

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CAMP VERDE MARSHAL'S OFFICE
TRAINING ROOM
646 S. First Street
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

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, Kovacovich, and Smith were present. Councilor Elmer arrived at 6:32 and Garrison at 6:34 p.m. Garrison left the meeting at 6:35 and returned at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor Gioia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also Present:

Library Director Gerard Laurito and Deputy Clerk Virginia Jones were present. Library Advisory Commission Members Chatley, Doering, Heuman, Mina, Pastine, and Neilson were also present.

3. Discussion with Linda Harkness, members of the Library Advisory Commission, and other interested parties concerning, but not limited to: library financing and construction, and the formation of a non-profit group whose primary focus will be the construction of a new library.

Mayor Gioia stated this is a time for all concerned to work together and leave the past behind, and move forward with a positive attitude. Linda Harkness recapped the need to work together. She stated Joel Westervelt has designed a building to be constructed of steel for the existing site. Harkness informed everyone that the elevation will have to have a three foot fill to comply with Yavapai County Flood Control regulations. If the building has a green design, there are grants that are available to help pay for construction. The estimated cost of the project would be \$3.2 million dollars compared to the previous plans that exceed seven million.

Harkness reviewed the advantage of moving forward as a non profit organization, with the advantages being a non profit can accept money from private and public funds with grant funds in a separate account. The process of forming a corporation would take approximately sixty to ninety days to set up and apply for the 501-3(c) status. Harkness stated the Town has \$165,000 from Mary Lyons Trust fund that could possibly be used for architectural design. Harkness stated the Town Attorney has indicated that any staff member, commission member, or elected official could be involved in the non-profit organization as a private citizen.

Harkness noted a project manager would be hired by the Board of Directors and she would like to be involved in the process, even as project manager, if there were not other more qualified persons available. She stated there are several local contractors who are bonded and certified who have expressed a willingness to contribute time, labor, and materials. She estimated approximately a fifteen (15%) percent savings with contributions. The Board of Directors would make all the final decisions.

Councilors Smith and Elmer both expressed concerns regarding allocating funds from the Town at this point; the entire Council agreed the Town needs to go through the budget process before committing any money.

Mayor Gioia stated he would research how and when the Mary Lyons trust money could be moved to the non-profit organization; what the Town's legal obligations are; if the town could manage the project through bylaws of the corporation; verify that commission members or elected officials could be officers in the corporation; ARS statues relating to a gift clause and what the dollar limits are; and if the Town could complete the project in the event that the non-profit organization could not complete the project.

Harkness noted that once the project is complete, surplus money in the non-profit organization would have to be donated to another non-profit agency, perhaps the Library endowment fund.

Harkness requested she would like to leave the meeting with a list of names for the officers of the corporation. The following was suggested:

President: Charley German
Vice President: Brenda Hauser
Secretary: Sandra Reisinger
Treasurer: Karen Heuman
Sergeant of Arms: Linda Harkness

Harkness requested any individual wanting to be involved, or join as a general member to please contact her at 928-220-0013, reminding everyone they must be cooperative and open minded.

4. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Garrison the meeting adjourned at 8:05 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 10th day of January 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of Feb, 2008.



Virginia Jones, Deputy Clerk