

**DRAFT MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 473 S. MAIN STREET, ROOM #106
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Minutes are a summary of the discussion. They are not verbatim.
Public input is placed after Council discussion to facilitate future research.

1. Call to Order

Mayor German called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor German, Vice Mayor Bruce George, and Councilors, Carol German, Brad Gordon, Robin Whatley, Jackie Baker and Jessie Jones are present.

Also Present

Town Manager Russ Martin, Finance Director Mike Showers, P&Z Chairman B.J. Davis, Mike Jenkins, CVMO Dispatch Supervisor Mary Newton, Ed Lee, Town Clerk Virginia Jones and Recording Secretary Lynn Riordan

Recess proclaimed at 6:31 p.m. to allow the Special Session of the Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde to continue (Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.).

Resumed Regular Session at 7:35 p.m. following conclusion of the Special Session.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor German led the pledge at the beginning of the Special Session at 6:00 p.m.

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) June 24, 2015 – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters
- 2) July 1, 2015 – Regular Session
- 3) July 8, 2015 – Work Session

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters
- 2) Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Executive Session Manager Evaluation
- 3) Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
- 4) Friday, August 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Manager Evaluation and Goal Setting
- 5) Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Work Session
- 6) Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters-Cancelled

c) Possible approval of Fiscal Year 2015-16 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Yavapai County Flood Control District (District) and the Town of Camp Verde. Wherein the District has approved and budgeted a \$75,000 financial contribution to the Town for the Verde Lakes Estates Drainage Improvements, Phase I. Staff Resource Ron Long

d) Possible approval of Resolution 2015-945, a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, pertaining to the Marshal's Office purchasing a Spillman CAD System. Staff Resource: Nancy Gardner

On a motion by Vice Mayor George, seconded by Councilor Baker, the council unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

5. Special Announcements and presentations:

Proclamation designating August 2015 as Drowning Impact Awareness Month

Mayor German pronounced the Proclamations, and stated that the continued efforts by Parks and Recreation (pool programs) and the residents of Camp Verde may save lives.

6. Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.

Bob Johnson addressed the Mayor and Counsel requesting the Town look into a resolution for repair or removal (abatement) of the old house that is falling down across the street from him (Verde Lakes). Mr. Johnson also stated concerns about water conservation and requested the Council make water conservation a priority.

Tony Gioia addressed the Mayor and Counsel to thank them for their continued dedicated service to the community, stating he had no issues or complaints, but wanted the Council and public to know how proud he is by the representation of the Town (by council members) at a variety of community, valley-wide, regional and state meetings.

Ron Posten addressed the Mayor and Counsel thanking them for their dedicated service to the community. Mr. Posten requested the Town do something special for Camp Verde Promotions, as they continue to greatly contribute to the interests of the Town. Mr. Posten, as a volunteer for Cornfest, advised that more volunteers are always welcome to come aboard.

Irene People addressed the Mayor and Counsel reminding the Council and public that the Blood Drive will be held on August 18, 2015 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Catholic Church in Camp Verde. Ms. People also stated that with the serious drought in California, the Council should be considering water conservation for the Town, and requested that Council members and public write letters to media sources (i.e. Arizona Republic) and elected representatives regarding the necessity of water conservation.

Tom Pitts addressed the Mayor and Counsel advising that he attended several State and Regional meeting with respect to marketing, tourism and community development. Mr. Pitts stated he believed the Town is lacking vision in the advancement of marketing and tourism. Mr. Pitts stated a Focus Future meeting is scheduled for Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm, and he encouraged the Council and public to attend, get involved, find additional resources, and help with the marketing, tourism, development and services to encourage the Town's growth and revenue.

B. J. Davis addressed the Mayor and Council also reminding everyone of the Focus Future meeting (at the Town Complex Room 207-208) on Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm, which will also include an "Open House" about the Town's general plan and its stages of development.

Steve Goetting addressed the Mayor and Counsel advising that his son's brewery was featured in Arizona Wine Magazine stating that his son continues to use local products in his winery.

7. **PowerPoint Presentation by Keith Vogler-Verde Valley Detachment Marine Corps League - to provide information on a military park that is being constructed in the Verde Valley to honor our veterans for their many sacrifices.** Staff Resource: Virginia Jones
Keith Vogler, Verde Valley Marine Corps League addressed the Mayor and Counsel and gave a power point presentation on the plans and progress for the Verde Valley Memorial Park which will be located in Garrison Park, Cottonwood. Mr. Vogler advised that information would be available on line at verdevalleymilitarypark.com by mid-August. The groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on location on July 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Vogler stated he was not asking for any financial support from the Town, although community or individual donations are gratefully accepted, as this project will be completed solely by donations. Applications for names of honorably discharged veterans to be engraved on the memorial(s) will be available by mid-August at a donation cost of \$75.00.

