,040.84. German added his opinion that the Town would have been severely handicapped in any legal action had he and Scannell not taken the trip and had the meeting.

**(Note: The following two items were discussed together, after which the Council agreed to combine any decisions on Items f) and g) with the later discussion and action on Item 13.)**

- 4.f) Possible approval of Resolution 2008-757, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the Town Clerk and entitled, 'Supplementary Local Audit Procedures for the Town Tax Code of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona.**
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Gioia introduced both of the above items to be discussed jointly and stressed that the issue involved an amendment, not to enact any changes to what is normally done. Gioia explained that the amendment is simply enabling legislation that would allow the Town to make a decision that is to be discussed in Item 13 on this agenda. Scannell reviewed the changes promulgated by the State to the standard operating procedure which basically has no effect on the community. The amendment simply allows the Town to do on its own what the State of Arizona does now on its behalf; that is, auditing for compliance with the sales and use tax provisions of State law. Scannell said he would recommend Donald Zelechowski to be the auditor to take on the auditing assignment; that recommendation is to be discussed and considered in Item 13 that follows later in this agenda. Scannell stressed the serious impact of the deteriorating economic situation, pointing out that the Town is simply looking for compliance with existing law, the community will benefit accordingly, and the proposed action is the prudent course to follow.

Donald Zelechowski reviewed for the Council his qualifications and experience, and explained that the Tax Code is difficult to understand and that his intent is to educate the businesses and the public as to what their responsibilities are. Mr. Zelechowski confirmed that the audit provision in the document does not contemplate the imposition of new taxes, it will only allow collection of revenue and review of records. In discussion with the Council, Mr. Zelechowski said he would provide sample letters for the Town to use in the business license process to help to inform the applicants. He also recommended that any auditing commence from this date forward and not review past records, although that is allowed by law.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Linda Buchanan** said she had requested separate consideration of these items in order to help inform the community, and hopes the issue will be agendized properly in future meetings; she requested that action on these two items as well as Item 13 be forestalled until they can be considered on an upcoming agenda.

**Perry Haddon** suggested that Item 13 could be addressed right now, out of sequence, pursuant to Roberts Rules; that would be of great benefit.

**Bob Burnside** questioned whether adoption of this amendment means that it will be necessary to hire a new employee to act as the Resolution Officer as provided in the document.

**Ramona Aldridge**, owner of the Health Foods Store, questioned the proposed recovery rate in the Auditor's letter and the reference to the \$10,000 fee and "breaking even."

**Ginger Mason** commented that the way the agenda item was vaguely worded may have instilled fear in the business

owners; they appreciate help getting through red tape, but the word "audit" is what is upsetting, making the businesses feel they are being attacked; the words "educational" or "informational" would have been helpful.

There was no further public input.

Mayor Gioia requested that action on these items be delayed until after discussion on Item 13; he apologized for the way these items were placed the agenda, and the resulting concern that was generated among the business community.

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

There was no public input.

6. **Council Informational Reports**

**German** reported on his attendance at the recent Chamber luncheon and his enthusiasm regarding the Chamber's Board of Directors 2009 Objectives; he said that the Sanitary District has voted to entertain the Town's participation and share the benefits of that participation.

**Hauser** expressed gratitude for the results of the Adopt-A-Family project; out of 32 requests for bicycles, it has been possible to fulfill 16 of those requests.

**Garrison** wished everyone a Merry Christmas; she also commended the attendance of the several candidates for Council and Mayor seats who were in the audience.

**Kovacovich** thanked everyone who turned out on the cold and windy night to enjoy the Lights Parade last Saturday.

**Gioia** reported on efforts regarding further extension of Hwy 260, and also commented on the sad effects being seen in the community from the current economical situation. Gioia reported on the Water Advisory Committee and Verde River Basin Partnership and the return of some funds because of upcoming inactivity. Gioia said he will be meeting with the new Congress person to discuss what Camp Verde can do with the possible receipt of a portion of the economic stimulus package; staff is gathering information in that regard. Gioia wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

7. **Presentation by Bob Rothrock from Verde Valley Land Preservation Institute, Inc. regarding activities, goals, and accomplishments, followed by discussion.**

There was no action taken.

