CORRECTED MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 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 Jessie Jones-Murdock, Councilor Brad Gordon, Councilor Jackie Baker and Councilor Carol German.

Also Present
Finance Director Mike Showers, Town Clerk Virginia Jones, Yavapai County Supervisor Thomas Thurman, Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Marshal Nancy Gardner and Recording Secretary Jennifer Shilling.

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

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) Budget Work Session – April 22, 2016
2) Regular Session – April 20, 2016
3) Budget Work Session – April 15, 2016
4) Work Session– April 13, 2016

b) **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
1) Friday, May 13, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. Budget Work Session
2) Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
3) Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters

c) **Possible approval of Job Order Contract Payment to Fann Environmental, LLC for a total of $179,803.48 for Camp Verde Wastewater Treatment Plant-New Plant Headworks. This is a budgeted item.**

Motion was made by Councilor George to approve the Consent Agenda and approve the Job Order Contract Payment to Fann Environmental, LLC for a total of $179,803.48 for Camp Verde Wastewater Treatment Plant-New Plant Headworks. Second was made by Councilor Gordon. Councilor Whatley would like to amend the minutes of April 20, 2016 to reflect two changes. The vote of Council should show Councilor Gordon and Councilor Whatley voted NO on Item 10, and Councilor Whatley was a NO vote on Item 12. Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda with the amended changes to the minutes of April 20, 2016.

5. Special Announcements

Vice Mayor George announced and proclaimed June 14, 2016, recognizing Gunnery Sergeant Edward "Pete" Reeder and Lieutenant Charles G. Morris. Co-Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Plaque Project Committee, Phil Goode gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the plans for updating the Yavapai County All Veterans Memorial. Twenty-two additional names will be added to the plaque. The rededication is scheduled for Flag Day, June 14, 2016 from 12 pm to 1:30 pm at the Prescott Courthouse Plaza.

Mayor German announced and proclaimed May 1-7, 2016 as Municipal Clerks Week.

6. Call to the Public for items not on the Agenda:

Warren Harris- Mr. Harris asked what the Council's stance on medical marijuana is. He also questioned if the Council would be as hard on the marijuana grower as they have been on developers who are currently building in the area. Mr. Harris gave kudos for the work being done on the library, and the new medical facility, but stop the witch-hunts.

Steve Goetting- stated there is a Chamber Meeting coming up and will be held at the Denny's Restaurant. Fossil Creek will be a discussion topic as well as Affordable Housing,

Phil Goode- Mr. Goode wanted to acknowledge Yavapai County Supervisor Thomas Thurman for all of his hard work.

7. Update and discussion relative to local, state, and county matters with Yavapai County Supervisor Thomas Thurman.

Supervisor Thomas Thurman gave an update on the following matters:

- May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental health is a big thing in the jail system, habits are formed, and offenders get help while in jail but then go back to habits once they get out of jail. Now, they are getting criminals back on ACESS the day they get out of jail instead of just dropping out of the system and repeating the cycle.
- Mr. Thurman stated he is a "Trails Guy" and has been working with the Parks Service on improving several trails in the area.
- The Yavapai County Budget is finished and is on the Governor's desk. Property taxes are not being raised (the levy) and Capital Funds will be used for Capital needs instead of raising property taxes. The library will be fully funded. K-12 was brought back up to full funding. They are trying to pool the fuel taxes, to use the money more wisely.
- Bill 1350, makes zoning throughout the County so you can rent a house on a daily basis. This will turn into a policing problem for the town. The homeowner will now have to hire a rental firm that is paid and cannot do it personally.

Councilor German expressed her appreciation for Mr. Thurman representation. She was pleased to see that school funding was put back this year.

Public Comment:

Elaine Bremner asked Mr. Thruman if any part of carryover funds could be applied to the Meals on Wheels Program. Mr. Thurman explained there are a dozen of agencies needing money. Mayor German directed Ms. Bremner to present these types of questions to Mr. Thurman at the Yavapai Board of Supervisors meetings.

8. **Discussion, consideration & possible approval of Resolution 2016-963, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona adopting fees for Town services for FY 2016-17 and superseding Resolution 2015-935.**
Finance Manager, Michael Showers would like to remind the community that the banners around town should serve as a reminder about the Budget Forum coming up on Monday, May 9, 2016. He encouraged people to come in and talk to Staff and Council, and give their ideas.

Mr. Showers explained the town fees are the same except for;

- Clerk's Office would like to remove the fee for the Business Office List- the list will be on the web.
- Sewer System/Waste Water Treatment Plant fees
- Availability Fee (new) goes to residents who are in a position to connect to the sewer but are refusing to connect.
- Reconnect Fee (old) $100 fee for anyone who has been disconnected from the system and needs reconnected. Manager explained

Town Manager, Russ Martin explained, If a ball is placed in the line to disconnect, they have to dig into ground to put ball in and then when its reconnected, they have to dig again. Councilor Gordon asked if this comes into play if you sell house. Mr. Showers stated no. Councilor Jones-Murdock asked if this fee is across board whether it is commercial or residential. Mr. Showers stated yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Bruce George, seconded by Councilor Jones-Murdock Council voted to accept Resolution 2016-963, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona adopting fees for Town services for FY 2016-17 and superseding Resolution 2015-935. **Motion** carried unanimously.

9. **Possible approval (or denial) of Resolution 2016-965, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, deeming the granting of a Franchise to Camp Verde Water System Inc. beneficial to the Town, and calling a Regular Election set for August 30, 2016 to submit the question to the qualified electors as to whether or not the franchise shall be granted.**

Town Manager, Russ Martin turned the floor over to Justin Bullard a representative of Camp Verde Water System Inc. Mr. Bullard asked Council to consider the agreement they reviewed, Friday, April 29, 2016, for approval tonight, instead of the one they have in front of them. There is some language added to Section 2 and Section 3 that was not in Friday's agreement. The issue is mainly dealing with prior rights. Town Manager, Russ Martin explained the Council could not adopt a franchise agreement and send it to the electorate that they do not agree is the best interest of the community. The goal tonight was to have Council decide which version of the agreement is best for the citizens. The discrepancy is with the dates of when the town became a government entity and who has the right of way. This comes down to who has to pay to move water lines. The existing arrangement has been in effect since 1988 and needs to be changed but the water company would like to keep it the same.

Public Comment:

Steve Goetting- stated a resolution was passed in 2013 and approved an election that never got held, he is wondering what was that franchise agreement that you (the Council) agreed to at that point and what happens to that resolution. Mr. Goetting also stated he hoped for citizens sake, that differences would be posted, so they know what exactly what they are voting for.

Mr. Martin explained the resolution that was approved was a Gap Resolution that says the Town and the Water Company would agree to continue the current arrangement of their existing Franchise Agreement until an election could be held. Then, State Law changed and no election was held. Now there is an election scheduled. The issue of the language stating if the lines were required to be moved, who would be responsibility to take care of it and how to do this fairly. Mr. Martin asks Mr. Bullard if it is his final statement, that he would like the Council to vote on the version they looked at Friday before the attorney made changes. Mr. Bullard said, "That is correct". Councilor Gordon stated that we started this process a year ago and does not understand why things are being done at the last moment. Mr. Gordon commented that he is not comfortable with having to make a rush decision on such an important document. Mr. Gordon stated he would not be in favor of approving the Franchise Agreement as requested and no longer operate under the Franchise Agreement that was extended. Councilor German agrees with Councilor Gordon. Ms. German remembers in 2013 when the agreement was up and the water company came and asked for an extension until the next regular elections. Since then, several elections have gone by and nothing has been done. Therefore, they have been operating without a Franchise Agreement for that period of time. Mr. Martin wants the Council to make clear the motion on the resolution and then give direction as to how to handle the current arrangement with the existing Franchise Agreement. Vice Mayor George stated this is a 25 year agreement and feels we are being pressured into making an agreement at the last minute. There should have been enough time to come up with some type of agreement. Mayor German stated if they were not incorporated it would still be under the county, and without the special concession of recognizing 1988, the water company would have to pay for any moving of the lines that would be required. Anything before that, once transfer from the county, all those rights and privileges and responsibility were transferred to the town. The Special agreement was granted by a previous Council and at this point doesn't conform to state law.

