MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011
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 Burnside, Vice Mayor Kovacovich, Councilors Whatley, Garrison, Baker, and German were present; Roulette was absent.

Also Present: Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Marshal Dave Smith, Acting Community Development Director Mike Jenkins, Acting Building Official Robert Foreman, Fire Inspector Barbara Rice, Town Clerk Debbie Barber, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge was led by German.

4. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to preparing an ordinance regulating the use of fireworks within the Town limits of the Town of Camp Verde. Presentations will be provided by the Clerk's Office and Community Development departments explaining provisions that are currently in place for licensing of the sale of fireworks and providing information from other communities around the state. The Camp Verde Fire District will provide a presentation relative to allowable sales, restrictions, and possible consequences of the use of fireworks. Marshal's Office representative(s) will also be present to answer questions.**
Staff was directed to develop a policy banning the use of fireworks, draft a proposed ordinance addressing the regulation of fireworks, including signage, emergency response liability issues, adequate resources provided for the Marshal's Office, property owner responsibility, restriction of use on public property and possible purchaser registration as well as a possible I.D. requirement to verify age, for review and any additions or deletions prior to review by the Town Attorney, and bring back to Council for further consideration.

Town Clerk Barber referred to the materials provided in the agenda packets that included examples of ordinances from other communities and a spreadsheet indicating what other communities throughout the State have done in connection with the December 1, 2010 law that was enacted to allow the sale of certain types of fireworks. The law does allow communities to regulate the use of some or all of these fireworks. Barber said that staff is requesting direction from Council on its policy regarding this issue.

Barber briefly reviewed the current Town Code and Town policy regulating the sales and use of fireworks in Camp Verde. Acting Community Development Director Mike Jenkins discussed with Council the Zoning requirements for retail sales, and Acting Building Official Robert Foreman reviewed the business license process. Fire Inspector Barbara Rice gave a Power Point presentation on fireworks responsibilities and statistics on injuries, with emphasis on the need for education in handling fireworks. Town Marshal Smith commented on problems in enforcing regulation of the use of fireworks.

Opinions were expressed by the members on allowing the use of fireworks in the Town, with the majority in favor of outright banning the use of fireworks. Martin cautioned that the Council should be prepared to provide the Marshal's Office with adequate resources for this coming July 4th celebration; if he is given the responsibility for enforcing a ban on fireworks.

5. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by German, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Bob Burnside, Mayor

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 Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 12th day of January 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 27 day of January, 2011.

Debbie Barber, Town Clerk