Bob Rothrock gave a Power Point presentation on the mission of the Verde Valley Land Preservation Institute, including the efforts to foster the public and municipal collaborative processes, and related scientific research, emphasizing preservation of open space.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Ramona Aldridge**, referring to Fox Ranch property being designated as a Conservation Easement, asked about the original tax break, and whether the Conservation Easement designation remains throughout future possible sales of the property. (Mr. Rothrock assured her that it would.)

There was no further public input.

Mayor Gioia requested item #8:

8. **Report and update on the Mayor's efforts with the Chamber of Commerce, the Signage Subcommittee, and ADOT to improve signage along SR 260 and along I-17 with directional signs to the Historic Downtown Main Street.**

There was no action taken.

Gioia invited the Chamber of Commerce President and members from the Subcommittee on Signage to join in on his report. Gioia commented on the desperate need in these economic times to bring more people into Town and the deep concern of Council on that issue. He reviewed his efforts to elicit information from ADOT, as well as meetings with the Chamber Subcommittee on Signage outlining requests for signage with ADOT. Ginger Mason spoke on behalf of the Subcommittee and, together with input from Gioia, reviewed the main areas where specific signs were requested.

There was no public input.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Ordinance 2008-A354A (amending Ordinance 2008-A354 approved on October 22, 2008, but not processed based on attorney advice) an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona amending Section 118 of the Zoning Ordinance to define A-frame signs, add exceptions for projecting signs and A-Frame signs into the right-of-way for businesses and Main Street under Prohibited Signs, and define the criteria under which projecting signs may be used under Business/Commercial/Industrial signs. (Staff Resource: Nancy Buckel)**

On a motion by German, seconded by Gioia, the Council voted 5-1 to approve Ordinance 2008-A354A as proposed by the Planning & Zoning Commission, with the changes made by insertion of "events" in Paragraph 12.a. on Page 2, and "side" in Paragraph A.5 on Page 3; with a 'no' vote by Garrison.

Staff was directed to work with the Planning & Zoning Commission to start moving forward on creating the Overlay Zone.

#### **STAFF PRESENTATION**

Sr. Planner Mike Jenkins explained that at the Council's public hearing on October 22, 2008, regarding allowing projected signs, language was added to also allow A-frame signs. This necessitated a further public hearing by the Planning & Zoning Commission, resulting in a recommendation to Council to approve the changes discussed, including the suggestion to reconsider Ordinance 2008A-354 dated October 22, 2008, in its original form, with the addition of two words, and to suggest that business owners along Main Street apply for variances to display A-frame signs until such time as an Overlay Zone is created that addresses the special conditions present along Main Street.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Ramona Aldridge** questioned whether the reference to applying for a variance pertained to only one sign per business. (*Jenkins confirmed that it referred to an A-frame or similar sign.*)

**Bob Burnside** stated, for clarification only, that the ordinance in the agenda packet does not reflect a copy of what the staff and the P&Z Commission had recommended; it is a copy of what Council proposed at its last meeting.

Mr. Burnside's comment was followed by a discussion and review of the two words that had been added to the October 22, 2008 proposed ordinance. The issue of including a specific time period to allow A-frame signs was also discussed, as well as the suggestion to allow them through a variance procedure. Jenkins confirmed the steps and time involved in applying for a variance, and that each business owner would have to separately apply. There was also the suggestion that perhaps the Town Attorney could determine a process whereby a group could apply for a variance initially, with subsequent applications made on an individual basis. Jenkins reiterated the recommendation to Council made by the P&Z Commission that was intended to accomplish in the easiest and fastest way what Council wanted, namely, the variance procedure, and the subsequent creation of an Overlay Zone.

#### **FURTHER PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Linda Buchanan** suggested that the person being assigned to re-write Code might address this issue as a top priority, to find a simple solution.

**Perry Haddon** said that as he recalls, Councilor Smith said that in essence all of these rules did not apply to Main Street; furthermore, he heard nothing about any timeframe, the problem will never go away.

**Jackie Baker** described her past experience working on the A-frame signs issue; if an ordinance change is required, that should be done to get it over with in order to help our businesses.

**Bob Burnside** said that he understands that when Camp Verde created its historical district, the 15 parcels that were acquired for the road were allowed as non-conforming uses and were issued encroachment permits forever. The original outcry objecting to A-frame signs did not include Main Street.

