

MINUTES
SPECIAL/WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
Of the TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor German called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Charles German, Vice Mayor Jackie Baker, Councilors Bruce George, Brad Gordon, Jessie Jones. Carol German were present. Councilor Robin Whatley was absent.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor German led the pledge.

4. **Discussion, consideration, and possible appointment of two community representatives to a newly formed Advisory Board to Yavapai College Governing Board.**

Vice Mayor Baker advised that Dean Perry of the Clarkdale Campus with Yavapai College requested an advisory group with representatives from each community. Mayor Rob Adams of Sedona has already put a group together. Council German clarified this would be a different advisory board than the one that Adams has created. Baker further indicated that this would be an advisory board to the college governing board representing the communities of the Verde Valley and there is a June 18, 2014 deadline.

Mayor German stated he has spoken with other communities who are still in the process of deciding how to move forward and handle this request.

Councilor German requested the Council discuss how to handle the process. Mayor German indicated that Councilors should start thinking of individuals they would like to recommend and contact them to see if they are interested in becoming a representative.

(Item 5 was previously discussed at the May 7, 2014 Regular Session)

5. **Review, discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to Bid #14-107, Community Library. Bids for construction, received on April 23, 2014, ranged from \$3,111,000 to \$4,149,000. Discussion may also include financing options and possible construction changes and/or alternatives as set forth by Council.** Staff Resource: Ron Long and Kathy Hellman
Ron Long presented and discussed a power point presentation, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of the record.

Gordon stated that he did not feel the cost for redesigning the plans could cost \$300,000. Martin clarified the cost would be 10% of the changes not the total cost.

Martin reviewed the library-funding sheet, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of the record.

Baker was concerned that the second story would have to be addressed and financed in the future, so they should consider it now.

George noted that there are financing options available and within those terms, the Town could make lower payments for the first 5 years, which would have a smaller effect on the budget and once the other obligations are paid, the Town could then make larger payments toward the library project.

Public Input:

Carol Davis, resident and educator in the community, expressed support for the library and acknowledged the need in the community, but voiced her disapproval in the consideration of financing more than what was agreed upon for the budget. Davis recommended eliminating unnecessary expenses to reduce the overall cost. She felt that asking the retirees of the community to pay for this project was unfair, raising taxes was not the answer and 30% of the residents are below the poverty level.

Roger Doering stated that population drives the market and according to population studies in 20 years, statistics show that an 11,000 sq. ft. building would be adequate. Doering recommended consideration of utilizing the old library with an expansion of 10,000 sq. foot addition.

Bruce Davis felt that the problem is that the architect designed a building that does not fit within our budget and recommended seeking a new architect.

Linda Harkness indicated that the original budget did not include the second story and felt it was unfair to say the architect over designed the building when it was requested that they change the specifications.

Robert Johnson inquired about what would be happening with the old building and suggested using it to save money.

Rob Whitt provided a hand out regarding different ARS Statutes that he felt should be considered when discussing the bidding options. Whitt stated that he felt that the Town needed to have a vision of the future and invest in the community, but was frustrated that 80% of the revenue generated from the construction of the new library would not remain locally. Whitt indicated his support of the project, but voiced his strong stance that the community should be employed by the project.

John Bassous, local contractor and town resident, stated that completing the second story of the library after the original construction would not void warranties as previously stated in the PowerPoint presentation. Bassous spoke about the concept of value engineering, recycling the old building, and that the drawings would need changes that would include additional costs. Bassous advised that completing the second story would not void the original construction. He clarified value engineering and said that he would prefer a completed building, but he was concerned about financing.

Saepyo Choe, part time employee with the library stated that she is active with the Teen Advisory Board. Choe indicated that the town approved grants for the teen center prior to construction and now is considering taking that away by not constructing the entire building. The second story is not just a place for books, but for teens to gather for constructive interactive learning, and therefore, the second story is priceless.

Billy Cook, volunteer and president of the Teen Advisory Board, spoke of what the City of Cottonwood provides for its youth, specifically its teens and compared that information to what Camp Verde has to offer at this time for its teens and youth. Cook indicated that he feels he has matured from the opportunities he has had from participating at the library and wants that available for others his age.

Janene Bearhills stated that starting a new library will bring in more of the community.

Selena Johnson stated she has been volunteering for a year at the library, and that the opportunity has helped her grow and gain social skills. Johnson indicated that parents will trust their children at the library, but not at an unsupervised park and some kids do not want to go to the local pool due to personal insecurities.

Tom Pitts stated that he is a major user of the library and spoke about low cost loans and programs that should be considered. Pitts indicated he is working on a grant to help bring high-speed internet to the area that is necessary for the library. Pitts voiced his support for either option A or B.

Carol Davis spoke again stating she understood that there is a need with the teens because there is nothing for them to do, having first-hand experience with this while being a teacher in Camp Verde. Davis stated that the library would give the teens a future.

David White addressed the Council regarding the tax increase and how money was spent rather than putting the town back in a position of not being in a crisis. White indicated his lack of support for building the "Taj Mahal" and recommended the consideration of a 13,000 sq. ft. single story building. White also strongly encouraged Council to review and reconsider the placement of the building.

Leroy White stated that he shares a boundary with proposed library and indicated his disapproval to continue to tax the population to pay for the building. White indicated that the building can be completed and the town can stay within the original budget.

The meeting recessed at 7:33 pm and reconvened at 7:41 pm.

6. **Discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff regarding revisions of the Town Code as it pertains to "Noise".**

Town Manager Russ Martin gave a brief an overview of the matter and the need for a specific noise ordinance.

CVMO Commander Bruce Girt discussed and referenced the noise ordinance packet, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of the record.

Vice Mayor Baker agreed and indicated her support in the need for clarity in the ordinance including the entertainment district and acceptable time frames.

Jones inquired exactly how the Marshal's Office would conduct the measurement of the noise complaints. Girt indicated it would be conducted with a sound meter.

Girt advised Council that there have been 200 noise complaints from June 1, 2013 to June 1, 2014. Gordon asked how many of those complaints were for barking dogs, Girt was unsure of the breakdown in numbers at that time.

Community Development Director Mike Jenkins stated that the new medical center coming to the area has spoken to his department regarding their concerns for noise ordinances and the noise that the new construction of the building would emit. Jenkins stated there would need to be exceptions in the ordinance for such circumstances

Roger Doering spoke of his experience with measuring sound and suggested that wind be taken into account when performing measurements.

Girt indicated that all officers would become sound meter certified.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Charles German, Mayor



Marie Moore, Recording Secretary

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 11, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 22 day of July, 2014.

Deborah Barber
Deborah Barber, Town Clerk