The Mayor and Council stated unanimous support for this project and the Verde Valley Detachment Marine Corp League.

8. **Presentation and possible discussion of Quarterly Reports as presented by:**
- **Planning & Zoning Commission**
 - **Board of Adjustment's & Appeals**

B. J. Davis, Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman, addressed the Mayor and Counsel, and presented a handout that outlined the last quarter business of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Two Use Permits were recently granted 1) bed and breakfast and 2) mining. The General Plan Character Areas (10) are complete and the Commission will move forward on the rest of the General Plan, which should be completed by next year. Mr. Davis stated that the success of the General Plan is greatly due to the hard work and commitment of the sub-committees and staff.

The Mayor and Council commended Mr. Davis, the P & Z Commission, sub-committee members and staff for completing the clarity and excellent work on the General Plan.

Tom Pitts addressed the Mayor and Counsel stating that the P & Z Commission and its sub-committees are all volunteer, and they are committed to the best interests of the community and do an excellent job. Mr. Pitts encouraged the public to get involved and review the General Plan that is in progress.

Jim Bennet, Board of Adjustment and Appeals, addressed the Mayor and Counsel stating the Board has had few requests and/or applications in the past quarter, but they are ready and willing if any need arises.

9. **Public hearing, discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2015-947, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, approving and authorizing the abatement of dangerous structure(s) located on parcel 404-16-088, 3305 Ripple Road, Camp Verde, Arizona' directing and authorizing the Building Official to issue a start work order to Hollamon Generations for the purpose of demolishing and removing the above referenced structure(s); and declaring an emergency; and approving and authorizing the Town Manager to allocate any additional funds, if required, to complete the abatement process. Staff Resource: Michael Jenkins**
This Agenda item was withdrawn.

10. **Discussion consideration and approval of notice and order calling for a Special Recall Election to be held on November 3, 2015 for the Recall of Council Member Bruce George, whose name will automatically appear on the ballot as a candidate. Staff Resource: Virginia Jones**

Mayor German advised that whether or not any council member agrees or disagrees with the recall election, its purpose, or underlying cause, the Council have a legal duty to move upon this matter. On a **motion** by Mayor German, seconded by Councilor Jones, the council voted 6-0 to direct the Town Clerk to notice and move forward with the Special Recall Election of Vice Mayor Bruce George, with Vice Mayor Bruce George abstained from participation or voting on this matter because he was the subject of the recall.

Patricia George addressed the Mayor and Council in support of Vice Mayor Bruce George, passionately advising that Vice Mayor George has, and continues to, contribute to the best interests of the Town and community. Ms. George stated disappointment and disdain for the parties that brought this petition, and causing the Town to burden the unnecessary expense of the recall election.

Helen Zimmeri addressed the Mayor and Council in support of Vice Mayor Bruce George, and stating disappointment and disdain for the parties that brought this petition, and causing the Town to burden the unnecessary expense (which may exceed \$30,000) of the recall election.

Kathy Davis addressed the Mayor and Council in support of Vice Mayor Bruce George, and stating this petition for recall was ill thought out and ill timed, and stating disappointment in the parties that circulated the petition and are cause the Town and its residents to burden the unnecessary expense of the recall election ten months before the general election.

Linda Harkness addressed the Mayor and Council in support of Vice Mayor Bruce George, and stating disappointment and disdain for the parties that brought this petition, and causing the Town to burden the unnecessary expense of the recall election.

Kathy Davis addressed the Mayor and Council in support of Vice Mayor Bruce George, and stated that this recall election is self-serving of those that brought this petition, and they are causing Town to burden the unnecessary

expense of the recall election.

Karen Hellman addressed the Mayor and Council in support of Vice Mayor Bruce George, and stating she felt Vice Mayor George as honorable and trustworthy.

Buch Buchanan addressed the Mayor and Council in support of Vice Mayor Bruce George, and encouraged the Council, staff and residents to get out and VOTE!

B. J. Davis addressed the Mayor and Council in support of Vice Mayor Bruce George. Mr. Davis would like to see exactly how much this recall election actually costs the Town and its residents, and stated disappointment that a petition could be filed that causes a recall election without any valid claim against the activities of the Council person or persons under scrutiny. Mr. Davis stated he believed the recall election process was designed for possible removal of an elected official that had acted unethically or illegally, which is not the case in this matter. Mr. Davis stated the parties responsible for causing this recall election are irresponsible and placing the burden of their irresponsibility on the residents of Camp Verde.

Debra Finner addressed the Mayor and Council in support of Vice Mayor Bruce George, and stating she concurred with the statements of all previous citizens that spoke regarding this matter.

Mayor German stated that the recall election has cause political unrest, and has deterred potential corporate activity, business and development. Mayor German is hoping that after the recall election he, and other council members, will be able to do some damage control to regain the trust of (at least some of) the lost potential interests of corporate investors.

Councilor Whatley stated support of Vice Mayor Bruce George and stated she also was targeted in the petition for recall, and stated the parties that created and circulated the petitions causing this recall election have acted irresponsibly.

Councilor Jones stated support of Vice Mayor Bruce George and stated she was also targeted in the petition for recall. Councilor Jones stated she is very disappointed and embarrassed that the Town has to go through a recall election.

The Following items was requested by Vice-Mayor Bruce George.

11. **Discussion regarding implementing a monthly award to be given to a business that keeps their premises clean and attractive looking. Discussion may include, but not limited to 1) who would pick the winner, 2) who would be in charge of the awards and 3) what budget would it come from.**
Vice Mayor George stated he would like to see the Town acknowledge business owners that keep their businesses aesthetically attractive, and business owners that beautify their business fronts and/or common areas in Town. Councilor Jones advised that currently a business owner in Town stated an interest in "adopting" the cannon site at the corner of Finney Flat and Hwy 260 for landscaping and maintenance. The Mayor and Council directed the Town Manager and staff to research the possibility of allowing "adoption" of the cannon site (ADOT easement), and the designing a program to recognize businesses that maintain their businesses, common areas, or sponsorship of public areas, for the aesthetic pleasure of residents and/or visitors.
12. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**
Leah Robbins addressed the Mayor and Council suggesting that the Council could place business owner's names on special events banners recognizing them for their contributions (as an award for aesthetically pleasing maintenance) to beautify the Town.
Dave B2015-948oil addressed the Mayor and Council stating it was nice to see a "Help Wanted" sign at the Ford Dealership.
Pat George addressed the Mayor and Council advising Camp Verde has a "tree committee" and is designated as a "Tree City USA", which contributes to keeping Camp Verde beautiful.
Tom Pitts addressed the Mayor and Council stating he hopes more residents and businesses will get involved in keeping Camp Verde beautiful.
13. **Council Informational Reports.** These reports are relative to the committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are Camp Verde Fire District, Camp Verde Schools Education Foundation; Chamber of Commerce, Intergovernmental Association, NACOG Regional Council, Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization, Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee, and shopping locally. In addition, individual members may provide brief summaries of current events. The Council will have no discussion

or take action on any of these items, except that they may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.

Councilor Whatley stated she was unable to attend the ADOT update meeting because she was at the Kids at Hope program at the Library. Councilor Whatley stated admiration for Ms. Hellman (Library Director) and all of the staff and volunteers. They are doing an outstanding job and have a simple and effective philosophy.

Councilor Gordon thanked Steve Killingstad for brining breakfast during the Main Street cleanup. Councilor Gordon also stated that he attended (presentation/dedication) by VVLP at the Cottonwood Library, the Archeological Society open house, the ADOT update meeting, and suggested support be given for the Red Rock Monument.

Vice Mayor George stated he attended the Archeological Society open house which included a presentation of the plans for their new facility, the ADOT update meeting (requesting more public input regarding the ADOT VV Master Transit plan), the Verde Valley Basin Board meeting and suggested the Council support (in writing) the Sedona Red Rock Monument to help prevent government land swap and development in that area.

Councilor German stated she attended the Yavapai Apache National Council Meeting and advised that the Chairman would like to meet with the town Council sometime soon. Councilor German also announced that the Marketplace at Cherry Road and Hwy 260 would be celebrating their Grand Opening on Saturday at 10 am.

Councilor Baker advised that she attended the ADOT update meeting. Councilor Baker reminded the Council Members and public that the Cornfest was this weekend.

Councilor Jones stated she had nothing at this time.

Mayor German stated support for the Red Rock Monument on behalf of himself and the Council. Mayor German stated he also attended the ADOT update meeting and the Yavapai College committee meeting.

14. **Manager/Staff Report** Individual members of the Staff may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the Council and public of such events and activities. The Council will have no discussion, consideration, or take action on any such item, except that an individual Council member may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.

Town Manager Russ Martin stated (in reference to comments – Public Comment – during the Special Session) that the business permit for Barbara Goetting was issued this morning.

Adjournment

With all business having been addressed, Mayor German adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Charles German, Mayor

Lynn Riordan, 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 July 15, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Virginia Jones, Interim Town Clerk