



**MINUTES  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call.**

Councilor Brian Bolton, Councilor Wendy Escoffier (Absent), Councilor Robert Foreman, Councilor Robin Godwin (Absent), Councilor Jessie Murdock, Vice Mayor Marie Moore, and Mayor Dee Jenkins.

**Also Present**

Town Manager Miranda Fisher, Town Clerk Leah Rhodes, and Administrative Clerk Laura Keesler.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Foreman led the Pledge.

**4. Special Announcements and Presentations.** All presentations are limited to 15-minutes.

- **Proclamation declaring March 29, 2025 as Vietnam War Veterans Day.** Staff Resource: Town Clerk Leah Rhodes.

Mayor Jenkins presented the proclamation, declaring March 29, 2025 as Vietnam War Veterans Day, to United States Army Veteran Stewart Phelan, commander of the VFS Post 6739 Camp Verde.

Mayor Jenkins recessed the meeting to set-up the Council Chambers at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

**5. Presentation and discussion about local emergency management with representatives from APS, Yavapai County Emergency Management, Copper Canyon Fire & Medical District as well as Camp Verde Marshal's Office, Utilities, and Public Works.** Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

Town Manager Fisher stated tonight's presentation would provide the Town Council with an overview of local emergency management efforts and coordination among key agencies. The representatives present were: APS Northern Division Director Frank Sanderson, Yavapai County Emergency Manager Ashley Ahlquist, Fire Chief for Copper Canyon and Verde Valley Fire District Danny Johnson, Fire Marshal for Copper Canyon and Verde Valley Fires District Nate Bailey, Town of Camp Verde Marshal Corey Rowley, Town of Camp Verde Maintenance Division Manager Jeff Kobel, Town of Camp Verde Patrol Commander Dan Jacobs, Town of Camp Verde Utilities Director Jeff Low, Town of Camp Verde Streets Supervisor Shane Allen, and APS Community Affairs Manager Darla Deville.

APS Northern Division Director Sanderson provided a comprehensive overview of current initiatives, including vegetation management practices, grid hardening investments, asset inspection and monitoring, operational awareness, fire mitigation strategies, and public safety power shutoffs. Additionally, Director Sanderson outlined existing protocols and response windows for power outages.

Vice Mayor Moore recommended that Town Manager Fisher share the information provided by APS Northern Division Director Sanderson on the Town's Facebook page.

Yavapai County Emergency Manager Ahlquist emphasized that established protocols and procedures are in place and that the county actively collaborates with public safety partners, local municipalities, and their Emergency Management points of contact. This approach ensures that Yavapai County Emergency Management respects the principle that all incidents are managed at the local level.

In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes, Manager Ahlquist highlighted that all counties, cities, and towns are required to maintain Emergency Management programs and plans that align with state guidelines. Additionally, Manager Ahlquist provided an overview of past incidents, underscoring the importance of preparedness and resilience at the local level.

The County continues to refine emergency procedures in partnership with local stakeholders and public safety organizations. Furthermore, Manager Ahlquist introduced the Genesis platform, which facilitates evacuation zone management by providing a common operating picture during emergencies.

Town Manager Fisher stated town staff will work collaboratively with the county on a Emergency Operations Plan which will accompany the county Hazard Mitigation Plan the Town had previously adopted.

Fire Chief Johnson reported that high-risk fire areas within the region have been identified. Fire Chief Johnson emphasized that wildfire preparedness is a collaborative effort requiring coordination at the local, state, and federal levels. Additionally, Fire Chief Johnson noted that firefighters receive specialized training in tanker and tender operations due to the limited availability of fire hydrants throughout the area.

APS Northern Division Director Sanderson, Yavapai County Emergency Manager Ahlquist, Fire Marshal Bailey, Marshal Rowley, Utilities Director Low responded to questions from the Council.

6. **Adjournment**

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

  
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Mayor Marie Moore

  
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Attest: Town Clerk Leah Rhodes

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Town Clerk Leah Rhodes, 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 March 26, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18 day of April, 2025.

  
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Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk