

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012  
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 Burnside, Vice Mayor Kovacovich, Councilors Whatley, George (via telephone), Baker, Jones and German were present.

**Also Present:** Town Marshal Nancy Gardner, Community Development Director Mike Jenkins, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by George.

**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) Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters – June 27, 2012
- 2) Regular Session – June 20, 2012

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

- 1) July 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters
- 2) August 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 3) August 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 4) August 22, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters

**c) Possible approval of contract for the intake of animals by the Adopt for Life Animal Verde Valley Humane Society in Cottonwood Arizona for fiscal year 2012/2013 in the amount of \$70.00 per animal. This is a budgeted item in FY 2012/13. Staff Resource: Marshal Nancy Gardner**

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Baker, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented, with the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting canceled.

Community Development Director Jenkins advised the Council that the July 25, 2012 meeting could be canceled; Planning & Zoning has nothing on the agenda.

**5. Council Informational Reports.**

**George** said he thought the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade was really good.

**Baker** reported on the AMRRP Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, July 13; it was also the annual members meeting at which elections to the Board were made. The AMRRP is currently distributing dividends for 2011 for the property and casualty program member cities and towns. The Board has outlined a year-long strategic planning process regarding the pool current products and services. The Board also continues to provide consultants on behalf of the members, and legal advice and advocacy.

**Whatley** said she had attended the Sanitary District Board meeting at which all Board members were present; the financial condition report was discussed, and they especially wanted to commend their employees for tightening their belts to keep expenses down, just as the Town's employees have done. The Board is actively pursuing research on using solar power.

**Burnside** reported on the NACOG meeting; it involved the budget process, and they were also pleased with

their employees who have received a COL increase. Burnside also attended a WAC meeting today; they have their models in place at the Big Chino. It was an interesting and informative session.

6. **Special Announcements & Presentations**

- **Welcome to the new businesses:**
  - ❖ **Fields Custom Concrete, Inc. – Cottonwood**
  - ❖ **A.H. Hickman Co. – Prescott**
  - ❖ **Precision Structural Concrete – Cottonwood**
  - ❖ **Watches & More – Phoenix (Special Event)**
  - ❖ **The Merry Merchants, LLC – Dewey**
  - ❖ **Cool Side, Inc. – Prescott Valley**
  - ❖ **Ice Cream Dream – Cottonwood**
  - ❖ **Electric Horses – Prescott**
  - ❖ **Nancy L. Mason – Cedar City, Utah**
  - ❖ **Let's Eat Kettle Corn – Phoenix**
  - ❖ **Strawberry Silver Co. – Strawberry**

Mayor Burnside read the foregoing list of new businesses and welcomed them all to the Town of Camp Verde.

7. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Mike Hough**, a resident of Camp Verde, business owner, and member of the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments and Appeals, spoke at length regarding the Town's plan for a business incubator program. Mr. Hough read from a copy of a letter he had submitted to the Town that explained in detail his opposition to the Town's idea of using the Rio Verde Plaza at little or no rent as an incubator for economic development, a plan that would be in direct competition with the property owners who have space available for rent to the same merchants, and would have an adverse effect on tax revenues, as well as harming the existing businesses by reducing their income. Mr. Hough believes that the Council is lacking common sense, because the idea will not work for Camp Verde and may cause our business structure to falter. Mr. Hough commented on the Town favoring the Archaeological Society over the Chamber of Commerce, taking away Chamber funding to budget the new position of Economic Development.

**June Trinidad**, current owner of the UPS Store, a small, struggling business here in Camp Verde. She opposes the proposed venture, using tax dollars to basically compete with small businesses. The services that will be offered to new businesses will put her out of business; she could provide those same services to new businesses, at a discount. Giving the new people the business space does not teach them the value of owning their own business and using their own money.

**Ramona Aldridge**, owner of Healthy Thymes Health Food Store, and Vice Chairperson of the Chamber, agrees with everything that the two previous speakers have said. She also wanted to add here concern about the Town deciding on the "right type" of businesses to incubate. That could lead to possible litigation for discriminating against a proposed business; using tax dollars to assist new businesses could also end with a class action against the Town by the existing businesses. Either way, the Town is vulnerable to litigation.

There was no further public input.

8. **Presentation and possible discussion of Quarterly Reports from the following:**

- a) **Board of Adjustments and Appeals**
- b) **Planning & Zoning Commission**
- c) **Chamber of Commerce**

**d) Fort Verde State Historic Park**

**Doug Stevens**, Chairman of the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, presented the Quarterly Report for that Board; **Joe Butner**, Chairman of the Planning & Commission, reviewed the Quarterly Report for the Commission.

**Gary Thompson**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce, noted the recent departure of the former Executive Director, reported on little difference in the visitor numbers and the phone calls received based on recent news reports.

**Sheila Stubler** referred to the detailed report she had submitted for the Council, commenting on the impact of the weather on some of the events; she also described the negative result of the recent search for artifacts. Ms. Stubler donated one zucchini from the Fort's garden as a prize for guessing the year the Fort closed, and thanked the volunteers for work on the garden, and for all the help on the Fort.

Mayor Burnside requested the following item(s)

9. **PowerPoint Presentation by Bob Cothorn, Black Canyon City Trail Coordinator and Troy Dymock, USDA Forest Service followed by discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2012-868, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde supporting the Black Canyon Trail/Sheep Corridor connectivity originating in Maricopa County Passing through Yavapai County and the Prescott National Forest terminating within Coconino National Forest.** On a motion by German, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously approved Resolution 2012-868, and authorized a letter of support for the trail connectivity.

The technology required to make the planned Power Point presentation was found to be unavailable; and **Bob Cothorn** proceeded to give an interesting, informative oral presentation on the background, current activities and development of the subject Black Canyon Trail/Sheep Corridor connectivity and the momentum being enjoyed at present. In order to be included on the Prescott National Forest schedule for the next fiscal year, letters of support are being requested from trail organizations, agencies, governmental groups as well as any entities that might benefit from the Trail. Mr. Cothorn pointed out the huge economic benefits that tourists would create, stressing that Camp Verde would definitely benefit from the Trail, and citing one example that turned an entire town around economically.

There was a brief discussion following the presentation, including a description by Mr. Cothorn of how help was also forthcoming from the Civil Air Patrol in identifying a Grief Hill route. He was also invited to return to make another presentation on how the community might help to make the project happen.

10. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

There was no public input.

11. **Manager/Staff Report.**

Marshal Gardner announced that on August 7, 2012, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Camp Verde Marshal's Office, together with the Kiwanis Club, will be sponsoring National Night Out, to be held on the Soccer Field and the Ramada area. The Forest Service, Fire Department and the Law Enforcement Volunteers will also be participating. Garner also announced that Steve Ganis has been appointed the new Commander at the Camp Verde Marshal's Office.

12. **Adjournment**

On a motion by German, seconded by Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

  
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Bob Burnside, Mayor

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Margaret Harper  
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 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6 day of August, 2012.

Debbie Barber  
Debbie Barber, Town Clerk