

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014 at 5:30 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 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor German, Vice Mayor Baker, and Councilors George, Gordon, and Whatley were present. Councilors German and Jones were absent. Vice Mayor Baker arrived at approximately 5:31 p.m.

Also Present

Public Works Director Ron Long, Deputy PW Director Troy Odell, Admin Assistant Linda Peterson, Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Clerk Deborah Barber, and Recording Secretary Marie Moore

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor German led the pledge.

- 4. Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to the Verde Valley Senior Center's (Center) request for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Town's 2014 CDBG funding cycle, to include, but not be limited to the Council's 12-11-13 direction to include the Center's requests for a vehicle and kitchen equipment (\$45,000 total) in the Town's priority list for funding.**
Council agreed that the funding should remain in Town for the street projects.

Councilor George explained that he attended the Verde Valley Transportation Coordination Committee meeting and discovered the Verde Valley Senior Center received vehicles from ADOT every 5 years. He felt that Council should be made aware of this and because of this new information, he now felt that with the Town's current finances, the entire amount of CDBG funds should go to the street project, which was Council's #1 priority. George also felt that the City of Cottonwood should be responsible for their kitchen and that the Town should address the needs of our own Senior Center.

Baker agreed and thanked Councilor George for his work and thoughtfulness in bringing this matter back to Council.

Town Clerk Barber explained that the street improvement project costs are anticipated at \$410,000.00 and the grant totals about \$264,000 less \$5,000 administration costs that go to Northern Arizona Council of Governments, leaving a balance of \$151,000 that the Town will need to come up with. She noted that if the Town funded the Verde Valley Senior Center, the Town's match would then be in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

Mayor German indicated that he had read in the paper that they are installing a lighted sign for approximately \$20,000, as well as constructing a Ramada. He said that he felt that meals should be a priority over the installation of a lighted sign.

Councilor Whatley clarified that the Camp Verde Senior Center did not apply for the funding. Barber advised that it was her responsibility to assist applicants with completing necessary paperwork and that the Senior Center had not applied. She further advised that with new HUD regulations, the Senior Center must show the ability to stay open for a period of 5 years or the ability to pay back any funding received. She said, based on previous applications, she was not sure that the Senior Center was in a position to meet these conditions.

Councilor Whatley expressed concerns of possible repercussions for not funding the van and asked if the Town could specify that the funds go specifically to toward the purchase of a van. Town Clerk, Deborah Barber indicated that there would be an agreement with outlined specifications for all funding.

Mayor German requested a future agenda item to meet with Senior Center to speak with them regarding the requirement to be compliant because they have previously refused federal funding due to the requirements. Barber advised that the Town had previously purchased a van for the Senior Center with CDBG funding and for several years, provided the Center with fuel and insurance for the vehicle. The Senior Center has since stopped the meals on wheels program due to federal requirements. The CDBG money has since then been used to remodel a roof and replace an A/C Unit in the amount of \$58,000 and kitchen improvements. She noted that the Town could guarantee the Senior Center's application.

Barber advised that the next meeting on January 15th would be the 2nd public meeting in which Council will authorize the application with resolutions. She explained that the Town receives CDBG money every 4 years, noting that for the past two CDBG cycles or 8 years, the Town has been working on the Townsite Improvement Project in phases, starting with Head Street, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th Streets, then Hollamon Street. This cycle will complete the project. She noted when this project is complete, it will have taken 12 years.

Public Input

Murray Lichty said that the Verde Valley Senior Center could utilize federal surplus auctions to purchase vehicles and equipment and that he felt the money should be used for Town projects.

5. **PowerPoint presentation, explanation, and discussion of the requirements of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and the need for a complete Stormwater Program that includes a comprehensive drainage plan. Staff Resource: Ron Long**

Deputy Director Troy Odell presented a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of this record.

Following the presentation, Council members discussed whether storm water management should be a duty of the Community Development Department; using other communities' ordinances so that we would not have to reinvent the wheel; the ability to accomplish the requirements with existing staff; funding sources, including grants; requiring development to pay for itself; and schedules.

Vice Mayor Baker indicated that the area of Diamond Creek and Howards Road has been flooding approximately 28 years to her knowledge and that ADOT was supposed to have alleviated problem before the homes were built. Odell advised that physically Howards Road cannot drain due to the highway construction of SR260. Vice Mayor Baker questioned whether the Diamond Creek subdivision was supposed to have a retention basin, in which Troy Odell indicated that they handled the construction so that it didn't increase per the drainage report.

Public Works Director Long addressed the Main Street drainage problems Baker reported that this was another area that ADOT was to have addressed with their improvements. Long indicated that there was not a place in Town that did not have a drainage problem.

Council discussed the possibility of including the State, Federal, and National Parks in discussions about the flooding problems and how the water might be contained so that it does not damage our residents.

Odell advised that he had toured the areas that are causing problems and had requested a blanket permit to determine upgrades needed. He explained that it was not possible because the Forest Service requires permits and archeological clearance before any upgrades could take place. Odell also indicated that Congresswoman Kirkpatrick is backing the need for a blanket permit with the Forest Service as well.

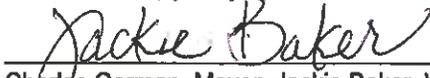
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Kate McCord states she feels helpless because she lives across from ditch and can not access any part of it to keep it from flooding her property.

Bob Johnson inquires if he is in flood plain in which Troy Odell explains he is not, and is solely effected by localized drainage and when the subdivision was built there were no drainage requirements.

6. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Baker, seconded by Councilor George, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Charles German, Mayor Jackie Baker, Vice 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 Special/Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on January 8, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6 day of February, 2013.



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk