

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF CAMP VERDE**  
**SPECIAL SESSION**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019 at 5:30 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 5:36 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Charles German, Vice Mayor Dee Jenkins, Councilor Jesse Murdock, Councilor Robin Whatley, and Councilor Buck Buchanan are present. Councilor Joe Butner and Councilor Bill LeBeau are absent.

**Also Present**

Town Manager Russ Martin, Risk Manager Carol Brown, Deputy Clerk Virginia Jones and Recording Secretary Jennifer Reed.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Charles German led the Pledge.

**4. Discussion and Presentation by Susan Montgomery, Yavapai Apache Nation legal counsel regarding, but not limited to historical tribal water use and the possibility of scheduling a joint executive session to include the Yavapai Apache Nation Tribal Council and the Camp Verde Town Council per 38-431.03 (A) (6) Discussion, consultation or consideration for international and interstate negotiations or for negotiations by a city or town, or its designated representatives, with members of a tribal council, or its designated representatives, of an Indian reservation located within or adjacent to the city or town.**

Mayor German introduced Yavapai Apache Nation legal counsel Susan Montgomery. Ms. Montgomery gave a background of her experiences. She gave a PowerPoint presentation which included topics such as:

- Water as an essential element of life ~ Water is Life
- General Attributes
- AZ Permanent Tribal Homeland Standard
- Groundwater
- Tribal Water Rights in AZ
- Water rights and the Yavapai Apache Nation

Included in the presentation are samples of Water Rights Claims. Ms. Montgomery explained the process of reaching settlements and what will happen when they start looking into the Verde Water Rights. She also explained the goals of a settlement.

Camp Verde Water Rights Attorney, Steve Wene gave context to help explain the process.

A copy of the presentation is attached and becomes a part of the permanent record.

Council took a break at 6:57pm

5. **Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Water Rights Attorney, Steve Wene, regarding water settlement negotiations with the Yavapai Apache Nation and due diligence on potential purchase of the Camp Verde Water Systems Inc. The Council may, by majority vote, recess the special session, hold an executive session and then reconvene the special session for discussion and possible action on this item as covered by A.R.S. §38.431.03 (A) (3) and (7).**

**• Recess into and hold Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38.431.03 (A) (3)**

Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body; and (7) Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase of real property, Camp Verde Water Systems Inc., located at 499 S. 6th Street, Camp Verde, Arizona.

On a motion by Whatley seconded by Jenkins Council unanimously agreed to recess into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

**•Council Reconvened into Open Session at 8:04 p.m.**

6. **Adjournment**

Without objection, Mayor German adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.



Mayor Charles German



Attest: Deputy Town Clerk Virginia Jones

**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 Special Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on November

13, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 2019.

Virginia Jones

Virginia Jones, Deputy Town Clerk