

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

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

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

**Also Present:** Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Clerk Judy Morgan, Commander Brian Armstrong, Finance Director Mike Showers, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Marshall and Recording Secretary Marie Moore.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor German led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- 1) Regular Session – May 15, 2019
- 2) Council Hears P&Z Matters – May 22, 2019
- 3) Special Session – May 29, 2019
- 4) Executive Session – May 29, 2019 (recorded and on file)
- 5) Special Session – June 10, 2019
- 6) Executive Session – June 10, 2019 (recorded and on file)

**b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**

- 1) Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears P&Z Matters
- 2) Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session-CANCELLED per Resolution 2018-1016.
- 3) Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. – Work Session
- 4) Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session

**c) Possible approval of Job Order Contract 19-134 Quote Request for Chlorine Contact Basins (Waste Water Treatment Plant). [Staff Resource: Troy Odell]**

On a motion by Councilor Buchanan, seconded by Councilor Whatley, Council approved the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously with Council Members Buck Buchanan, Joe Butner, Bill LeBeau, Jessie Murdock, Robin Whatley, Vice Mayor Dee Jenkins and Mayor Charles German approving.

**5. Special Announcements and presentations.**

**5.1. Granite Mountain Hotshots Proclamation.**

Proclamation was made by Mayor Charles German.

**5.2. The results of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center's (VVAC) operation during the concluding fiscal year. [Presentation given by Ken Zoll, Executive Director VVAC]**

Executive Director of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center Ken Zoll prepared and presented the fiscal year report outlining memberships, visitor numbers, lectures and film presentations as well as classes and concerts.

**5.3. Advise the Council as to Verde Valley Archaeology Centers prospects for building a new campus and the continued use of the Main Street facility [Presentation given by Ken Zoll, Executive Director VVAC]**

Executive Director of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center Ken Zoll spoke of future development with the grants and loans pending approval, with anticipated construction beginning in January of 2020 and an opening date in 2021. The center is actively working with Prescott National Forest in a dig located at Hayfield Draw and indicated the center is receiving funding that will be used to house artifacts obtained from the dig.

Vice Mayor Dee Jenkins requested an estimate for the tan colored portion of the building. Ken Zoll indicated that the \$4 million-dollar loan will cover the construction, with plans to aggressively market for the remaining funding necessary to finish the facility.

Vice Mayor Dee Jenkins requested an update on the Homestead Parkway completion. Zoll explained that the Parkway is complete other than some curb and pavement and was informed the delay is due to lack of construction concrete.

**5.4. Presentation on the Phillip England Center for the Performing Arts Foundation upcoming season and facility improvements. [Presenter: Ken Zoll, President of PECPAF]**

President of the Phillip England Center for the Performing Arts Foundation Ken Zoll informed Council that due to the lack of updated technology any performers must bring their own equipment in order to perform properly and therefore, they charge more. Estimates have been received regarding the improvement needs totaling \$75,000 and it is a goal to raise the money this year to complete the updates necessary. The Foundation is currently seeking additional sponsors to assist in raising the necessary funds. Zoll explained that the Foundation faces advertising challenges, for the events. Zoll explained that Council awarded the Foundation \$1500.00 last year to use toward advertising, but because the costs are so high, the Foundation broke even due to the necessity to cover additional costs. Zoll requested Council's consideration of delegating \$5000.00 to the Foundation which would allow the use of \$500.00 per event for proper advertising.

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

Jackie Baker spoke to Council regarding Montezuma Castle Highway and the chip-seal project that the Town spent approximately \$500,000 to complete. Jackie Baker expressed to Council that the current condition of the road is unacceptable and feels the contractor hired for the project should be held responsible for the project and make the necessary repairs. Baker stressed the point the community tax payers expect it to be fixed and strongly encouraged Council to address the matter. Mayor German advised Russ Martin, Town Manager to look into the matter.

Charlotte Salsman indicated she is reminding Council of the need to lower the sewer rates.

**7. Business.** Legal action can be taken.

**7.1. Discussion and possible approval of the Town of Camp Verde Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Tentative Budget.** [Staff Resource: Michael Showers]

Town Manager Russ Martin informed Council there are additional increases due to the website and security as well as merit-increase requests that have been granted for employees other than department heads, which save roughly \$40,000. Merit and wage adjustments for the Marshal's office bring the department to approximately 75% of the market adjustment for a per hour increase.

Finance Director Mike Showers explained that when originally viewed in April, the possible \$3 million-dollar Waste Water Department grant was not included. If the grant is received, not all of it would be used but regardless it must be budgeted for if it is received. An additional loan of \$870,000 was built into the budget, there is no loan payment it is only included as a suggestion and discussion would need to happen in the future by Council.

Vice Mayor Jenkins requested more detail be included within the miscellaneous budget that has \$4 to 5 million dollars. Mike Showers explained \$3.3 million is a WIFA draw down and \$130,000.00 is itemized but understands the need for more description and can provide a detailed sheet for Council review.

Vice Mayor Jenkins asked when the final approval would be needed for the budget. Town Manager Russ Martin explained that the next formal meeting of July 17<sup>th</sup>, but the budget also can be adjusted throughout the year. Currently, Council is deciding on a preliminary approval.

Councilor Bill LeBeau requested that Mike Showers provide more detailed information for Council to review.

**Call to the Public:**

Carol German expressed that the budget is complicated and requests a simple lists of the funds the Town has with projected expenses be made available for the public review and if more detail is required, the public could visit the Finance Department for that information.

On a motion by Councilor Murdock, seconded by Councilor Whatley, Council approved the Town of Camp Verde Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Tentative Budget. Motion passes with a 6 to 1 vote with Council Members Buck Buchanan, Joe Butner, Jessie Murdock, Robin Whatley, Vice Mayor Dee Jenkins and Mayor Charles German approving. Councilor Bill LeBeau opposing.

**7.2. Discussion, consideration and possible approval of Resolution 2019-1028, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, opposing any new Regional Connector (Connecting Road) through the confines of US 89A, Highway 179, Interstate 17, and Highway 260.** [Resource: Council member Joe Butner]

Councilor Butner read the resolution 2019-1028, opposing any new Regional Connector through the confines of US 89A, Highway 179, Interstate 17 and Highway 260. Councilor Butner explained the resolution is based upon the discussion from constituents directly affected by the possible connector road.

Mayor German addressed the public in attendance, and thanked them for their participation.

**Call to the Public:**

Janette Corbin indicated that there is an issue that must be addressed as soon as possible regarding flooding in the Middle Verde area currently and if there is major change to the white hills area, it is unknown what will happen.

Patricia Sexton thanked council for listening to the public and thanked Councilor Butner for creating the resolution.

Dr. Rick Brady indicated that he resides on Middle Verde Road and has a grazing lease through the State Land Department that will be adversely affected by the proposed Verde Connect. The State Land Department has indicated that they have not been contacted regarding this proposal. Dr. Brady spoke of the multiple negative impacts that would take place if the project was to go forward.

Jim Meredith indicated he is in favor of the resolution and feels there is no need for the road.

Tony Gioia thanked Council for hearing the resolution and that Council will be heard by the County and the clarification of where the Town stands regarding the connector road. Mr. Gioia expressed he is in opposition to the Verde Connect Road, but would like to thank the County Supervisors for their efforts in attempting to assist the Town, but feels this particular road it is not a good fit for the community. Mr. Gioia thanked Councilor Butner for creating this resolution.

Jackie Baker thanked Councilor Butner for creating the resolution and expressed that the matter could have been addressed months ago by Council which may have slowed down the process of the connector road moving forward. Mrs. Baker indicated she is in favor of this resolution.

J. Cameron feels there is a lack of context and splitting of information so that there is never full information given to the public. Cameron referenced the Verde Valley Master Plan 2016 which provides information indicating that the proposed connector road is a poor prognosis for resolving traffic issues.

Eric Eberhard spoke of the grant received that will not have any impact on the Middle Verde area and the County is not offering funding toward the Middle Verde Road. Eberhard indicated he has heard estimates of \$49.2 million dollars to complete the project and feels there is no benefit to the project. Eberhard spoke of inconsistencies in the plan from the US Department of Transportation, and thanked Councilor Butner for creating the resolution.

Councilor Bill LeBeau asked speakers to specify whether they are referring to the transportation plan or the general plan. Councilor LeBeau has questioned the information provided regarding whether the grant allowance is contingent upon the road being built from Middle Verde to Cornville.

Mayor German expressed being in favor of protecting residential areas. He indicated his concern for the voices that haven't been heard and spoke of the Rainbow Acres facility and the criteria they must follow to provide emergency mass evacuation. He expressed his support of those that voted on the General Plan, and has heard the neighborhood requests. He expressed his concerns with emergency services response and feels there is a benefit in reducing commute times with the connector road project. Mayor German stated he wants to defend and protect the jurisdiction of Camp Verde but feels it is

inappropriate for the Town to dictate to another constituency how to run their operation.

County Supervisor Randy Garrison indicated that he has read and re-read the resolution. He indicated that the County has marked Camp Verde as an enterprise growth area (Opportunity Zone designation), which includes the area in question. He expressed that the Town of Camp Verde is over-stepping its boundaries by dictating no road should be put in somewhere between Cottonwood and Camp Verde and the resolution removes the Town representative from regional transportation group discussion, which it currently participates in. He also indicated that he feels the resolution is aggressive and doesn't show partnership between the County and Town which will make future projects difficult.

Councilor Buchanan questioned if the County has decided on the route yet. Supervisor Garrison indicated that they have not and feels they have been very transparent in the process and held approximately 50 meetings.

Mayor German requested Supervisor Garrison explain the next steps to be done in the process of the connector road.

Dan Cherry, Yavapai County Public Works Director explained that there are roughly 7 alternative road options which will possibly be chosen within the next month and a half. After that point, necessary documentation will be completed and necessary meetings with all corresponding agencies will take place including speaking with the appropriate State Land Agencies if the route crosses such land.

