

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2013 at 6:30 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 6:30 P.M.

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Charles German, Vice Mayor Jackie Baker, Councilor Gordon, Jones, German and Whatley were present. Councilor George was absent-attempts were made to connect with Councilor George via the telephone but because of technical difficulties, the attempts were unsuccessful.

Also Present

Town Manager Russ Martin, Community Development Director Michael Jenkins, Public Works Director Ron Long, Town Clerk Deborah Barber and Recording Secretary Rita Severson.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Mayor German

4. **Consent Agenda** – All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.

a) **Approval of the Minutes:**

- 1) June 19, 2013 – Special Session
- 2) June 19, 2013 – Regular Session
- 3) June 21, 2013 – Council/Manager Retreat
- 4) June 26, 2013 – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters

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

- 1) July 24, 2013 at 5:00 – Special Session – Public Hearing & Adoption of FY 2013/14 Budget
- 2) July 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters – **CANCELLED**
- 3) August 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 4) August 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 5) August 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters

c) **Possible approval of recommendations for FY 13 year-end budget adjustments, moving budgeted wages from the HR Department in General Admin to the Maintenance Department in Public Works. Staff Resource: Mike Showers**

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Jones, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, as presented, cancelling the August 28th meeting because Council members will be attending the League Conference

5. **Special Announcements & Presentations -**

- **Possible approval of Proclamation declaring August 2013 as Drowning Impact Awareness Month.**

Councilor German read the proclamation and Mayor German proclaimed August 2013 as "Drowning Impact Awareness Month".

6. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

John Maddox representing Homes for our Troops addressed the Mayor and Council regarding an effort to assist and support with fund raising efforts to build Sgt. Jordan Maynard and his family home in Camp Verde; the Sergeant returned home from his tour with an injury that took both of his legs. Mr. Maddox asked the Mayor and Council to consider a proclamation to honor Sgt. Maynard and the sacrifice he made for his country.

Mayor and Council directed Town Manager Russ Martin to formulate a proclamation.

7. **Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed debt levy for Camp Verde Sewer District.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin

Public Hearing opened:

Nancy Floyd stated she would like to see more clarification of the costs, she is on a fixed income and this will directly affect her even though she is not connected to the Sewer District.

James Strava also indicated he would like a clearer explanation of the amounts and how they were calculated. He is not a user of the Sewer District.

John Teague stated he was in the Sewer District, but would like to have a clearer understanding of the numbers before Council approves the proposed debt levy.

There was no other public input.

Public Hearing closed.

Council Discussion:

Mayor and Council asked staff to help supply a better clarification of the costs and charges to insure that the citizens had the information that they needed to fully understand the changes in the levy and user fees.

Manager Martin told Council that this information is readily available on the Town's website along with the information that was supplied for tonight's agenda. Martin gave more detail on the amortization for the loan on the Levy. He explained how the County is involved with the increased assessed value on each citizen's home and the County will collect the taxes for the Town. He explained that the Sanitary District Board would have taken on this effort, but now that the Town is the trustee for the Levy and Sewer District, the Council is doing it. Martin also added that there will also be a revenue generator on the business side of the Sewer District and that it is minimal at this time, He advised that there would be an annual review of the user fees.

8. **Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed user fees for Camp Verde Sewer District.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin

Public Hearing opened.

James Strava told the Mayor and Council that the user fees would not affect him, but that he feels the \$.50 cent increase per fixture is too high and worth a little more investigation.

John Maddox indicated that he has worked in this type of environment and would like the Council to keep in mind the cost of repairs and maintenance a Sewer District could need, noting that there is always the unforeseeable and that a reserve of funds will be needed to keep the Sewer District running properly.

There was no other public input.

Public Hearing closed.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Gordon wanted to know if the operational part of the levy will be decreased to all of the tax payers.

Martin explained that the Levy included the debt and operational expenses, but now that the Town is the trustee these two items have been separated and that only the users would have the operational costs assessed in their user fees.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of the debt levy certifying to Yavapai County the amount necessary to be collected for this purpose, acting as Trustee to the Camp Verde Sanitary District.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin

On a motion by Jones, seconded by Gordon, Council voted 4 to 2 to approve the debt levy certifying to Yavapai County the amount necessary to be collect for this purpose, acting as Trustee to the Camp Verde Sanitary District. Vice Mayor Baker and Councilor Carol German voted no.

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of sewer fees, specifically increasing monthly user rates to offset the removal of the operational levy.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin

On a motion by Jones, seconded by Gordon, Council voted 4 to 2 to approve sewer fees, specifically increasing monthly user rates to offset the removal of the operational levy. Vice Mayor Baker and Councilor Carol German voted no.

11. **Public Hearing, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible recommendation of approval of Series 7 (beer and wine bar) Liquor License application for White Hills Winery LLC located at 325 S. Main Street, Camp Verde, AZ.** Staff Resource: Deborah Barber

On a motion by Gordon, seconded by German, the Council unanimously approved series 7 (beer and wine bar) Liquor License application for White Hills Winery LLC located at 325 S. Main Street, Camp Verde, AZ.

Barber explained that State Law required a public hearing prior to recommending approval of a liquor license. She advised that these were new licenses submitted by Barbara Goetting. She advised that the applications had been posted for the required 20-day period and there were no comments. She also advised that Mrs. Goetting was in the audience if Council members had questions.

Public Input

There was no public input.

12. **Public Hearing, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible recommendation of approval of Series 10 (beer and wine store) Liquor License application for White Hills Winery located at 325 S. Main Street, Camp Verde, AZ.** Staff Resource: Deborah Barber

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Gordon, the Council unanimously approved series 10 (beer and wine store) Liquor License application for White Hills Winery located at 325 S. Main Street, Camp Verde, AZ.

