

**DRAFT MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016 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

Mayor German called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Charles German, Vice Mayor Bruce George, Councilor Robin Whatley, Councilor Jackie Baker, and Councilor Jessie Jones-Murdock were present. Councilor Brad Gordon and Councilor Carol German were absent.

Also Present

Marshall Nancy Gardner, Town Clerk Virginia Jones, and Recording Secretary Lynn Riordan.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor German led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:

- Regular Session – January 27, 2016
- Regular Session – March 2, 2016
- Executive Session – March 9, 2016 (recorded)

b. Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters
- Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
- Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Work Session
- Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
- Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters

On a **motion** by Vice Mayor George, seconded by Councilor Baker, the council unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding item 4.a.2 Approval of the Minutes of Regular Session – March 2, 2016 at the request of Vice Mayor George.

Vice Mayor George stated an objection to, and addressed concerns regarding, the statement of Councilor German attached to the Minutes of the March 2, 2016 Regular Session. Vice Mayor George read a statement, attached hereto. After discussion, the council acknowledged that Minutes are a summary of statements and actions that occurred or were addressed. The council requested the Town Clerk to review the audio/video of the March 2, 2016 meeting and determine accuracy of the Minutes prior to the next Regular Session.

On a **motion** by Vice Mayor George, seconded by Councilor Whatley, the council unanimously voted to table approval of Item 4.a.2 Regular Session Minutes of March 2, 2016 and place it on the next Regular Session Consent Agenda.

5. Special Announcements and presentations:

- Proclamation Designating March 30, 2016 as Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day
- Proclamation Declaring April as Fair Housing Month

- Proclamation Declaring April 10-16, 2016 as National Library Week
- Proclamation Declaring April 10-16, 2016 as National Volunteer Week
- Proclamation Declaring April 2, -8, 2016 as SciTech STEM Week
- Proclamation Declaring April as "Go Blue for CASA" Month
- Proclamation Declaring April as RiverFest Month
- Recognition of the following business:
 - M D McCarter Photo Collection
 - Verde Café
 - Verde Lakes Water Corporation
 - Bullard Construction Co
 - Kovacovich, Inc.
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Proclamation: Mayor German proclaimed **March 30, 2016 as Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day**, and thanked John McDowell for his service. Mr. McDowell expressed gratitude for the Town and Camp Verde Marshal's Office support. Mayor German proclaimed **April as Fair Housing Month, April 10-16, 2016 as National Library Week, April 10-16 as National Volunteer Week, April 2-8, 2016 as SciTech STEM Week, April as "Go Blue for CASA" Month, and April as RiverFest Month.**

Presentations: Mayor German advised the Town had, for a long time, wanted to recognize and show appreciation to its long term and loyal business owners, noting that some of these businesses were actually in operation prior to the Town's incorporation in 1986. Mayor German presented M. D. McCarter – M D McCarter Photo Collection License # 35, Shirley Brinkman representing Allen Williams – Verde Lake Water Corporation License #48 and Stan Bullard – Bullard Construction Company License #54, with a "Key to the Town" plaque. Mayor German stated acknowledgment of Steven Killingstad – Verde Café License # 42 and Bob Kovacovich – Kovacovich, Inc. License # 60. Mr. Killingstad and Mr. Kovacovich were not present.

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

Marie McClue, Camp Verde Senior Center, addressed the Mayor and Council advising that the Meals on Wheels fund raiser will be held this Saturday, March 19, 2016 starting at 9 am in Camp Verde (registration at 8 am) – Gazebo (in conjunction with Cottonwood and Clarkdale). Volunteers, pledges and donations are welcome.

Bobbie Tennant addressed the Mayor and Council advising the Pecan and Wine Festival is also this weekend starting at 10 am on Saturday, and the River Run is also on Saturday at 9 am, with registration at 8:00 a.m. Ms. Tennant encouraged participation by council, staff and the public.

7. Public Hearing and Possible approval of Series 10 Beer and Wine Liquor License Application for Good 2 Go Stores-Jodi Lynn Vernovas at 1897 W Pueblo Ridge Road, Suite A in Camp Verde, AZ 86322
Staff Resource: Virginia Jones

Town Clerk, Virginia Jones, advised the Mayor and Council that the application for the Series 10 Beer and Wine Liquor License by Good 2 Go Stores has been posted/notice as required by law. The Town did not receive any comments (for or against). Christine Roeske, manager, was present to address any questions by the council or the public.

Mayor German declared the Public Hearing open on the application for the Liquor License. As there was no public comment or questions, Mayor German declared the Public Hearing closed.
Council discussion: None

On a **motion** by Vice Mayor George, seconded by Councilor Jones-Murdock, the council unanimously voted to approve the application for the Series 10 Beer and Wine Liquor License for Good 2 Go Stores – Jodi Lynn Vernovas at 1897 W Pueblo Ridge Road, Suite A in Camp Verde. AZ. 86322.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff relative to proposed legislation by the 52nd State Legislature during its second regular session that convened on January 11, 2016.

Mayor German stated he received a telephone call (message) from the Governor regarding Proposition 123 (Education), stating the Governor was requesting support of Proposition 123 and acknowledging that Proposition 123 is not perfect and will not be a "cure-all" for elementary education, but will, in some capacity, benefit Arizona education and residents without raising taxes

**9. Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.
None.**

- 10. 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 Jones-Murdock – stated she attended the Camp Verde Marshal's Office Awards Banquet and stated thanks for, and acknowledgment of, the excellent service that CVMO Officers and staff provide for the community and visitors.

