



DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026 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 Moore called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call. Council Members Brian Bolton, Robert Foreman, Robin Godwin, Jessie Murdock (absent), Patricia Seybold, Vice Mayor Wendy Escoffier, and Mayor Marie Moore.

Also Present

Acting Town Manager Michael Showers (participated remotely), Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, Human Resources Director Julia Kaiser (participated remotely) and Town Clerk Leah Rhodes.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Foreman led the Pledge.

4. Consent Agenda – All those items listed below may be approved by one motion 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) Special Session – July 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Regular Session – July 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- 3) Special Session (Public Portion) - July 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 4) Special Session (Public Portion) - July 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 5) Regular Session – July 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) Regular Session – August 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. - **Cancelled**
- 2) Special Session – August 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 3) Regular Session – September 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- 4) Regular Session – September 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

On a **motion** made by Vice Mayor Escoffier, seconded by Councilor Foreman, the Council **moved to approve** the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Bolton: aye
Councilor Seybold: aye
Councilor Foreman: aye
Councilor Murdock: aye
Councilor Godwin: aye
Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye
Mayor Moore: aye

Motion Carried: 7-0.

- 5. 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(I))

Arizona law prohibits any Town resource, including staff time, equipment, and anything of value to influence an election. This prohibition applies to Call to the Public at the Council meeting. You may discuss a Town issue but do not “advocate” for a specific candidate or ballot measure. Additionally, soliciting petition signatures or campaign contributions or distributing campaign materials is prohibited on Town property. The Town appreciates your efforts to help the Town comply with state law and avoid using taxpayer monies to influence an election.

- 6. Summary of Current Events.** The Town Council and the Town Manager may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the public of such events and activities. The Council will not propose, discuss, deliberate or take action on any such item, except that an individual Council member may request that the item be placed on a future agenda. Summaries may include committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are: Copper Canyon Fire & Medical District, Yavapai College Governing Board, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Intergovernmental Association, NACOG Regional Council, Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (VVREO), League Resolutions Committee, Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool, Verde Valley Transportation Org, Verde Valley Transit Committee, Verde Valley Water Users, Verde Valley Homeless Coalition, Verde Front, Verde Valley Steering Committee of MAT Force, Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board, Sustaining Flows, Earth Day, Camp Verde School District, Friends of the Verde River and Verde Valley Housing Advisory Committee.
- 7. Special Announcements and Presentations.** All presentations are limited to 15-minutes.
- **Presentation of the FY26 Strategic Plan Action Plan Final Status Update.** Staff Resource: Acting Town Manager Michael Showers.

Acting Town Manager Showers stated that the FY26 Strategic Plan Action Plan was in its final form and requested Council’s feedback regarding any additional revisions. The Council expressed concern regarding the inactivity of the Dark Sky Verde Chapter.

Development Services Director Christian Green stated that staff continues to work with community members to address Dark Sky concerns and receive public input. Director Green further stated that the Town is proceeding with the Comprehensive Code rewrite, which will include provisions to recognize the Town as a Dark Sky community.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2026-1220, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, canvassing the returns and declaring and adopting the results of the Primary Election held on July 21, 2026; certifying the facts requiring an automatic recount; and authorizing the filing of a petition in Yavapai County Superior Court for an order requiring the recount, and presenting the Certificate of Election to newly elected officials.** Staff Resource: Town Clerk Leah Rhodes.

Town Clerk Rhodes stated that the Town of Camp Verde held a Primary Election on July 21, 2026 for the election of a Mayor and three (3) Councilmembers and for the consideration of Proposition 498, relating to ratification of the Camp Verde 2026 General Plan. Town Clerk Rhodes stated at the August 3, 2026 Yavapai County Board of Supervisor meeting, the Board unanimously approved the Official Canvass of the July 21, 2026 Election Results.

Town Clerk Rhodes provided an overview of Resolution No. 2026-1200 and the results for the July 21, 2026 election results which included: The Camp Verde 2026 General Plan passed with a total of 1,338 yes votes. The elected mayoral candidate was Gary Thompson and two (2) elected Council Members were: Tanner Bryson and Patricia Seybold.

Town Clerk Rhodes stated at the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors meeting, the Yavapai Elections Director announced that the Town of Camp Verde Council Member 4-year race will go to an automatic recount due to the margin between the third and fourth candidates since it is less than one-half of one percent of the votes cast for candidates Jackie Baker and Robin Godwin.

The court will announce the results and enter an order setting forth its determination; a certified copy of the order will be delivered to the Town Clerk, who will then issue the certificate of election to the declared winner. No additional canvass will be held.

Town Clerk Rhodes stated the elected officials will be sworn in and take office at the November 4, 2026 Town Council Meeting. Town Clerk Rhodes provided certificates of election to Gary Thompson, Tanner Bryson and Patricia Seybold.

On a **motion** made by Vice Mayor Escoffier, seconded by Councilor Godwin, the Council **moved to approve** Resolution 2026-1220, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, canvassing the returns and declaring and adopting the results of the Primary Election held on July 21, 2026; certifying the facts requiring an automatic recount; and authorizing the filing of a petition in Yavapai County Superior Court for an order requiring the recount.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Bolton: aye
Councilor Seybold: aye
Councilor Foreman: aye
Councilor Murdock: aye
Councilor Godwin: aye
Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye
Mayor Moore: aye

Motion Carried: 7-0.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of requested changes to the Employee Personnel Manual, Policy 3-8 - Paid Holiday Leave effective July 1st, 2026.** Staff Resource: HR Director Julia Kaiser.

Human Resources Director Julia Kaiser stated that staff had prepared proposed amendments to the holiday leave policy as requested by Council. Director Kaiser reviewed the proposed adjustments, clarifications, and revisions to the policy and noted that the changes would apply to public safety employees.

On a **motion** made by Councilor Seybold, seconded by Councilor Foreman, the Council **moved to approve** the revisions to the Employee Personnel Manual, Policy 3-8 - Paid Holiday Leave effective July 1st, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Bolton: aye
Councilor Seybold: aye
Councilor Foreman: aye
Councilor Murdock: aye
Councilor Godwin: aye
Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye
Mayor Moore: aye

Motion Carried: 7-0.

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of the purchase of a new vegetation chipper from Vermeer Mountain West in the amount of \$101,753.27, as approved in the FY27 Capital Plan and giving authority to the Finance Director to sign any and all documents for the procurement of a five-year lease to fund said purchase.** Staff Resource: Streets Supervisor Shane Allen & Finance Director Michael Showers.

Streets Supervisor Allen reported that the Town's current woodchipper is approximately 25 years old and is no longer fully operational. Streets Supervisor Allen provided an overview of the applicable maintenance warranty and responded to questions from the Council.

Acting Town Manager Showers stated that the purchase of a new woodchipper is included in the approved Capital Plan. Acting Town Manager Showers responded to questions from the Council.

On a **motion** made by Vice Mayor Escoffier, seconded by Councilor Godwin, the

Council **moved to approve** the purchase of a new vegetation chipper from Vermeer Mountain West in the amount of \$101,753.27, as approved in the FY27 Capital Plan and giving authority to the Finance Director to sign any and all documents for the procurement of a five-year lease to fund said purchase.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Bolton: aye
Councilor Seybold: aye
Councilor Foreman: aye
Councilor Murdock: aye
Councilor Godwin: aye
Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye
Mayor Moore: aye

Motion Carried: 7-0.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible award of FY27 Pavement Preservation Project to Cactus Asphalt for an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, as approved in the FY27 Capital Plan to be funded with \$700,000.00 of Highway User Revenue Funds and \$100,000.00 of current year general fund revenues.** Staff Resource: CIP Manager Martin Smith.

Mayor Moore questioned that this item comes back to Council each year to take care of the Town's roads and the Town generally use Cactus Asphalt. CIP Manager confirmed that was correct.

CIP Manager Smith provided an overview of the background information and stated staff is recommending utilizing a cooperative purchasing agreement through 1Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA) and partnering with Cactus Asphalt. The 1GPA cooperative purchasing program provides competitively solicited pricing that complies with Arizona procurement requirements, allowing the Town to take advantage of volume pricing without the time and expense associated with conducting its own formal bid process.

On a **motion** made by Councilor Foreman, seconded by Councilor Bolton, the Council **moved to approve** the award of the FY27 Pavement Preservation Project to Cactus Asphalt for an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 as approved in the FY27 Capital Plan to be funded with \$700,000.00 of Highway User Revenue Funds and \$100,000.00 of current year General Fund revenues.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Bolton: aye
Councilor Seybold: aye
Councilor Foreman: aye
Councilor Murdock: aye
Councilor Godwin: aye
Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye
Mayor Moore: aye

Motion Carried: 7-0.

12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible award of Bid No. 26-231, Mongini Wells Arsenic Treatment Facility Improvements Project, to Fann Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$4,314,377.79 to be funded with an EPA Congressional Spending Grant and WIFA grant and loan combination.** Staff Resource: Utilities Director Lisa Vaughn and CIP Manager Martin Smith.

Utilities Director Vaughn noted that the Mongini Wells are the Town's primary water system and serves the majority of Town Residents. The project has been in development for many years due to a gradual but steady increase in arsenic levels detected within the system. Although the Town remains in full compliance with applicable water quality standards, the project is necessary to maintain continued compliance. The project was designed and funded through multiple sources, including an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant, a Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) grant, and additional loan funding.

Utilities Director Vaughn responded to questions from the Council.

On a **motion** made by Councilor Murdock, seconded by Councilor Bolton, the Council **moved to award** Bid No. 26-231, Mongini Wells Arsenic Treatment Facility Improvements, to Fann Environmental in the amount of \$4,314,377.79 to be funded with an EPA Congressional Spending Grant and WIFA grant and loan combination.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Bolton: aye
Councilor Seybold: aye
Councilor Foreman: aye
Councilor Murdock: aye
Councilor Godwin: aye
Vice Mayor Escoffier: aye
Mayor Moore: aye

Motion Carried: 7-0.

13. **Discussion of the 2026 League Resolutions with the purpose of providing direction to the Mayor on which resolutions the Town of Camp Verde supports.** Staff Resource: Mayor Marie Moore.

Mayor Moore provided an overview of the resolutions currently being considered by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. The Council expressed support for moving forward with the proposed resolutions.

14. **Adjournment**

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Marie Moore

Attest: Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk

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 Special Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on August 5, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk