

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007
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 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Mayor Gioia, Vice Mayor Hauser, Kovacovich, Garrison, Elmer and Parry were present. Councilor Smith was absent.

Also Present: Interim Town Manager Dave Smith, Town Attorney William Sims, Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore, Town Engineer Ron Long, Judge Michael Bluff, Library Director Gerry Laurito, Administrative Assistant Sharon McCormick, and Recording Secretary Virginia Jones
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Mayor Gioia 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) September 8, 2007 – Executive Session (taped)
 - 2) September 5, 2007 – Regular Session
 - b) **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
 - 1) Council Hears P&Z – September 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
 - 2) Regular Session – October 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
 - 3) Word Session – October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. (Council will hear the Commissions' Quarterly Reports)
 - 4) Regular Session – October 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
 - 5) Council Hears P&Z – October 24, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
 - c) **Possible award of bid Project 07-041, 2007 Chip Seal Pavement Preservation Project, AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.** This is a budgeted item in HURF
 - d) **Possible approval of a Proclamation declaring September as Library Card Sign-Up Month in Camp Verde.**
 - e) **Possible approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Yavapai County Library District for library services.** Yavapai County will pay the Town \$76,875 for library services, materials, and automation.
 - f) **Possible approval of the October 1, 2007 quarterly payment in the amount of \$33,750 to the Chamber of Commerce.** This is a budgeted item in the General Fund.
 - g) **Possible acceptance of Rob Witt's resignation from the P&Z Commission and possible presentation of Certificate of Appreciation, with direction to staff to begin advertising to fill the vacancy.**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as presented with item 4d. pulled by Mayor Gioia.

- 4d. **Possible approval of a Proclamation declaring September as Library Card Sign-Up Month in Camp Verde.**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Parry the Council declared September as Library Card Sign-Up

Month.

Mayor Gioia requested item 4.d be pulled and read the proclamation declaring September as Library Card Sign-Up Month in Camp Verde. Library Director, Gerard Laurito, presented each Council member with a Library Card.

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

There was no public input.

5a. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Ordinance 2007-A346, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending Chapter 3, Section 3-1-2, Section 3-1-3, Article 3-2, Section 3-2-3 of the Town Code, providing that the Finance Director shall be appointed by the Town Manager and declaring an emergency.**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Kovacovich, the Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2007-A346, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending Chapter 3, Section 3-1-2, Section 3-1-3, Article 3-2, Section 3-2-3 of the Town Code, providing that the Finance Director shall be appointed by the Town Manager and declaring an emergency, and correcting the 'passed and adopted' date to September 19, 2007.

Council discussed the fact that our newly appointed Town Manager had a strong background in finance and the Finance Director should report to the Town Manager.

Item 7 was heard prior to item 6.

6. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a two-year contract with Judge Michael Bluff for Magistrate services.**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Elmer, the Council unanimously approved the two-year contract with Judge Michael Bluff for Magistrate services.

Judge Bluff explained the existing two-year contract for Magistrate services between the Town and Bluff is set to expire in October 2007. The Judge stated he would like to continue his employment for an additional two years under the same conditions as the previous two years, providing a provision for him to apply for the new Yavapai County Superior Court Division 7 position recently approved by the Governor. The Judge added that he wishes to become a candidate for the Division in the next general election that will be held September 2008, and the new agreement includes the language to allow him to become a candidate.

Attorney Sims advised Council that the term for Judge Bluff, if elected, would not go away until the Town finds a new magistrate.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no comment from the public.

7. **Report, discussion, consideration, and possible approval of proposed step increases for two employees and reallocation of budgeted expenses between the Magistrate's General Fund and Restricted Fund accounts.**

Judge Michael Bluff reported to Council that he would be increasing the salary of two of his employees and reallocating budgeted expenses between the Magistrate's General Fund and Restricted Fund accounts.

Judge Bluff explained that the Magistrate's budget includes revenue and expenses, which are part of the Town's General Fund. The revenues are generated by the collections of fines assessed in criminal and civil cases. The expenses are the normal day-to-day operations. Council discussed the fact that other departments did not have the same luxury and the problem arises that the other employees do not benefit. Bluff agreed with Council and stated he has the authority to supervise and administer his budget and he is before Council only to report how he will be adjusting his budget and that he was not requesting Council approval. He advised that his decision would not impact the General Fund.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no comment from the public.

8. **Presentation, clarification, discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff concerning the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Camp Verde Sanitary District signed on May 17, 2007.**

Mayor Gioia advised that he would schedule a work session with the Sanitary District Board and the Town Council.

Councilor Garrison addressed the attorney with a list of questions. Sims stated the Town entered into the IGA with the Sanitary District last May after 24 months of negotiations, and agreed that there have been some misunderstandings since that time between the Sanitary District and the Town.

Sims suggested the best solution would be to sit down with the Sanitary District board and work out all of the differences. Sims was questioned as to how these items fell through the cracks and it was agreed that the transitions among the employees of the Town and a new District Board was part of the problem. Council questioned if the Town was obligated to pay for the District's expenses. Sims explained the District is responsible for the District's debts, and their responsibility does not go away, the debt stays on the Sanitary District books until the debt is paid in full.

PUBLIC INPUT

John Crane stated the Town has an 800-pound gorilla in a manhole. He advised Council the need for a District Manager to pull all aspects of the Sanitary District together and a District manager that will take responsibility for it. He advised the plant is costing over three times as much as it should have cost.