Councilor LeBeau indicated that he feels that the connection road isn't so much of an issue as much as the fact that the Middle Verde connection is the issue. Councilor LeBeau asked if the federal grant the County received requires the route to include the Middle Verde connection. Dan Cherry indicated that it is important to the Grant that it connects to Reservation land.

Supervisor Garrison spoke of the small area transportation plan that approves a road such as the Middle Verde route, which was passed in 2009 by the Town of Camp Verde.

Vice Mayor Jenkins requested clarification on the timeline for the road location decision to be made. Dan Cherry stated one will be chosen to move forward for review along with the No-Build Middle Verde option.

Vice Mayor Jenkins stated this resolution pertains only to the Middle Verde area. Councilor Butner affirmed. Supervisor Garrison disagreed as to how the resolution is interpreted.

Councilor Murdock indicated that she doesn't feel the resolution is giving clear direction to the Mayor and Staff on how to proceed when dealing with the connector road project and feels that the community should be represented in the VVTPO (Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization). She expressed her support of the resolution but not the direction to staff to not assist in the process with Yavapai County.

Councilor Butner indicated that he would agree to clarifying this in the resolution as this is meant to be specifically for the Middle Verde area.

Councilor Whatley asked Supervisor Garrison if this was his only concern with the resolution. Supervisor Garrison explained that his interpretation of the resolution is including the support of any connector road, and this situation is an unfortunate bi-product of the growth in the area and the result of 20 years of studies conducted that has brought the county to this point of creating a connector road.

Councilor Butner indicated that he could amend the resolution by adding the word “[that] is in significant conflict with the adopted general plan”

Supervisor Garrison indicated that the Town’s planning studies indicate the road is necessary.

Councilor Whatley indicated that she is concerned with #3 of the resolution which excludes the Town from participation in further discussion regarding the matter and suggests the deletion of the section.

Mayor German agreed with Councilor Whatley and spoke of the 2009 Small Area Transportation plan adopted by the Council, by resolution.

Eric Eberhart called a Point of Order and requesting clarification of which plans are being referenced, “General” or “Transportation”.

Mayor German indicated that he doesn’t want to lose the opportunity for further discussion on the matter and feels that the Town should be indicating their stand on the no-build option. Mayor German spoke on flood/drainage assistance from the County, which would be at stake if the resolution is passed as it currently reads.

Supervisor Garrison indicated that there is large support of the project regarding Emergency Medical Service and that the matter is being considered for the benefit of the entire region.

Councilor Butner modified the Resolution modifying Item 3 of the resolution to read as follows: The Town Manager is directed, on behalf of the Mayor and Common Council, to support the No-Build option for such a road.

On a motion by Councilor Butner, seconded by Vice Mayor Jenkins, Council approved Resolution 2019-1028, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, opposing any new Regional Connector (Connecting Road) through the confines of US 89A, Highway 179, Interstate 17, and Highway 260 as amended. Motion passed unanimously with Council Members Buck Buchanan, Joe Butner, Bill LeBeau, Jessie Murdock, Robin Whatley, Vice Mayor Dee Jenkins and Mayor Charles German voting in favor.

Mayor German called a recess at 8:25 p.m. for a small break. Meeting resumed at 8:34 p.m.

**7.3. Discussion and possible approval of updated job descriptions for Recreation Aide and Recreation Leader. [Staff Resource: Michael Marshall and Ana Yates]**

Parks and Recreation Director Michael Marshall spoke on the entry level positions, which have been updated in preparation for the hire of new positions with the upcoming budget approval. He also explained the salary plan to accommodate the increases in minimum wage.

Vice Mayor Jenkins indicated that Ana Yates was very helpful with answering her questions regarding the matter.

On a motion by Councilor LeBeau, seconded by Councilor Whatley Council approved the updated job descriptions for Recreation Aid and Recreation Leader. Motion passed unanimously with Council Members Buck Buchanan, Joe Butner, Bill LeBeau, Jessie Murdock, Robin Whatley, Vice Mayor Dee Jenkins and Mayor Charles German approving.

**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 Whatley commended the Town Manager for always stepping up and volunteering his time to community (recently umpiring an evening of softball games when scheduled umpire was not available).

Vice Mayor Jenkins attended both Verde Connect (VC) meetings recently held.

Councilor Buchanan attended both VC meetings; spoke on opinions from Camp Verde residents.

Councilor Butner attended both meetings; Resolution was in support to those who attended those meetings. He attended the Yavapai College meeting; Dr. Rine, the new YC president wants to make sure the Verde Valley has Career Technical Education and is looking to put together an advisory board regarding what is needed for the area.

Mayor German collaborated with Councilor Butner's explanation of the Yavapai College meeting. He was unable to attend either of the Verde Connect meetings due to a death in his family. There are a few meetings upcoming with NACOG and GAMA and he will provide a report back to Council after attendance.

**10. Manager/Staff Report**

Town Manager Russ Martin spoke on sponsoring 6 women employed by the Town to attend a conference for Women in Leadership, Leading Government.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Attest:



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Mayor Charles German



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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 June 19, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

  
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Judy Morgan, CMC, Town Clerk