MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Note: Council member(s) may attend Council Sessions either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.

1. **Call to Order at 6:30 pm**
Mayor German called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **Roll Call**
Mayor Charles German, Vice Mayor Jackie Baker and Councilors Bruce George, Jessie Jones, and Robin Whatley were present. Councilors Carol German and Brad Gordon were absent

Also Present
Town Manager Russ Martin, Public Works Director Ron Long, Public Works Analyst Debra Raney, Economic Development Director Steve Ayers, Deputy Clerk Virginia Jones and Recording Secretary Marie Moore .

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Mayor German led the pledge.

4. **Presentation by District Ranger Nichole Branton of Redrock Ranger District of the Coconino Forest relative to management options for Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River followed by possible discussion and direction to staff.** Staff Resource: Steve Ayers

No recommendation to staff was given.

Nichole Branton of Redrock Ranger District gave a brief overview of the Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River area and the direction the Forest Service intends to move toward in regards to public management and alternatives. Branton welcomed Council and public input on the presentation.

Travis Bone. District archeologist with the Forest Service presented 3 possible alternatives for the area that have been reached after reviewing and modifying the 7 original concepts. A handout was provided to Council, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of the record.

Councilor George recommended considering the limitation of vehicle access rather than people to the area.

Councilor Jones inquired about the camping restrictions and clarified that this only applies to the ¼ mile Fossil Creek corridor.

Councilor Whatley indicated her concern about the removal of the "Mail Trail" stating it is important to some community members who have invested a lot of time into restoring it and there is an annual trail ride that would be affected.

PUBLIC INPUT

A representative from Arizona Recovery and Towing inquired about road maintenance, explaining that the

company spends countless hours in the summer providing services in that area and the road conditions need serious improvement. Branton indicated that it is the hope that the funding created from the permits will be used to help maintain the roads.

Tony Goia indicated he originally disagreed with the proposal and had felt there was a better way for more people to enjoy the area per day, but since then he has been active in trash clean up for the area and has seen firsthand the major problem created. He now fully supports the idea and stated several other organizations do as well.

Marie Moore questioned the process that would take place for hunters who have drawn tags in the area. Branton indicated they were in the process of working out details with the AZ Game & Fish Department.

5. **Discussion of and possible direction to staff relative to proposed changes to Town Code Chapter 6, Animals.** Staff Resource: Marshal Gardner

Council directed staff to return with additional information on June 4, 2014.

Marshal Gardner and Code Enforcement Officer DJ Caldwell presented a power point presentation which is attached and becomes permanent part of record.

Councilor George indicated that someone who has show dogs and or kennels dogs for others for the purpose of showing should be added.

Mayor German recommended providing the public with brochures regarding the upcoming changes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ann Martin indicated she has a small dog and by passing the proposed leash law she would be unable to the exercise her dog. Martin suggested considering a colored tag when getting a dog license that would indicate the dog is known by Animal Control/Code Enforcement and as long as it is under the verbal control of the owner, it can be off the leash. Martin feels the change in Section D is punishing responsible dog owners.

Bob Guy stated there is a difference between an animal escaping and someone who intentionally lets their dog out. He recommends there not be a warning process for those circumstances.

Tim Kominsky stated there are apartments in his neighborhood where the residents intentionally open their door and let their dog(s) run freely around to relieve themselves. Kominsky indicated that he has been attacked on numerous occasions by these dogs and reported each event. Because he has two dogs and is trying to protect them, there is no way he could take a picture of the offending dogs.

Doris McFadden stated she is a dog trainer and requested Council consider 3 points.
1. Dogs are easily distracted and if not leashed, even a trained dog can and will run off toward another dog or animal.
2. Dogs are being stolen and trafficked for fighting dogs.
3. Dogs should be tethered and cross tied or crated in the back of a truck for safety.

Amber Polo requested there be a definition to distinguish between tether and lease.

Cathy Davis has volunteered at the shelter for a couple of years and indicated out of 200 dogs picked up, 99% aren't neutered or spayed and recommended the Town encourage residents to use low cost spay and neuter clinics.

6. **Discussion of and possible direction to staff relative to the proposed annexation of State Lands by the City of Cottonwood.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin

No recommendation to staff was made.

Martin presented a map that is being proposed to Cottonwood and explained that the basic premise is this is a topic to consider and to develop a land use plan which would give more specifics for Council to review and comment on. Martin indicated that the property directly across from Steve Coury is important to consider and that this is only a State Land proposal.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Tony Goia indicated that before he was elected he notified Council that Yavapai County had heard a car dealership was considering construction in the area and recommended at that time to annex. Goia feels it is important to annex now just as back then.

Councilor George requested the following item:

7. **Discussion of and possible direction to staff relative to investigating the possibility of developing a transit service to serve the Verde Lakes area.**

Councilor George presented a Powerpoint Presentation which is attached and becomes a permanent part of this record. George indicated to Council that he has researched the advantages to implementing a transit service to the Verde Lakes area due to the high residency volume and lack of transportation to town. There are several possibilities to consider which the transit system. George stated he has found 4 possible grants available as well as donations through a 501 3C.
Councilor Jones indicated this would be another opportunity to inform the public of what the Town could offer the residents if a food tax is imposed.
Councilor Whatley felt this is a great opportunity to get the residents of the area to the new medical center coming and feels it should also stop at the senior center.

8. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Charles German, Mayor

Virginia Jones for Marie Moore

Marie Moore, 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 Special/Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on May 14, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2014.

Virginia Jones - Deputy Town Clerk

by ~~Deborah Barber, Town~~ Clerk