

**TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017 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 6:29 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Charles German, Vice Mayor Jessie Murdock, Councilor Robin Whatley, Councilor Brad Gordon, Councilor Jackie Baker, Councilor Buck Buchanan and Councilor Dee Jenkins.

Also Present

Town Manager Russ Martin, Marshal Gardner, Intern Jessica Panitz, Town Clerk Virginia Jones and Recording Secretary Jennifer Shilling.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor 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) Regular Session – February 15, 2017
- 2) Work Session, February 10, 2017
- 3) Work Session, February 8, 2017

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 2) Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. – Work Session
- 3) Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Special Session
- 4) Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 5) Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters

c) Possible approval of Wine Festival License for the 2017 Spring Heritage Pecan and Wine Festival to be held at 473 S Main Street in Camp Verde of March 18-19- 2017. Applications include:

1. Alcantara Vineyards & Winery
2. Arizona Stronghold Vineyards, LLC
3. Burning Tree Cellars LLC
4. Caduceus Cellars
5. Cellar 433
6. Chateau Tumbleweed
7. Clear Creek Vineyards & Winery LLC
8. Four Eight Wineworks
9. Southwest Wine Center
10. Page Springs Vineyards & Cellars
11. Pierce Wines Arizona LLC
12. Pillsbury Wine Company
13. Prescott Winery LLC

14. Winery 101

Motion was made by Councilor Gordon to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Councilor Baker. Councilor Jenkins asked about Item 4b 1. Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Town Clerk Virginia Jones said she would delete it. Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

5. Special Announcements and presentations:

- Recognition of the following businesses:
 - Camp Verde Feed & Country Store
 - Crusty's Pizza & Subs
 - Denny's #6545
 - H & B Construction
 - AAA Mini Storage

Mayor German recognized these businesses with a key to the town. These businesses were recognized for being here the longest. They have made Camp Verde what it is today.

6. **Call to the Public for items not on the Agenda. (Please complete Request to Speak Card and turn in to the Clerk.)** Residents are encouraged to comment about any matter NOT included on the agenda. State law prevents the Council from taking any action on items not on the agenda. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. (Pursuant to ARS §38-431.01(H))

Intern Jessica Panitz- Thanked the Council for giving her the opportunity for the internship here in Camp Verde. She told the Mayor of her hometown about this opportunity and they thought it would be a good idea to present the Mayor and Council with a gift

Shirley Brinkman-Thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to be heard. She wanted to speak about the funds requested for a name change for the Marshal's Office. She feels this is a major change and thinks it should be put before the entire community to decide, especially since there was a lot of money spent to update the vehicles.

Marie DeClue- As a representative of the Meals on Wheels Program, Ms. DeClue wanted to invite the Council to the March on Hunger Walk. It will take place Saturday, March 25 from 9am to 10 am. She would like to ask Mayor German to lead the parade. Ms. DeClue handed out applications for everyone to raise pledges; winners get free breakfast at Denny's. The Meals on Wheels Program is growing and she currently delivers to 28 people on her route alone. The cost per meal is rising so donations do help. The State of AZ has increased contribution allowances.

7. **Update by Ed Lee and BJ Davis representing the newly formed Camp Verde Business Alliance, to include, but not limited to Business Plan and membership information.**

An eleven year resident of Camp Verde, Ed Lee spoke about the newly formed Camp Verde Business Alliance (CVBA). The CVBA is a nonprofit Arizona Corporation. This Corporation is trying to do what they can for local businesses. Mr. Lee is currently the Founder of the organization and Chief Officer. CVBA is opening their doors for members and ready to do business. Mr. Lee introduced BJ Davis who is the President and Chief Operating Officer of the CVBA. Mr. Davis also introduce Julie Scott, who is Vice President of Marketing and Membership, as well as Walter Miller and Jewell Cole who do the education part of it. Mr. Davis also mentioned that Bruce George is one of the Directors, Cathy Davis who is Secretary, and Heather Kurowski who is the Recording Secretary. Mr. Davis went on to explain that the CVBA is a Nonprofit Corporation, comprised of business owners and concerned citizens. CVBA hopes to work with the Town on future items in the upcoming Economic Development Plan and develop a relationship between businesses and the Town.