Councilor Baker - stated she also attended the Camp Verde Marshal's Office CVMO Awards Banquet and stated that the staff and officers are not thanked often enough - they do a great job. Councilor Baker stated acknowledgment and thanks to the Sponsors for the CVMO Awards Banquet: As provided by Marshall Gardner, the Sponsors were:

- Bassous Construction
- Home Depot (Cottonwood)
- Arizona Stronghold Winery
- Rain Tunnel
- Skaggs
- Verde Canyon Rail Road
- Juniper Resort
- Pink Jeep Tours
- Verde Santa Fe Golf Club
- Blazin' M Ranch
- Copper Star Shooting Range
- Horse Adventure, Sedona
- Bullets & More
- Tractor Supply Store, Cottonwood
- Harkins Theater
- Blue Line
- Don Steinmetz (Talent & Comedian)
- Cliff Castle Casino

Marshall Gardner stated these are just a few that made the evening possible. There was over 120 attendees. It was a packed room and CVMO greatly appreciated the families, friends and supporters who took the time out of their schedules to share the evening, and thanked the council for their continued support of CVMO.

Vice Mayor George - stated he also attended the CVMO Awards Banquet and stated he would be attending and participating in the Meals on Wheels walk this Saturday.

Councilor Whatley - stated she also attended the CVMO Awards Banquet and stated it was good to recognize our Officers; Camp Verde is recognized as one of the safest cities in Arizona – CVMO is doing a great job. Councilor Whatley also advised that the International Archeological Film Festival is also this weekend at the Art Center.

11. **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.

None.

Adjournment. Mayor German, with no objection from Council, pronounced the meeting adjourned at 7:02 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 Mayor and Common Council of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on March 16, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Virginia Jones-Town Clerk

*Consent Agenda
Comment*

*Attach to 3-16-2016
from Bruce Gandy*

Councilor German requested an addendum be included with the March 2nd minutes and I would like to respond to what I feel is an inaccurate statement that she made in it.

“So my question, why are we spending time, money, and energy on this issue; and why would we even consider changing or altering the Town Code when there has not been a demonstrated abuse or problem with the Code.”

In reading through the Lieberman Report that cost the Town over \$20 thousand dollars it is clear that the attorney council interaction needs revision. Page 41 and 44 make this very clear. (see attached)

In the Memo from Russ Martin on January 2, 2015, it refers to items 2 d and e that directly address the issue of attorney conduct with our council and our need to have meetings to update how our interactions should be conducted. This also costs the Town money in staff time as well as the need to have our attorney review any changes to our Town Code.

Again during the September 2, 2015 meeting Councilor Baker referred to her “several calls to Bill Sims recently” and again the rest of council had no idea what the issues were about.

I feel these examples demonstrate the need for updating our policies with regard to our Town Attorney. When the council has been “left in the dark” about things going on that only one or two of us know about it has been disastrous to council as a whole and has cost us thousands of dollars in legal fees.

conflict, between self-interest and our duty to the Town, to the persons served by the Town and to the general public.

1-2-1 Performance of Duties

(D) Employees shall perform their duties impartially in a manner consistent with the law and public interest, unswayed by kinship, position, partisan interests, public pressure, or fear of criticism or reprisal.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. Town Attorney

A few Councilmembers expressed concern that the Town Attorney, Mr. Sims, is close friends and aligned with Councilmember German and Vice Mayor Baker. Two Councilmembers raised a concern that when the Complaint was made, Bill Sims said, "I need to speak with Jackie." They feel he does not equally represent them.

Others remarked on the fact that it is expensive to use him for advice, and suggested the Manager be consulted first, or that a form be filled out regarding the need for advice on a topic. One Councilmember suggested that, although it would increase expense, Council meetings may run more smoothly if the Town Attorney was present for every meeting.

One councilmember suggested that each time a Councilmember calls the Town Attorney, this should be reported to the rest of Council with the subject matter of the report.

B. Divisive Council Meetings

The Mayor and others expressed a frustration with Carol German, noting that if she does not like the outcome of a Council decision, she will engage citizens to come to Council meetings and voice their opposition. The alternative which would be less divisive is put something on an agenda, or voice an alternative at the Council meeting, or move to strike a line item in the budget, but if she does not do this, she should be willing to accept the action and move on. Councilmember German does not feel that she hangs on to issues.

Councilmember Jesse Jones noted that the body language during Council meetings is problematic. Carol and Jackie roll their eyes, and huff. There is similar language with Robin Whatley towards Carol German and Jackie Baker.

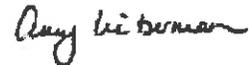
Councilmember Whatley's perception is that Carol German does not like Russ Martin or anyone who does not toe the line as she wishes. Ms. Whatley is not afraid of Ms. German

H. For the purposes of transparency, Council should consider whether their individual inquiries of the Town Attorney should be reported to the rest of counsel with respect to the subject matter.

I. For the purposes of transparency, the Clerk's office should consider whether to keep a log of all public records requests, whether in writing or verbally. If more than nominal amount of time will be spent, a log of time can be kept.

This concludes the Report. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy L. Lieberman