

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008  
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**

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

**2. Roll Call**

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

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

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by German.

**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 – November 19, 2008
- 2) Special Session – November 19, 2008
- 3) Executive Session – November 19, 2008 (Taped)
- 4) Special Session – November 12, 2008

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

- 1) December 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular/Council Hears P&Z COMBINED
- 2) December 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning – **CANCELLED**
- 3) January 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 4) January 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular/Council Hears P&Z COMBINED
- 5) January 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning - **CANCELLED**

**c) Possible authorization to pay \$3,253.50 for the loss adjustment expense to Southwest Risk for Dayton v. Town of Camp Verde litigation. (Staff Resource: Carol Brown)**

**d) Possible approval for the Magistrate Court to apply for a Fill-the-Gap grant with the Administrative Office of the Supreme Court to fund the criminal clerk's salary and training for the remainder of this fiscal year, not to exceed the current balance of the Fill-the Gap fund of \$31,670.14 (Staff Resource: Judge Rodger Overholser)**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Kovacovich, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented, with the correction noted by German.

Councilor German requested a correction to the Minutes of November 19, 2008, on Page 6, Item 14, to correctly reflect a vote of 5-1 on the Motion, and that German abstained.

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

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**John Wischmeyer** stated his objection to the use of McCracken Road as the entrance to the planned Community Park, citing problems with the road being a narrow residential street, unsafe and insufficient to carry additional traffic, and stressing the desire to preserve the peaceful serenity of the neighborhood; Highway 260 is the preferred access point. Mr. Wischmeyer requested that the Council support the residents; he may ask the community to join him in a voter referendum on the question to determine the depth of support for the preservation of the neighborhood.

There was no further public input.

**6. Council Informational Reports**

**German** reported on his attendance at a Sanitary District special meeting to canvass the election; they did so and are sending their report of the canvassing to the County Board of Supervisors.

**Hauser** announced that Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> will be the first Movie Night at the Teen Center; furniture is needed and any donations of chairs, couches, folding chairs would be welcomed. Hauser also reminded everyone of the Light Parade scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> and the Wreath Contest.

**Smith** said he had attended the Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization meeting last Wednesday; he and another person were the only ones there.

**Kovacovich** thanked Town staff for the Main Street decorations.

7. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of the new logo created by Recreation Supervisor Joe Perez for the Parks & Recreation Department.** (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison, the Council unanimously approved the new logo as the Parks & Recreation logo.

Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore displayed a color copy of a Parks & Recreation logo that the Youth Coalition has designed to use on T-shirts and banners, that truly represents Parks & Recreation. The set-up cost for a new logo would be \$65; if in color, it would be the same cost as the Town logo. Moore added that most of the time the logo would be shown in black-and-white. Moore was asked why the design had not involved more community involvement, and she explained that the logo was created by the Youth Coalition. As for most of the costs for awards and banners, Moore said that those would be covered by the Youth Coalition.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Jim Ellington** said that the logo has been an agenda item for the Parks & Recreation Commission several times in the past; it is more for public recognition to bring awareness of the public of the many activities and facilities sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department. Ellington cited examples of the public assuming the School District is responsible for Butler Park, Little League, and the Pool programs, as well as negative articles in the newspapers. The logo would be a perfect way to bring recognition to the Town's Parks & Recreation Department.

There was no further public input.

The Council agreed that the Parks & Recreation Commission needs to get the recognition due it, and suggested that the logo be displayed at key locations for that purpose; there was some preference expressed to having the logo done in color.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to the 2009 Heritage Grant application. Discussion may include, but not be limited to an explanation of the grant match and how the process works; Phase I of the Community Park to include cost estimates and available funding; possible obstacles; bonding for parkland improvements; and the required timeline for completion of the grant application.** (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)

Staff was directed to proceed with the Heritage Grant application as outlined by the Town Manager and staff.

Moore explained that the Heritage Grant is on a 50-50 basis; the Town would be obligated to match whatever the funding amount is. A plan is proposed whereby the Town could use the cost of the land acquisition in applying for a Heritage Grant in the amount of \$1.5 million; if successful, State Parks would reimburse the Town \$750,000 which could be used for the Park development. The application would be relatively simple and could be completed by the deadline of February 27<sup>th</sup>.

The discussion included several concerns, primarily the water, septic and electric issues. Town Manager Scannell explained that anticipating the successful award of the Heritage Grant in the amount of \$1.5 million, the \$750,000 reimbursement to the Town would be earmarked for the infrastructure improvements, including the concerns discussed. Scannell said that if the Council approves going forward with the application, he will be requesting appropriation of \$100,000 from the Capital Fund Reserve and authorization for staff to proceed with an RFP for professional services to design roadway improvements, interior roadways, water, waste water, electrification or whatever is directed by Council. When the Heritage Grant award is received, plans would therefore be ready to implement, and the Town could go to bid for all those improvements; such construction could possibly be completed by January 2010. Scannell added that staff would have a Plan B in hand in the event the Heritage Grant does something different than what is hoped for. Scannell also pointed out that the points awarded to the Town to receive the grant

would be maximized by the Town having invested additional funds for design work for the improvements, and the demonstrated commitment of Council to earmark the grant proceeds for recreational amenities. Scannell said that he and Director Moore have also discussed meeting with State Parks Heritage Grant Program people to find out how best to maximize the number of points the Town might get on any grant application that the Town would submit. Scannell summarized the plan as one that is fiscally prudent and a wise use of the Town funds and shows the community that the Council and staff are committed to address the demand that exists for recreational amenities; furthermore, that portion of the Capital Improvement Fund earmarked for park improvements is being used as envisioned by the community.

There was no public input.

*Mayor Gioia requested item #9:*

9. **Discussion, consideration, and identification of the advantages, disadvantages, and potential issues brought about by the formation of a new county as discussed at the November Verde Valley Intergovernmental Meeting.**

There was no action taken.

Mayor Gioia explained that one of the agenda items discussed at the November Verde Valley Intergovernmental meeting was the separation of the Verde Valley into its own County. The 2010 census will reach the point where five County Supervisors will be needed; instead of the normal votes of 2-1, it will more than likely end up 4-1, and at the very best 3-2. Gioia outlined the issues to consider in separating the Verde Valley, including revenue to provide services, separation or retention of capital benefits, assets, effect on representation within the State, and the value of the Verde Valley as an entity. The Commission discussed at length their past experience and concern regarding the issue of separation, including the suggestion that it would not hurt to study the issue and consider the feasibility of generating sufficient funds to maintain the same level of services. Gioia pointed out that if the Verde Valley elected to separate, the vote would go to the entire County and they have already shown that they do not want the Verde Valley to go. Gioia said his main purpose in requesting the agenda item was to get feedback on whether the members think the County is doing a decent job, pointing out the political differences that adversely affect the Verde Valley issues. Garrison expressed her deep concern about trying to start a new County based on her perception that the Verde Valley has never worked well together. There was some question about the principals who were involved in bringing forward the issue of separation. Gioia said that a pamphlet had been prepared that outlined the laws and methods for separating from the County and given to some individuals on the other side of the mountain.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Steve Ayres**, Bugle reporter, explained that two individuals from Cottonwood had started out with strictly a research paper on what it would take, and what were the legal ramifications. That document had been circulated and ended up in the hands of Tom Thurman, and snowballed from there.

There was no further public input.

Following the discussion, Gioia said that the next time the issue comes up in an Intergovernmental meeting as an agenda item sponsored by our County Supervisors, he will give them the Council's feedback.

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

There was no public input.

11. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

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

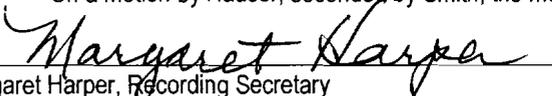
There were no advanced approvals.

12. **Manager/Staff Report**

There was no Manager/Staff report.

13. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 23 day of December, 2008.

Virginia Jones  
~~Debbie Barber, Town Clerk~~ *u*  
VIRGINIA JONES - Deputy Clerk