Public Input

There was no public input.

13. **Public Hearing, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible recommendation of approval of Series 12 liquor license application (Restaurant) for White Hills Winery LLC (The Horn) located at 348 S. Main Street, Camp Verde, AZ.** Staff Resource: Deborah Barber

On a motion by Whatley, seconded by German, the Council unanimously approved series 12 liquor license application (Restaurant) for White Hills Winery LLC (The Horn) located at 348 S. Main Street, Camp Verde, AZ.

Public Input

There was no public input.

14. **Public Hearing, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible recommendation of approval of Series 3 liquor license application (Microbrewery) for Verde Brewing Company LLC located at 348 S.**

Main Street, Camp Verde, AZ. Staff Resource: Deborah Barber

On a motion by German, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously approved series 3 liquor license application (Microbrewery) for Verde Brewing Company LLC located at 348 S. Main Street, Camp Verde, AZ.

Public Input

Alex Goetting addressed the Mayor and Council; he thanked Camp Verde in general for an easier process and stated that his vision for the brewing company is to build on the strengths of the Verde Valley.

Mayor German requested that item 16 be heard before item 15.

16. **Presentation by Nikki Miller relative to a memorial for the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots who lost their lives in the Yarnell Hill Fire, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible authorization to proceed with fundraising efforts and discussion as to the possible location of the memorial, to include Rezzonico Family Park. (The presentation and discussion is limited to 10 minutes.)**

On a motion by German, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously approved authorization to proceed with fundraising efforts and discussion as to the possible location of the memorial.

Nikki Miller addressed the Council by giving a brief history of her background, noting that she has dealt with forest fire issues her whole life. She said that she would like to see a memorial built in the center of the State in honor of the 19 firefighters that lost their lives in the Yarnell fire, noting that the center of the State monument is in Rezzonico Family Park. She suggested a burnt tree with wild flowers growing at its base. She said that this would represent both the devastation and beauty of the recovery. She asked Council for permission to begin fundraising for a monument, noting that the timing of this request coincides with the Corn Festival.

Council Discussion:

In general, the Mayor and Council were supportive of the idea of the fundraising, but concerned that the location in Rezzonico Family Park needed further consideration since there was no design yet for the park or how it will relate to the new library. Council members also felt that Prescott would be doing a memorial since the hotshot crew was from there and there was really no need for two memorials. Miller assured Council that if Prescott planned a memorial, she would donate any funds that were collected to their memorial.

15. **Commander Girtz and Sergeant Berrelez will update Council on the K-9 Memorial fundraising efforts, followed by discussion, consideration, and possible authorization to place the K-9 Memorial at Rezzonico Family Park. (The presentation and discussion is limited to 10 minutes.)**

As in the previous presentation, Council fully supported the efforts of the fundraising, but that designating an area in the park was premature. Council wanted Sgt. Berrelez to understand at this time there will be no decision on the location of a K-9 memorial in the park until the master plan with the library is in place.

Sgt. Berrelez updated the Council on the K-9 program through Marshal's office and the history of the first K-9 Jake. K-9 Officer Jake was named after Officer Jake Teague who was killed. Berrelez also advised that Officer Teague was his best friend. Sgt. Berrelez explained that would like to have the memorial in the Rezzonico Family Park so that it would be centrally located and available to more visitors, noting that the Marshal's office is also a good place, but that there are not a lot of visitors that frequent the office.

Public Input

John Teague in response to Councilor Whatley's request explained that Officer Jake Teague was his son. Mr. Teague fully supported the memorial, but he also thought that it would be good to have a memorial of fallen officers and K-9s at the Marshall's Office too.

17. **Presentation and possible discussion of the following Quarterly Reports**
a. **Board of Adjustments and Appeals**
b. **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Council took no action on this item.

Community Development Director read the quarterly reports to Council.

18. **Discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff regarding possible improvements as it relates to the development of Blackbridge Lane.**

Councilor Gordon opened the discussion with his concerns of public safety and possibly improvements to the Blackbridge Lane and Montezuma Castle Highway during the construction of the library. He said that this intersection has been a dangerous maneuver in the past and adding the library will increase the traffic flow through it. Martin indicated that this end of Blackbridge Lane would become a cul-de-sac that would make traffic head out to the other end of Blackbridge and Montezuma Castle Highway. Public Works Director Ron Long told Council that in a 2010 study, NACOS awarded funding for a study in this area for the year 2015.

Manager Martin advised that staff could look into this concern and bring it back to a work session with possible options.

19. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

David White wanted the Council to be aware that he is against the positioning of the proposed new library and he really feels this will enhance the flooding possibilities. He said that a significant drainage project should be completed with the building of the library.

20. **Council Informational Reports.**

Councilor Gordon reported about his tour of the Sedona Recycling plant. It is a very impressive operation and they hire their employees from Rainbow Acres. Mayor German also attended the tour and was equally impressed noting that it will be many years before there will be any type of revenue generated from the recycling efforts.

21. **Manager/Staff Report**

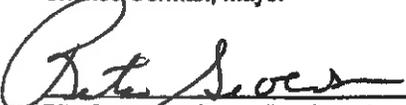
Martin notified the Mayor and Council that he will be out of the office next Wednesday through Friday on vacation and that Marshal Gardner would be in charge. He advised that he will be in Mexico and that it might be difficult to contact him. He advised that the Council meeting on 7/24 would have an item for the Sanitary District IGA and adoption of the FY13/14 budget.

22. **Adjournment:**

On a motion by Mayor German, seconded by Jones, the Council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 P.M.



Charles German, Mayor



Rita Severson, 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 Regular Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on July 17, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 13 day of August, 2013.

Deborah Barber
Deborah Barber, Town Clerk