

**(Corrected) MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018 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 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Charles German; Vice Mayor Jessie Murdock; Councilors Robin Whatley, Brad Gordon, Jackie Baker and Buck Buchanan were present. Councilor Dee Jenkins was absent.

Also Present: Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Clerk Judy Morgan, Risk Manager Carol Brown and Recording Secretary Jennifer Reed.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor German led the Pledge.

4. Work Session. No legal action will be taken.

4.1. Discussion and possible direction to staff on recycling options for Town-wide recycling program. [Staff Resource: Russ Martin]

Town Manager Russ Martin stated on May 1st he received a 30-day notice to release Sedona Recycles from their services by June 1st. The Town had been paying \$6,000 a year but as anticipated, their price increased to \$25,000. The public wants to know what the town is going to do about recycling and the Council should talk about the alternatives.

One option the Council could consider is for recycling to no longer be the town's responsibility. A second option is to collect the recycles themselves and then distribute to a recycling facility (City of Cottonwood or Sedona Recycles). The third option could be to go to the local suppliers to give a bid as to what they could do for the town.

Mr. Martin gave a brief history on why the Town started recycling. He stated that if you recycle items there will be less in the landfill, then the landfill would be available for a longer period of time.

Councilor Baker feels the community wants them to research the options. She would like to see costs and the locations of where the recycling bins would be placed. This will help them to decide which option to choose. She asked if the town could partner with Cottonwood. Mr. Martin stated he wanted to see which direction the Council was leaning before diving too far into the research. Councilor Baker would also like to educate the public as to what is considered recycling.

Councilor Whatley stated that she also feels the community is interested in recycling. She said people have a hard time with garbage pickup let alone paying for recycling. People

might be unsure of what to do with particular items if the bins were not available. She would like the town to research options. She asked if Cottonwood had free dump days and if so, maybe ask the County if there could be more free dump days.

Mayor German is concerned that stuff will be dumped in the town's right away or in the desert if bins are not available. He would like to come up with a viable plan. He is in favor of looking at the options.

Vice Mayor Murdock asked if the Council were to go with "Option C" how that would work. Mr. Martin stated he would request proposals (RFP) from different companies but they might not be apples to apples. He would leave it fairly open ended for the bids to create their own option. VM Murdock indicated she is not ready for the town to take over.

Public Comment was taken on this item:

Linda Buchanan wanted to thank the Council for taking this topic under consideration. It is an essential service for the Town as it impacts those who live near landfills. She stated that maybe the Town could offset the costs for "free dump days".

Mayor German directed staff to contact the County to see what it would cost to sponsor free dump day. It might be money well spent.

4.2. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding horse arena panels owned by the Town and potential uses, lending or sale options. [Staff Resource: Russ Martin]

Town Manager Russ Martin stated it was Bill Lee who was able to secure these assets for the Town. It was intended for these panels to be put together and used at events but now they have been hanging out at the street yard. They need to be utilized.

Mr. Martin has had conversations, and met with several different groups, as to what to do with the panels. There are two different groups who are willing to lease them for events. The attorney has said they cannot lend it out without getting a direct return on it. The Town would need to work out a contractual agreement and it would have to benefit the general community.

Mayor German stated they would need an inventory of specific groups who would like to utilize the panels.

Councilor Whatley thinks they should gift it or sell them before they are useless.

Councilor Gordon doesn't think it would be possible to gift them.

Mr. Martin said they could still lend the panels out but because of the gift clause but would require careful management as it is a public asset.

Councilor Whatley ask if there are more groups in town that want them. Mr. Martin wasn't sure but had to make this item public to see who is interested.

Public Comment was taken on this item:

Robert Barker- Strongly advised to not lend out, nor get rid of the panels. He supported a community arena and recommended requesting the Forest Service sell land for an arena site

Tonya Wiertzema- Supported the town keeping the panels, as a money maker for the town. The town could host rodeos. She spoke on her project needing bucking shoots.

Christy Mulcaire- encouraged the Council to keep the panels for livestock shows, camps and rodeos. Setting it up as a permanent fixture for the community, to be used for generations to come.

Joe Butner- Spoke on substantial interest in having a rodeo in Camp Verde as an asset for the Town. He supports the Town keeping the panels; inventorying them; lending out the bucking shoots to get the rodeo back into community and finding a permanent rodeo ground to bring people to town.

Mary Phelps- Spoke on created an online survey about this item, getting substantial response and interest in having, attending, and volunteering at a rodeo in Camp Verde. She shared a couple of statements in support of having an event/arena in the area. She asked the Council to keep the arena.

Mayor German- said the Town of Camp Verde Unified School District has 80 acres. As an educator he feels it would be remise if there wasn't some kind of program in concert with Yavapai College, the school district, and town to set up a curriculum with FFA & 4H people to utilize. They could run it as a business.

Don Murdock- spoke in support of having an arena; stated the heritage is gone from Camp Verde; concerned there is nothing for kids to do; get people back into the arena to teach them techniques and respect; feels there are volunteers out there for this; suggested putting together a Community Committee to move forward with this project.

Carol Brown- said about 6 years ago she gave a presentation to town showing the economic multiplier for equestrian events was 12% percent.

Councilor Whatley thanked everyone for coming. She likes the school idea, loved the on-line survey, and Community Committee. She said directly to the public, "the Council has heard you".

Councilor Baker thanked everyone for coming and especially to Mary Phelps for the survey. This is what the Council had envisioned when the panels were purchased years ago.

Mr. Martin would like to get contact information from everyone in attendance to give him an opportunity to do follow up.

Vice Mayor Murdock reminded everyone that there are formalities that have to be followed, and is happy about the support tonight. It is nice to see people are interested. She thanked everyone who showed up.

Mayor German would like to schedule a community meeting to discuss this. Please pass the information on to groups that would be interested.

4.3. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding approaching Yavapai College with options for centralized Career & Technical Education Center (CTE) campus options in Camp Verde. [Staff Resource: Staff Martin]

Town Manager Russ Martin said Yavapai College has had to leave Camp Verde, but this is an opportunity for them to re-establish themselves. There is a group that has gotten together and has had some discussion about helping Yavapai College move forward with re-establish themselves with a central location by possibly using a building on Highway

260. Mr. Martin also stated that Bob Weir, the Director of VACTE is in agreement that the Highway 260 area is central for the CTEC needs as well. Mr. Martin is bringing this before the Council for support and to direct him to go and have more conversations. He does not want to misrepresent the Town.

Councilor Whatley stated that Camp Verde needs to be represented by Yavapai College. She would like to see the investment of the Camp Verde tax dollars to have somewhere for the kids to go to without driving an hour.

Councilor Baker stated this is not only for the children but adults can benefit from this opportunity. The Town has wanted this for a long time and thanked everyone who is working on this. She is supporting this discussion.

Mayor German stated this is a phenomenal opportunity. He feels political pressure needs to be put on the Legislature to make sure there is adequate funding. He is on board with this, and directed Mr. Martin to move forward with this.

Public comment was taken on this item:

Linda Buchanan works at Yavapai College. Anytime people are talking about education she believes good things can come from that. She commends the Council for that. She stated the agenda item is confusing. She stated this will be a long range discussion because of new leadership in the School Districts and Yavapai College. School Districts will have to consider funding that could be lost if programs are moved from their campus's. School Districts and municipalities operate fundamentally differently from each other. Yavapai College has a partnership with the Town to be able to fund different projects and programs. Discussions by governing boards are data driven. She encourages the Council to start at that level of conversation. Make sure you are making decisions that can be supported and not detrimental to school districts. She will carry the message back to Dr. Perey.

Carol German thanked the Council for listening. They are working to develop a more centralized center in Camp Verde. There is an opportunity to develop a larger center in Camp Verde and they really need Yavapai College to be involved. Not only would the center be for teens but also for adults. The committee has all the superintendents on board and willing to participate with this. The taxes that are paid to Yavapai College should be enough to cover expenses. They have met with Dr. Wills and have learned they are already talking about remodeling a building on the Verde Campus. It is not suitable for a Career and Technology Center and students are not able to get there. With this new opportunity it will take work but it can be done. If the Town of Camp Verde is willing to back this, then the committee will approach other town councils. It will take a lot to push something through; the communities will need to support this.

Dan Mabery said about four years ago people were approached as to what is going on with Yavapai College and the educational opportunities that were afforded to the Verde Valley were not commiserative with the taxes that were being paid. After some research he found that we are getting about half the money in return for educational opportunities from Yavapai College. You are paying double from what you receive. Mr. Mabery went on to say the College Board developed a committee to advise them as to what is needed. The committee gave them seventeen suggestions but only one was taken seriously. The

Board then disbanded the committee. He stated the College is not listening. The committee tried to point the Board in the direction of a need that needed to be filled. Bob Weir is actively involved as well as Chairwomen, Jane Winiecki from the Yavapai Apache Nation. They all support using a facility in the Steve Coury area because it's central. The College does not support this. The committee needs support from the Councils for this location. You will see that support is widespread and will give us the ability to get tax money back into the community.

Steve Ayers got involved in this two years ago with the Verde Valley Forum. It has been challenging to work with the State Legislature in trying to fund projects for smaller communities. He is not picking a fight with Yavapai College. It makes sense to find a place to educate the kids of the communities that is convenient for everyone. The property out there is a more accessible location. He thanked the Council for the support to pursue the properties. It's about building the work force for the future and growing our economy.

Joe Butner stated this is important as it involves the education of kids and adults in our community, at the root of economic development of our community. It prepares kids to be productive citizens. It is important to get our tax dollars back. This is important for our kids. He urged the Council to strongly support this. This is the kind of thing that law suits are made of.

Rob Witt got involved in this because of Bob Weir, who wanted to have a CTEC at Steve Cory site. Career Technology Education for Yavapai College is going up, and enrollment is increasing. He has done a lot of research and it appears that we are responsible for 30% of their budget and they give us only 9% back. The Statutes say Yavapai College needs to work for us. There is funding available. It takes energy and motion to change the status quo. It will make a significant difference to the Verde Valley.

Carol German presented a letter from Bob Weir showing his support.

Councilor Whatley said it is past time for Yavapai College to work with the Town. Last time we met with Yavapai College we asked for a meeting with the Manager and Mayor to speak with them, but this meeting has not happened yet. She feels we are completely and totally ignored.

Mr. Martin said that the Council needs to work with the college at different levels.

Dan Mabery said the College has the money.

Joe Butner people don't do things for you unless there is a compelling need to do it, it's called leverage. We need to figure out where the leverage comes from.

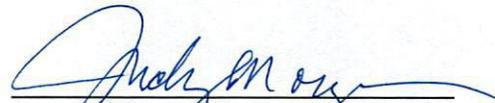
Mayor German restated the Council is directing Mr. Martin to go out and test the waters and then set up meetings with other Councils in the Verde Valley and present it as a group.

Carol German said to please include Chairwomen Jane Winiecki as she is very interested in being involved.

5. Adjournment

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

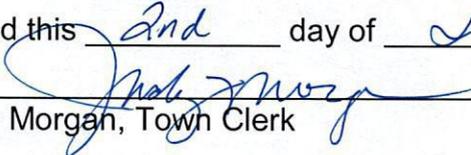

Mayor Charles German


Attest: Town Clerk Judy Morgan

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 Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on June 13, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2018.



Judy Morgan, Town Clerk