**Howard Parrish** commented that he remembers that at several of the meetings there was no reference to any time limit imposed, only "until times got better than they are now."

There was no further public input.

During further discussion by the Council on the issues raised, including creation of an Overlay Zone, Jenkins called the attention of the Council to Item 12 of the proposed Ordinance that allows an exception to allow A-frame signs along Main Street between Arnold Street and General Crook Trail during regular business hours. The variance procedure that had been recommended was apparently unnecessary, the proposed Ordinance would allow A-frame signs along Main Street, and based on that understanding, the Council took action to adopt Ordinance 2008-A354A as recommended by the P&Z Commission.

10. **Presentation, discussion and possible direction to staff concerning the encroachment of a garage owned by Aileen Smart onto the Town's property located on Basham Circle.** (Staff Resource: Nancy Buckel)  
Staff was directed to inform the Town Attorney of the Town's intent to enforce compliance and request his advice regarding the Town's rights and available law.

Sr. Planner Jenkins reviewed the background of the encroachment, the negotiations with the property owner, accommodations made by the Town to assist her, and her agreement to remove a portion of the encroaching building from the Town's property. The property owner now has advised that she does not intend to follow through with removing the encroaching portion of the building since she no longer has the funds to do so.

The Council discussed with Jenkins the history of the construction of the original building, the acquisition of the property owned by the Town and the determination that an encroachment existed, the cooperation with the property owner, her commitment to bring the building into compliance, and her subsequent refusal to do so. Jenkins said he understands that government is exempt from adverse possession, and suggested that the Town Attorney might be able to help.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Jackie Baker** reviewed her memory of addressing the subject problem a few years back, suggesting that the Town may not have owned the property at the time the garage was built.

**Debbie Roulette** said that the Town could either give the property to her or give it to the attorney.

**Pete Roulette** said that she did not mean to give the property, she meant give her the money to have the building renovated, or to the attorney to figure out what to do.

There was no further public input.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to the requirement for vendors of Special Events to provide a certificate of insurance for General Liability of at \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 aggregate, naming the Town of Camp Verde as additional insured.** (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)  
On a motion by German, seconded by Garrison, the Council voted unanimously to continue to require vendors to provide a certificate of insurance for General Liability for at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 aggregate, naming the Town of Camp Verde as additional insured.

Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore explained that the Town's insurance representative had found that the Town was lacking in requiring vendors to provide liability insurance, and he had strongly recommended that this should be corrected. Moore said that vendors are objecting to that requirement; she has also confirmed that other communities require that insurance. Moore added that she also tries to inform vendors in advance of the need for insurance, and has recommended sources they might use to obtain it fairly inexpensively.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Jackie Baker** had other suggestions for insurance coverage available to the vendors at inexpensive prices.

There was no further public input.

12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible appropriation of \$100,000 from the CIP Fund to the Parks Fund and direction to staff to begin Request for Proposal process to engage a consultant to complete design work for initial projects for the Community Park.** (Staff Resource: Michael Scannell)  
On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison, the Council unanimously approved the appropriation of no more than

\$100,000 from the CIP Fund to the Parks Fund and direct staff to begin the Request for Proposal process as outlined.

Scannell referred to the staff report that requests moving the \$100,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund into the Parks Fund for use in funding design work for the Community Park. Scannell explained how such a commitment would not only place the Town in a position to be prepared to begin work immediately on the Park pending the anticipated receipt of the Heritage Grant. The fund balance is in the Capital account, is restricted to be used for Capital Improvements, and is an acceptable use of those funds. Gioia added that committing those funds for design work would also serve to strengthen the Town's standing in being considered for the Heritage Grant. Scannell confirmed that the Council would have another opportunity to review and consider letting a contract for the design work following receipt of the proposals, and the amount contemplated would be less than \$100,000.

There was no public input.

**(Note: As previously agreed, Item 13 was addressed prior to Items 10, 11, and 12.)**

13. **Discussion, consideration, and possible authorization for the Town Manager to complete the contract to engage consultant Donald Zelechowski for the purpose of performing sales tax audit services.** *(Staff Resource: Michael Scannell)*

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council voted unanimously to continue Item 13 and Items 4.f) and 4.g) to the Council meeting scheduled for January 21, 2009.

The Town Manager was directed to follow through with his recommendation to get together with the Chamber of Commerce between now and January 21<sup>st</sup> to help the community understand what is occurring in connection with the subject items discussed.

In light of the preceding discussion on the sales tax audit issue, Scannell said he felt it would be best to continue this matter until January 7<sup>th</sup> or later, to give the community more time to discuss the ordinance. Discussing the agreement before adoption of the ordinance makes no sense. If the Town were to elect to adopt the ordinance, there would be a 60-day period before any audit work would be done. In addition, the program would not be activated until such time as the Town engages someone to do the work; there is no staff available or trained to do this type of work. It was generally agreed that it would be well for the community to have more time to become educated on the issue. Mr. Zelechowski proposed sending information letters to the Town at this time so that the Town could see how complicated the contracting issue is; he also offered to share the information with the Chamber for the benefit of the public as well.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Charlotte Floyd**, with a business in the Wingfield Plaza, said that the news was received through e-mails; she said she does not need a lot more paperwork to do, it is an intrusion of her privacy. The State and the IRS can deal with it; it is not relevant for the Town to hire someone to come in and check on the merchants. Ms. Floyd read a statement of another business owner who basically expressed indignation at the prospect of the Town looking at his books; the Town should quit bullying and harassing the local business people. Ms. Floyd said another business owner was threatening to get a lawyer to defend against what is being proposed. Ms. Floyd added that she is embarrassed to be a part of the town right now.

**Therese Tobish**, of Ancient Bear Gallery, said she has pulled the paperwork and is educated on the issue. She objected to all the points being proposed, as well as the \$10,000 fee for the auditor that will only benefit Scottsdale. Ms. Tobish read a letter submitted by the owner of The Golden Bone outlining how businesses are suffering and even closing, and suggesting that the \$10,000 could be better used to improve the shelter for the animals or give it to the Bread of Life.

**Debbie Roulette** suggested that the \$10,000 would be a good investment for welcoming businesses with a packet of information to educate them.

**Perry Haddon** offered a quick calculation to refute the statement that the Town would break even by expending the \$10,000 fee for the audit, in essence finding \$500,000 from people cheating. Mr. Haddon said that if the Town thinks that \$1,500,000 in taxes will be found to be unreported, there is "no way in hell the Town will find that in this community."

**Linda Buchanan** cited personal examples by way of her family owning some property and considering renting some

pasture for farming alfalfa, and not knowing what their responsibility would be. Ms. Buchanan does not consider the proposed audit an attack on the businesses and is in favor of any opportunity to educate the public.

There was no further public input.

Mayor Gioia commented that the information had been available for the public to review; there is no secret. He said that this discussion for the Council was proposed by our Town Manager out of concern for the Town's finances, and the discussion is open to everybody. The members stressed that there has never been any intent to hurt the businesses in Town; this is an effort to gather information, create an equal playing field for all businesses and educate the community, while trying to help the financial situation in which the Town finds itself. Furthermore, it is staff's job to keep the Council informed and aware of what needs to be looked at so that Council can make the difficult decisions.

Scannell spoke further regarding his recommendation for an audit program that is in response to Council members' expressions of concern about the lack of compliance across the board in the business community. Scannell stated that collection of sales taxes in no way affects the viability of a business; it is simply a pass-through and does not drive businesses out of town as claimed by one of the speakers. Two of the former speakers again spoke involuntarily in defense of what they perceived as an unfair attack on businesses. Scannell reiterated that he is simply trying to do whatever he can to achieve compliance and present options, as requested by the Council; it is critically important to do that. He added that to the honest, tax-compliant individuals this audit proposal means nothing, and they may even applaud the Council for bringing everyone into compliance.

**A recess was taken at 9:40 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 9:49 p.m.**

After a brief discussion following the recess, it was agreed to continue further consideration of the three subject agenda items to January 21<sup>st</sup>, and action was taken accordingly.

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

There was no public input.

**15. Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

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

There were no advanced approvals.

**16. Manager/Staff Report**

There was no Manager/staff report.

**17. Adjournment**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.



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 17th day of December 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 27 day of January, 2009.

  
Debbie Barber, Town Clerk