

**MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Minutes are a summary of the discussion. They are not verbatim.
Public input is placed after Council discussion to facilitate future research.**

1. Call to Order

Mayor German called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor German, Vice Mayor Baker, and Councilors George, German, Gordon, Jones, and Whatley were present.

Also Present:

Manager Martin and Town Clerk Barber were present. Candidates Schlegel and Gerhardt were present during separate interviews.

On a motion by George, seconded by Gordon, the Council voted unanimously to conduct the interviews in Executive Session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion or consideration of assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body.

The Special Session was recessed at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened at 6:22 p.m.

3. Interviews with the following candidates for the Town Magistrate position.

A. Paul A. Schlegel

B. H. Allen Gerhardt

Council conducted interviews for the Town Magistrate position with Paul A. Schlegel and H. Allen Gerhardt during Executive Session. They took no action under this item.

4. Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to and/or possible appointment of a Magistrate.

On a motion by Mayor German, seconded by Gordon, the Council voted to appoint Paul A. Schlegel as Magistrate. Baker and Councilor German voted no.

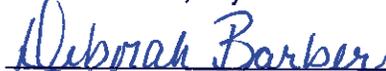
Baker read a statement into the record, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of the record. In this statement, Baker expressed her concerns with violating long-standing procedures again, negating the work of the Interview Committee, and not supporting decisions that are made by the majority of Council. She ended the statement with going on record that she did not want to hear another accusation about her not supporting the majority's decisions.

5. Adjournment

On a motion by Whatley, seconded by Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Charles German, Mayor



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions and/or discussion 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 September 24, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 13 day of Sept, 2014.

Deborah Barber

Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

*Jackie Baker's Statement
Read at the meeting*

When we began the process of selecting a Magistrate for our Town, an interview committee was set up in order to choose the best candidate. The committee was made up of 3 Council members, the Manager, court staff, the current Magistrate, and a Superior Court judge. The committee sent forth their recommendations to Council. The majority of Council then voted on the order of the candidates.

It has been our procedure as long as I have been on Council to negotiate with the top candidate and if it doesn't work out, we move to the second one on the list and negotiate. We have never marginalized the Interview Committee's recommendations. Tonight we are interviewing two candidates without input from the very people that this person will be working with. I feel that this is not only unprofessional, but sends a message to those professionals who volunteered their time and expertise that we really do not care what they think. Maybe the next time that we need their assistance, they will remember how they were treated. Actions such as this is how Camp Verde gets a bad name.

Again, the majority of the Council voted on the ranking of the candidates based on the Committee's recommendations and yet, this is back on the agenda in contradiction to our own long-standing procedures.

May I remind Council that we have two current employees that were each on prior lists. ~~Paul Martin and Ken Long.~~

I want to go on record that from this point forward, I do not want to hear another accusation about me not supporting decisions made by the majority of Council.

For those we did no add. interviews, meetings or asked for add. candidates - we simply moved forward with the ~~best~~ committee's recommendations.