Motion was made by Councilor Gordon to deny Resolution 2016-965, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, deeming the granting of a Franchise to Camp Verde Water System Inc. beneficial to the Town, and calling a Regular Election set for August 30, 2016 to submit the question to the qualified electors as to whether or not the franchise shall be granted. And, to discontinue the expired Franchise Agreement the Town is currently operating under right now. Second was made by Councilor Baker. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Meeting Recessed 8:00 pm
Meeting resumed 8:10 pm

10. Discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff regarding alternatives to funding the Verde Valley Senior Center, to include but not limited to Valley Services, Inc.

Vice Mayor George stated the Senior Center is currently providing meals, transportation and providing social interaction for seniors. All of this is funded through NACOG. Mr. George gave a presentation on Valley Services Inc. who could be an alternate resource the Town could use for the Meals on Wheels Program. The Town has already set aside funding for the Meals on Wheels Program, but there is a need to investigate other options there are out there. If the Town decided to

use Valley Services Inc, they would need an organization to take on the administration of the program. Valley Services Inc. would provide a freezer and a truck to deliver the meals to the administrator. By using this program for the Meals on Wheels program, seniors would have 5-7 meals delivered at one time instead of having one meal delivered each day. This would save in volunteer time and private vehicle maintenance. The down side to using Valley Services Inc. there would be less social interaction for the seniors. The ultimate goal is getting seniors nutritious meals at affordable prices. The website for Valley Services Inc is valleyinc.com for more information.

Mr. Hatch, a representative of the Camp Verde Senior Center, stated the social aspect for the Senior Center is growing. The volunteers put a lot of time in to make sure everyone knows they are there. Mr. Hatch stated he feels bad that not everyone can come to the center. Mr. Hatch feels there is a lot of good churches that might be interested in getting involved. Bread of Life could be a great asset once the new facility is ready. Mr. Hatch gives credit to Elaine Bremer for seeing to the seniors who can't come in to the Senior Center. The Meals on Wheels is a big project. Mr. Hatch stated he is interested in being on the research committee for this program.

Elaine Bremner- from Verde Valley Senior Center gave a brief overview of all the things the Senior Center does. The Meals on Wheels Program is increasing numbers and fund raising events are held every month. Ms. Bremner stated hunger knows no boundaries. Ms. Bremner also stated people would starve without the Meals on Wheels Program. Ms. Bremner feels frozen food is not as nutritious and the cost of this other program seems too low. Ms. Bremner stated she will continue to serve the people of Camp Verde.

Steve Goetting stated he looked into this company in the past and it didn't work out because they serve bigger communities only. As far as other alternatives, Mr. Goetting stated he is pushing for a culinary school to help with the program. The volunteers helping with the Meals on Wheels Program are doing a great job and the community desperately needs this service.

Ron Posten- a Meals on Wheels Driver, delivers approximately 2,200 meals a year. Mr. Posten doesn't think everyone knows what they are getting for the money they are given. There are more services given besides giving the meals. Face to face contact means a lot more than phone calls. Mr. Posten feels the current process is cheaper than what Valley Inc. can provide.

Patricia George- knows well the poverty in the area. Ms. George stated people are living on $6,000 per year. Surrounding towns are given a lot of funding, and Camp Verde puts out more than their share to provide for the community. Ms. George stated Camp Verde needs more funding and the community needs to do more for the poor. Ms. George challenges members to find a way.

Councilor Gordon- asked if there is a list of all the churches and service organizations for the area, if someone could send an email asking them to brainstorm these types of programs. Mayor German would be happy to contact the churches and services organizations.

Councilor Baker- stated several area churches are already helping. NCOG funds are also getting cut from government funding but they are trying to stretch the funds they do get. Ms. Baker stated her mother benefited from the Meals on Wheels Program, and that the visit from the individual every day, is just as important as feeding the individual.

Councilor Whatley- wanted to thank Denis and Phoebe for the great work they do at the Senior Center, stating it is clean and attractive. She stated the Council appreciates their involvement and

support their efforts,

Councilor Jones-Murdock- feels this is a huge problem for every community and it takes a lot of money, staffing and coordination. Ms. Jones-Murdock stated it will take a serious effort from everyone to get the people fed. There has to be a change and it will take a joint effort.

Phoebe, a representative of Bread of Life, wants to provide meals and be a distribution center for St. Mary's. The Meals on Wheels topic will be addressed and would like to have the facility handle the program once the facility is finished. Phoebe will bring the program up for discussion to their board.

11. Discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff regarding possible implementation of a "Request to Speak Card" that would be used on Agenda item "Call to the Public for items NOT on the Agenda".

Mayor German explained the reasoning for adding the "Request to Speak Card" would help the Chair manage the meeting more effectively, especially if there are a number of people who would like to speak on one specific topic. It would help the flow of the meeting. Councilor Jones-Murdock likes the idea but would not like it if the person who does not want to fill out the card is not allowed to speak. Councilor Gordon stated most meetings are manageable but if this is used consistently, it might get people used to the idea. He suggested using it for a little bit and then try something else if it did not work. Town Clerk, Virginia Jones stated this would help the Clerks for the record. Council Member Gordon stated it would eliminate the pause when people are filling out their name before they speak. Councilor Baker stated this has been tried in the past, the community did not like it and were very outspoken about it. Councilor Jones-Murdock stated she understands the Mayor's request for this and likes the idea of having a public request form. It would make it a more professional meeting. Councilor German feels criticized for not listening to the public and is not in favor of the card. She feels it sends the wrong message to the community. Mayor German stated it takes a lot of stress off the Chair to make sure people have the opportunity to speak. Councilor Whatley stated if this is going to help the Mayor do his job correctly it would not hurt to try. **Motion** was made by Vice Mayor George to implement a "Request to Speak Card" that would be used on Agenda item "Call to the Public for items NOT on the Agenda". Second was made by Councilor Gordon. **Motion** passed with 5 yea and Councilor Baker and Councilor German voting nay.

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

Mayor German stated the Yavapai County Supervisor Thomas Thurman covered this topic during his discussion. Town Manager, Russ Martin stated there are only some dangers at the very end but is unsure of what we can do about them. Will be waiting to see what their interpretation has to say about them. This is the last time this topic is on the agenda.

13. Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda: NONE

Ron Posten- if anyone would like to do a ride along with a Meals on Wheels representative, please talk to him or Elaine Bremner.

David Boily- there was an article in paper that suggested Camp Verde was a "bedroom community" to Cottonwood. Mr. Whirly feels Camp Verde shouldn't be considered a "bedroom community" to Cottonwood.

Debra- There is a great event being held this Friday, from 1pm to 7pm downtown to market the local businesses. She feels it is important to support the kids involved and encourage them.

14. **Council Informational Reports.** These reports are relative to the committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are 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 — Nothing

Councilor Gordon---- Nothing

Vice Mayor George -— Attended a Verde River Basin Parks Meeting. The Forest Service gave a presentation on the Restoration of Spring Creek.

Councilor Baker — gave an update on NACOG. The management team is currently working on a Strategic Plan. Ms. Baker would like to focus on the next CGBC Grant and try to spend as much of that money on Senior Center in Camp Verde.

Councilor Jones-Murdock — Nothing

Councilor German —Nothing

Mayor German — reminds everyone that Law Enforcement Week is May 15th through 21st. The American Legion Post 93 is requesting the presences of the Council to attend a program honoring heroes in blue. It will be held at the American Legion Post 93 located at 276 S. 3rd Street, Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 1 pm. Please RSVP by calling 928-567-5012, there will be a light meal after the program. The Vice Mayor and Mayor will be participating. The Mayor along with Russ Martin attended a meeting about recycling/trash. The Town is required, by law to provide the opportunity to recycle, which is an unfunded mandate.

15. 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.

Manager Martin reminded everyone that the Library won't open until 1 pm on Tuesday, May 10th. There will be an All Staff Training in the gym from 10 am-12 pm.

16. Adjournment

Mayor German adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Charles German, Mayor

Virginia Jones for Jennifer Shilling

Jennifer Shilling, 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 May 4, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19 day of May, 2016.

Virginia Jones

Virginia Jones, Town Clerk