

**MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

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

- 2. Roll Call.** Council Members Buck Buchanan, Jessie Murdock, Robin Whatley; Vice Mayor Dee Jenkins; and Mayor Charles German were present. Councilors Joe Butner and Bill LeBeau were absent.

Also Present: Marshal Corey Rowley (as Acting Town Manager), Town Clerk Judy Morgan, Finance Director Mike Showers, Library Director Kathy Hellman and Recording Secretary Marie Moore.

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:

- 1) Special Work Session – July 31, 2019
- 2) Regular Session – August 7, 2019
- 3) Work Session – August 14, 2019
- 4) Special Session – August 16, 2019
- 5) Executive Session – August 16, 2019 (recorded and on file)

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. – Work Session – **Cancelled by Council – no items.**
- 2) Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session – **Cancelled by Council - no items.**
- 3) Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears P&Z Matters
- 4) Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session

On a motion by Councilor Whatley, seconded by Councilor Buchanan, the Consent Agenda was approved as amended with the cancellation of Items 4.b.1 and 4.b.2. The motion passed unanimously with approval from Councilors Buchanan, Murdock, Whatley, Vice Mayor Jenkins and Mayor German.

5. Special Announcements and presentations.

- 5.1. Report from YAC (Youth Advisory Council) members who attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns 2019 Annual Conference - Youth Program.** [Staff Resource: Zack Garcia/Kathy Hellman]

Zack Garcia introduced the Youth Advisory Council (President Jasmine Fang, Vice President Aidyn Woods, Members: Damien Coffey, KeLeeMae Leitner, Hannah Lewis) (YAC Members not present are: Brice Gorda, Aiden Robertson, Hope Guerra, Amber Mina) and showed photos of the YAC at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference Youth Program event to Council. The President of the Youth Advisory Council, Jasmine Fang spoke to Council about the event and how they participated in the event and what they learned. Ms. Fang handed out YAC business cards to the Council and Mr. Garcia explained they could contact the YAC members directly, rather than through him. The YAC is taking on new fiscal responsibility by managing the Library's vending machine.

Councilor Whatley expressed her appreciation to YAC for joining her in carrying the Town Flag at the Parade of Flags, League of Arizona Cities and Town's Annual Conference, opening event and their participation in the Youth Program.

Mayor German commended the YAC for how they presented themselves at the conference.

5.2. Award presentation ceremony to Deputy Ty Wantland from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for DUI Officer of the Year for the Camp Verde Marshal's Office. [Staff Resource: Corey Rowley]

Commander Brian Armstrong introduced Arizona State Programs Manager for Mothers against Drunk Driving in Arizona, Helain Day who explained the purpose of MADD and the award as the 2019 MADD Hero.

Deputy Ty Wantland graciously accepted the award with explanation as to why such an award is so meaningful to him.

Mayor German commended the MADD program for all it does for the local communities.

5.3. Promotional ceremony and badge presentation for the promotion of the new Lieutenant within the Marshal's Office. [Staff Resource: Corey Rowley]

Commander Brian Armstrong explained that the organization structure has been changed and with that, a new position of Lieutenant was created. Commander Armstrong gave a brief overview of what the application process involved for the position and indicated that Daniel Jacobs was selected for the position.

Marshal Corey Rowley proceeded to swear Officer Jacobs into the position of Lieutenant. Officer Jacobs daughter was present for the pinning ceremony.

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

None.

7. Business. Legal action can be taken.

7.1. Discussion & possible authorization for Mike Showers to sign and deliver any & all such documents necessary to consummate the deed in lieu of foreclosure of the property located at 4092 Cripple Dr., Camp Verde, Arizona (Listed as Lot 384, Verde Lakes Estates, according to the plat of record

in Book 14 of Maps, page 10, records of Yavapai county, Arizona). [Staff Resource: Mike Showers]

Finance Director Mike Showers explained to Council that this is a simple process, and is a requirement from the Title Company in order for the matter to be handled. Mr. Showers explained that the property is a "home grant" property and the property will be taken back by the Town of Camp Verde in the foreclosure process.

Vice Mayor Dee Jenkins clarified that the town would end up with the property and what the value of property is. Mr. Showers explained that the note on the property is \$72,850.00 that will be paid off when the property is sold.

Mr. Showers explained the criteria of the home grant program. Vice Mayor Jenkins questioned if there would be a cash loss value on the Town of Camp Verde. Mr. Showers explained that the Town would incur only the cost of the transfer fee.

Councilor Whatley questioned who makes the determination of whether the property is sold or utilized again for the home grant program. Mr. Showers stated the Town Manager and the Community Development Director are considering whether to re-establish this "housing service" in the Town. The decision will come back to the Council on what will happen with the property after the transfer.

On a motion by Councilor Murdock, seconded by Councilor Whatley, Council approved the authorization for Mike Showers to sign and deliver any & all such documents necessary to consummate the deed in lieu of foreclosure of the property located at 4092 Cripple Creek Dr., Camp Verde. Motion carries unanimously with approval from Councilors Buchanan, Murdock, Whatley, Vice Mayor Jenkins and Mayor German.

7.2. Approve Finance Director Michael Showers to submit Annual Expenditure Limitation Reports to the State on behalf of the Town of Camp Verde retroactively for FY19 and forward until further notice. [Staff Resource: Mike Showers]

Finance Director Mike Showers explained that the State now requires Councils to specifically name the person submitting the Annual Expenditure Limitation Reports to the State and this matter can be done one time until Council decides to have another individual submit the required reports.

On a motion by Councilor Murdock, seconded by Vice Mayor Jenkins, Council approved Finance Director Michael Showers to submit Annual Expenditure Limitation Reports to the State on behalf of the Town of Camp Verde retroactively for FY19 and forward until further notice. Motion carries unanimously with approval from Councilors Buchanan, Murdock, Whatley, Vice Mayor Jenkins and Mayor German.

7.3. Discussion, consideration and possible approval of Resolution 2019-1030, a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, urging the Arizona Legislature to hear and ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to Equal Rights for men and women. [Requested by: Councilor Whatley]

Councilor Whatley explained that multiple cities and towns in Arizona are encouraging the state to move forward with the amendment. There are currently 37 states that ratified the ERA, with a requirement of 38 states to ratify this amendment. Councilor Whatley indicated her desire to have Arizona be that 38th state.

On a motion by Councilor Whatley, seconded by Vice Mayor Jenkins, Council approved Resolution 2019-1030, a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, urging the Arizona Legislature to hear and ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to Equal Rights for men and women. The motion passed unanimously with approval from Councilors Buchanan, Murdock, Whatley, Vice Mayor Jenkins and Mayor German.

7.4. Discussion, consideration and possible direction to Staff regarding the Friends of the Verde River donation request for Watershed Report Card and the State of the Verde Watershed Conference. [Requested by: Mayor German]

Mayor German indicated that last year this donation request was not addressed and he wants Council to learn about the program and what the donation will put in place for this year. Mayor German introduced Executive Director Nancy L.C. Steele, D. Env., Friends of the Verde River who gave a brief introduction of her experience working with other watershed organizations. Ms. Steele gave a brief overview of Friends of the Verde River, the association formation, incorporation and merger with two other organizations, which has brought them to where they are at with an 11-member board and 10 staff members. Ms. Steele spoke of events and the program goals of the association and all that encompasses the watershed area of the Verde River.

Ms. Steele presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council, which included information regarding the collaboration taking place within the association and how the included associates make financial contributions, which allow Friends of the Verde River to continue to work on habitat restoration, improving ecosystem functions, improving water quality and inspiring more people to help.

Mayor German indicated that supporting the Friends of the Verde River coincides with the Town of Camp Verde General Plan in supporting the Verde River.

Ms. Steele explained that the association is looking to raise approximately \$30,000.

Vice Mayor Jenkins questioned where the funding would be coming from in the Town's budget, if approved. Mayor German indicated that he recommends Council direct the Town Manager on using reserve funding up to a certain amount.

Mayor German spoke strongly of his support in donating funding to the program.

Ms. Steele introduced Tony Gioia as the Vice President of the association and commended him for all that he does within the organization.

Councilor Murdock spoke of her memories of the Verde River from childhood and agrees the river needs to be treasured and preserved. Councilor Murdock

expressed her appreciation to the organization and what they are accomplishing.

On a motion by Councilor Murdock, seconded by Councilor Whatley, Council directed the Town Manager to research funding resources for the Friends of the Verde River donation request up to \$8,000.00. The motion passed unanimously with approval from Councilors Buchanan, Murdock, Whatley, Vice Mayor Jenkins and Mayor German.

7.5. League of Arizona Cities and Towns 2019 Annual Conference Recap of Sessions attended and general feedback. [Requested by: Mayor Charles German]

Mayor German indicated that there is an “app” available for the review of the conference and recommends it be used to recap the sessions as well as recommended Council review the session “engage our differences”.

Vice Mayor Jenkins indicated that the meetings were great with varied subjects and how the session on private public partnership and opportunity zone was extremely informative for the Town of Camp Verde. Vice Mayor Jenkins requested a strategic work session specifically regarding the Opportunity Zone in Camp Verde and how significant it is to the future of the Town.

Mayor German suggested Vice Mayor Jenkins meet with Economic Development Director Steve Ayers and then have a work session scheduled.

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

None.

9. Council Informational Reports.

Councilor Buchanan attended the Verde River Waterways kick off at the library, and the Inter-governmental meeting in Cottonwood hosted by Yavapai County.

Vice Mayor Jenkins attended the League conference, the Verde River Waterways event, the Intergovernmental meeting, and the Mayors, Managers, Supervisors and Nations Bi-annual meeting hosted by the Yavapai Apache Nation.

Mayor German attended League conference as previously discussed as well as the GAMA meeting who are currently working on setting up a meeting with the Governor regarding the short-term rental issue. Mayor German also attended the NACOG regional meeting in Flagstaff. Both the GAMA and NACOG meeting minutes were emailed out to Council for their information.

Councilor Murdock requested that discussion take place regarding the Heritage fund when a meeting takes place with the Governor. Councilor Murdock indicated she attended the Annual League Conference and found it to be very motivating.

Councilor Whatley attended the Annual League Conference and expressed that short-term rentals is a subject that needs to be kept on top of. Councilor Whatley requested a work session on recycling and what Camp Verde can do to implement a program. Councilor Whatley attended the Verde River Waterway event and commended the Town Library for the event. Ms. Whatley attended the Jazz festival at the Phillip

England Center of Performing Arts and encouraged more people to attend future events and feels the events are phenomenal.

10. Manager/Staff Report

Marshal Rowley thanked Council for the opportunity to recognize the Marshal's Department during the meeting and spoke of the growing concern of increased drug use in the local school system. Marshal Rowley spoke on receiving a resignation this week and the support all department heads have shown for Ana Yates. CVMO will be giving Council a presentation in the near future regarding CIP items and money savings.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Mayor Charles German

Attest:


Judy Morgan, CMC, Town Clerk

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 Council Meeting of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on September 4, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2019.



Judy Morgan, CMC, Town Clerk