

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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, Elmer and German were present.

Also Present: Town Manager Mike Scannell, Public Works Director Ron Long, Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore, Town Clerk Debbie Barber, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Smith.

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) There are no minutes for approval.

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

- 1) September 4, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. – Council Retreat
- 2) September 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 3) September 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning
- 4) October 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 5) October 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Work Session with RBF for Park Master Plan/
Quarterly Work Sessions with Commissions
- 6) October 15, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 7) October 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning
- 8) October 29, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. – Joint Tribal & Council Session with RBF

c) **Possible approval of a Resolution 2008-751, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, superseding Resolution 2003-568, and adopting the Town of Camp Verde Code of Conduct for elected and appointed officials.** (Staff Resource: Norma Garrison)

d) **Possible approval of a proclamation declaring September 27, 2008 as "Dump the Prescription Drugs Day" in Camp Verde.** (Staff Resource: Vice Mayor Hauser)

e) **Possible appointment of Harry Cipriano for a two-year term as an Assistant Magistrate to the Camp Verde Municipal Court to commence October 5, 2008.** (Staff Resource: Judge Overholser)

f) **Possible approval of a proclamation recognizing and congratulating the Yavapai County Community Foundation in its celebration of 15 years of exemplary service.** (Staff Resource: Mayor Gioia)

g) **Possible authorization of establishing budget appropriations for grants awarded to the Town of Camp Verde and donations expected to be received for the Youth Center in the 2008-2009 fiscal year that were not included in the adopted 2008-2009 Budget.** (Staff Resource: Lisa Elliott)

h) **Possible approval of the reversion of the \$18,300 allocation to the Non-**

Departmental budget line item "LTAF II Grant Match—Transit Voucher Program" account (7821), POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE REALLOCATION OF \$18,300 FROM THE GENERAL FUND NON-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET LINE ITEM TITLED "LTAF II GRANT MATCH – TRANSIT VOUCHER PROGRAM" (ACCOUNT 01-20-17-7821) TO THE GENERAL FUND NON-DEPARTMENTAL NEWLY CREATED BUDGET LINE ITEM TITLED "LEGAL SERVICES" (ACCOUNT 01-20-17-7110) AND INCREASE THE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,733.59 FOR BOTH THE LTAF II GRANT REVENUES (ACCOUNT 06-41-18-4335) AND EXPENDITURES (ACCOUNT 06-50-18-9999) FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION RELATED EXPENDITURES IN THE STATE GRANT FUNDS (FUND 06) (Staff Resource: Lisa Elliott)

- i) **Possible approval to change the Town of Camp Verde's trash service from Waste Management of Arizona to Northern Arizona Waste Systems (N.A.W.S.), which will result in a cost savings of approximately \$3,552.61. (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)**
- j) **Possible approval of the IGA for the establishment of Unified Emergency Management with Yavapai County, authorization of payment to Yavapai County in the amount of \$3,969.00, and possible appointment of Marshal David R. Smith as the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator. (Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)**
- k) **POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SFY 2009 LTAF II APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND/OR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (Staff Resource: Debbie Barber)**

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Hauser, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Vice Mayor Hauser read for the record, Item 4.d), the Proclamation declaring September 27, 2008 as "Dump the Prescription Drugs Day" in Camp Verde.

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

There was no public input.

6. **Council Informational Reports**

German reported that a letter from the Sanitary District should be forthcoming delineating their offer to our 15 acres.

Garrison commented that the Holiday weekend was wonderful.

Mayor Gioia requested item #7:

7. **Presentation and discussion of the Project Wet Water Festival and a call for volunteers and donations to help with the festival that is scheduled for October 23, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

There was no action taken.

Vice Mayor Hauser gave a brief presentation on the proposed festival, to ask for assistance on the project which will emphasize the importance of protecting water resources for future generations, with education beginning with the 4th Grade children. Hauser is on the Planning Committee for the Water Festival to be held October 23rd in Cottonwood, at no cost to the School District or to any child. Hauser distributed handouts regarding the proposed event, and requested volunteers to ask as presenters; the only requirement is to attend a 2-hour training session. She said she was also asking for a small donation, perhaps \$50, from the Town to help with the expenses. Hauser reported that unfortunately the Camp Verde School District has chosen not to participate.

Councilor Smith suggested that an application for funds be submitted to the Council for review,

and that the money might be available. Gioia confirmed the procedure mandated for the Town in connection with requests for funding from non-profit groups.

PUBLIC INPUT

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

Chip Norton said that he is working on the same panel as Hauser on the project; it is hoped that the event will be held on an annual basis, and in-kind donations are also being solicited from businesses for supplies for the event.

Robin Whatley suggested that there might be some participation from the charter schools; she will certainly press them for help wherever she can. The next non-profit meeting will be held September 19th.

There was no further public input.

Gioia added that everyone is invited to participate; those willing to make donations may contact the County Supervisor's Office, 639-8110.

8. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE PLANNED RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN TRES RIOS, FORT RIVER CAVES, AND REDDELL RANCH ACRES SUBDIVISIONS.**

The Town Engineer and staff, working with Liaison German, were directed to approach the Sanitary District and start the discussion, move the discussion forward as quickly as possible; if an agreement is possible, arrange a Joint Session or Special Session if necessary, and brief Council on the findings beforehand.

Public Works Director Ron Long explained that he had added this item to the agenda because he felt a problem had come up that needed to be addressed as soon as possible, or at least get a discussion started. Long distributed handouts to illustrate the current issue, including two letters, one from the Sewer District Liaison, Charlie German, and the other from Greg Freeman, the District Chairman, both letters referring to an attached section drawing that shows the proposed design for the subject roads. Another handout shows the proposed schedule that was presented through CWC Engineering. Long said that the cross-section drawing from the District indicates what is planned to be put over all the streets that have been excavated for the sewer. Long said that what is shown does not meet Town standards, and he therefore cannot approve it without direction from Council. The very aggressive schedule proposes a start date of September 8th in the three areas and the date of October 3rd to finish, with chip sealing to commence the week of October 6th. Based on the section view and the proposed schedule, Long reiterated that he needs Council direction before the project proceeds further. Long pointed out that the emphasis throughout the long history of the Sanitary District's planning has been to try to save money, and one of the areas they have chosen to save money on has been the street sections, with the result that the specifications have been consistently downgraded through numerous change orders to the point where they do not meet the street standards required by the Town. What is being proposed would be less expensive, but the lifespan would be as short as five years, would require constant maintenance and would compromise the Town standards that are imposed on other developers. Long said that a decision needs to be made as soon as possible in light of the existing condition of the roads during the ongoing construction that the residents are continuing to have to tolerate. Long estimated that the cost to now bring the roads up to Town minimum standards would be "totally out of the ballpark," and he has been unable to get the District to cooperate in getting together to try to discuss alternate solutions. Long discussed in detail with the Council different materials and technical specifications and approaches to the resurfacing of roads, as well as the work schedule based on weather considerations, the estimated costs involved and lifespan of what would ultimately be temporary "fixes."

The Council reviewed with Long the long history of negotiations with the Sanitary District on the

roads, the succession of unapproved change orders, and the frustration experienced because of the lack of cooperation and communication on the part of the District Board members despite consistent attempts by staff to work with them. It was pointed out that without involvement of the District, discussion of options, costs or solutions was being held in a vacuum, and without further communication and information, no decision can possibly be made on how to move forward. The need to sit down with the District to discuss the problem as soon as possible was emphasized as urgent.

During the discussion it was suggested that perhaps the Town should consider the option of bringing the existing roadways back up to an acceptable standard to at least buy a five-year plan with the funds that are available; how can the Town complete the project and do it acceptably to where health issues are addressed and the residents are happy, while fitting it into the budgetary considerations. Based on his research, Long reiterated his belief that the design proposed for the roads originally was acceptable to the Town and was what the Town committed to funding a portion of; however, the subsequent changes would result in substandard, unacceptable roads.

PUBLIC INPUT

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

George Young commented on the problem of "changing horses in mid-stream." He reviewed the history of the Board dealing with the question of the roads, and the assurance from Bill Lee that the Town would take care of them, and the problem that the previous Board went under that assumption. The upcoming election will possibly be bringing in two new Board members who have no knowledge of what is going on, and that will cause even more delay. Young added that past Minutes of the Board do not properly reflect all that was going on in the meetings; the new Board lacked the experience and knowledge, and that resulted in many of the mistakes.

Mike Hough, a resident of Fort River Caves, said he believes there is no winning solution; he suggested that the Town just go with the money that is available knowing it will have to be added to in the future; use chip seal for dust control, and then do it to Town standards later.

Chip Norton commented that with the election drastically changing the makeup of the Sewer Board, there might be a great opportunity for German and Long to meet again with the Sewer Board; the Town may not get what it ultimately wants, but may have to settle on something to bridge between what is available now and what is wanted in the future.

There was no further public input.

Town Manager Scannell summarized his attempts to work with the Sewer District, with no response; he and staff have consistently stood ready, willing and able to meet, discuss and debate, review options, do all that could have been done to resolve the issue. Mr. Scannell agreed that the "train wreck" began when a former Town official directed Long to discontinue his participation in the Sewer District meetings; that was a serious tactical error that the Town will pay dearly for. The residents in the three subdivisions have struggled under the conditions that are present and want an immediate resolution. Mr. Scannell lauded the efforts of Ron Long on the issues and his dedication to serving the Town of Camp Verde. Mr. Scannell reviewed several possible options, stressing that the key point to consider is the residents in the community and improving the environmental conditions. He assured the Council that he and his staff will assess all financial options if the Council elects to consider expending more than the \$240,000. Under the circumstances, something has to be done to serve the community, and to do the best that can be done right now.

Ron Long said that he believes the Sanitary District would like to sit down with him to discuss engineering the roads in order to get a good sub base at this time; to that end the Town will need to add funds. But Long said he needs to negotiate a good engineering solution with the Sewer District, not some mathematical shuffling of numbers. He looks for the District to come up

with some solutions on their part; with the meeting to take place between now and the Council meeting next week. Gioia said that a Special Session could be called at any time to consider any viable fix.

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

There was no public input.

10. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

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

There were no advanced approvals.

11. **Manager/Staff Report**

There was no Manager/Staff report.

12. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 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 3rd day of September 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18 day of Sept., 2008.



Debbie Barber, Town Clerk