Mr. Davis explained how the membership tiers work and what fundraisers they could do to raise money. The next Membership Meeting is going to be March 16th in room 106. Everyone is welcome. They are currently in the process

of setting up public meeting to talk about sandwich boards on main street and other things that could be improved. They plan to act as liaisons. This meeting is set for March 30th at the library. Community Development Director Carmen Howard will be present to answer questions. CVBA will be working with Economic Development Director Steve Ayers to create a MOU with the Town.

BJ Davis introduced Julie Kenny, Lydia Dart and Lesley Fox who all spoke highly of the CVBA and were passionate about what CVBA could do for the community.

Mayor German said he looks forward to the business community and their voice. He feels that open communications will be a good thing. Councilor Gordon stated he also looks forward to it. He explained that sometimes it's difficult to get the public in to voice their opinions.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff relative to proposed legislation by the 53rd State Legislature.

Town Manager Russ Martin gave an update on PSPRS Pool. Other items he is still watching include the TPT Tax and Contracting Tax. He stated these items could have a significant effect on the budget, and not sure how to budget for some portions without knowing the outcome yet. They are also working on the Fire Adequacy Bill. With this, liability could be an issue and a waiver process could put tax payers at risk.

9. Call to the Public for items not on the agenda. (Please complete Request to Speak Card and turn in to the Clerk.)

No Public Comments.

- 10. 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 Baker- Attended the NACOG and TPAC Meetings where they discussed different bills. Ms. Baker explained that it is important to pay attention to the different legislature updates and feels it is important to give feedback. Ms. Baker also attended the IGA Meeting in Jerome.

Councilor Gordon- Attended the Court Tour, and stated they plan to move in April or May. Mr. Gordon attended the Camp Verde Business Alliance Meeting, the Mental Health First Aid Conference, and the Marshal's Banquet. He also attended String of Pearls, the IGA Meeting in Jerome, regarding short-term rentals, and the SRP Meeting on Water Rights Issues.

Councilor Murdock- Attended the CVBA mixer and the Yavapai Apache Exodus Celebration. She said it was nice to be involved and work with our community neighbors. She also participated in Read Across America, and the Marshal's Office Banquet.

Councilor Whatley- Attended the IGA Meeting in Jerome and stated that Mayor German gave a nice report on CVBA at the meeting. She also attended the Marshall's Recognition Dinner, the CVBA Mixer, Read Across America at American Heritage. She stated there is a Patriotic Program next Thursday at the Cottonwood American Heritage Academy and invited everyone to join.

Councilor Buchanan- Attended the IGA Meeting in Jerome, the Small Irrigators Workshop (Verde Natural Resource Conservation District), Early Childhood Development Forum at MUHS, and the Yavapai College- Agriculture to Appetites.

Councilor Jenkins- Attended the Court Facility Tour, the Marshall's Banquet, and visited her granddaughter's 3rd grade class to talk about government and business.

Mayor German- Attended the ADOT Meetings, and the Marshall's Banquet. Mayor German wanted to remind everyone that this Saturday is HWY cleanup starting at 8 am.

11. **Manager/Staff Report**

Town Manager Russ Martin- stated that if any Council Members wanted to carpool to the VVREO meeting, he will be leaving at 8:30 a.m. Friday. Mr. Martin indicated that he met with the ADOT Engineers, and construction will be starting soon. It will take about eighteen months to finish. Mr. Martin also explained there will be fencing going up around the old library, and they plan to take the building down by the end of month. Councilor Whatley asked about the roundabout by the freeway. Mr. Martin stated it should be done towards the end of May. Councilor Whatley would like everyone to remember those businesses out there, and please support them during construction. Mr. Martin stated members can get an email updates on construction. Signup sheets are in the office or on website.

12. **Adjournment**

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.



Charles German, Mayor



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 March 1, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2017.



Virginia Jones – Town Clerk