There was no further public input.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff and/ or approval of the draft operating agreement between the Town and the Camp Verde Sanitary District as required in the IGA.**

Council agreed the Town would schedule a work session with the Sanitary District and have all concerned at the table: Some of the Council concerns include: 1) The Town would like our Engineer involved and copied on all information; 2) how the District is going to handle the sludge issue; 3) concern Mayor Gioia requested item 4.d be pulled and read the proclamation declaring September as Library Card Sign-Up Month in Camp Verde. Library Director, Gerard Laurito, presented each Council member with a Library Card. s about the District selling any assets; and 4) the Town would like to be involved in all budget decisions, including hiring, major purchases and changes in the project.

Norma Garrison questioned the legality of the Town having Sanitary District employees on the payroll, when they are not actually Town employees. Sims advised that it was legal. Sims advised that the IGA gives the Town absolute control. The problem lies in the fact that it was not enforced. Sims asked Council for the items they would like to see in the operating agreement.

Council agreed that they would like to have the authority to review and veto financial transactions of the District placed back into the agreement. Council requested the Engineer to put together a list of items that he would like to see in the operating agreement and to provide it in writing to the Council and the District prior to the work session.

PUBLIC INPUT

Tom Nielson advised Council that when he was a Council Member in 1986, they had the same discussion regarding taking over the Sanitary District and the Water Company and that Council was told to contact a company back east that could take care of everything, including sludge. The companies could bring in heaters to the plant to make five different items, including fertilizer, medicine, and dog food. Nielson advised Council he has information and will give it to the Town Engineer.

Patricia Bassi questioned Council regarding the November 2008 election and what they would be asking the voters for. Council responded that the voters would be asked if they want the Town to take control of the Sanitary District as a public utility. Bassi commented she thought that Council had done more homework, commended Councilor Garrison for doing her homework, and questioned the advantages of taking over the District. Council responded the advantage would be to make it a public utility.

CHIP NORTON stated he has been involved with construction of wastewater treatments plants for the last ten years and reminded Council the Town will have to maintain the plant and stated the Town needed to be involved in every phase of construction, including the design phase.

There was no further public input.

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible determination and/or direction to staff concerning efforts to honor past and current veterans.**
On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Gioia, the Council unanimously voted to table this item.
11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible support of reviving the Verde Valley Recycling Coalition, authorization to participate in the Coalition, if revived, and possible appointment of a representative to attend meetings.**
Mayor Gioia directed the Interim Town Manager to discuss the appointment of a representative to attend the Verde Valley Recycling Coalition with the Senior Staff and bring back a recommendation.

Interim Manager Smith advised Council that Kate Blevins had requested the Town appoint some one to the Verde Valley Recycling Coalition in hopes of reviving the program. Smith indicated it would be best to discuss the appointment with the Senior Staff.

12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible support of the Mayor writing a letter regarding the preservation of the flows to the Verde River which he will hand carry to our Congressional and Senate representatives in Washington D.C.**
On a motion by Parry, seconded by Hauser, the Council supported the Mayor writing a letter regarding the preservation of the flows to the Verde River that he will hand carry to our Congressional and Senate representatives in Washington D.C.

Mayor Gioia stated he would be heading to Washington D.C. to talk to representatives regarding the preservation of the Big Chino. He advised Council he has letters of support from other Mayors, including Clarkdale, Jerome, the Verde River Basin Partnership, and Verde Watershed Association and encouraged everyone to email or fax concerns regarding the Verde River drying up.

13. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**
There was no public input.

14. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures**

a) There are no advanced approvals.

There were no requests for advanced approvals.

15. **Manager/Staff Report**

Dave Smith thanked Council for the opportunity of Interim Town Manager and stated it was a good opportunity for him to see the larger picture. He assured Council he would be glad to help the new Manager when he arrives.

16. **Council Informational Reports**

Garrison announced the Tribal Elections have been held and congratulated Chairman Beauty and Vice Chair Smith on being elected and would like to see a letter of congratulations be sent. She stated she also attended the Governor's Housing Forum and thanked all Council members for the privilege of working with each of them. Garrison thanked Mr. Dave Smith for her weekly visits.

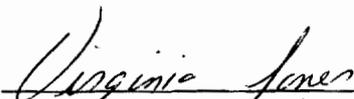
Kovacovich commented on the American Legion Museum dedicated he attended on Saturday and stated it was a very nice ceremony and dinner and thanked the legion.

Hauser reported the Masche sextuplets would be here next week visiting and she has the privilege of the 7:00 a.m. shift. She stated all babies are doing well. Hauser reminded everyone it was time for Flu shots. She stated the 9-11 ceremony was very nice. Hauser thanked David Smith for all his work.

Gioia said he attended the Mule Show on Saturday. He reported he attended the Water Shed Association meeting and they were advised that in the Paulden area, it has been determined the wells are fifteen thousand parts per billion arsenic and the home owners are now having to haul water. He advised that the Upper Verde River has been designated as a candidate for the Wild and Scenic Designation, and when the Management Plan is available, he has hopes that everyone will support the designation. Gioia reported Verde River Days is September 29 and 30th.

17. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Gioia, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

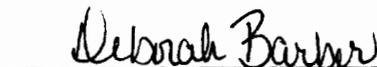


Virginia Jones, Recording Secretary

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 19th day of September 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11 day of October, 2007.



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk