

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012  
6:30 P.M.**

**Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.  
Public input is placed after Council motions to facilitate future research.  
Public input, where appropriate, is heard prior to the motion**

1. **Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
  
2. **Roll Call**  
Mayor Burnside, Vice Mayor Kovacovich, Councilors Whatley, George, Buchanan, Baker and German were present.  
  
**Also Present:** Town Manager Russ Martin, Public Works Director Ron Long, Library Director Gerry Laurito, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.
  
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
The Pledge was led by Kovacovich.
  
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) Regular Session – February 1, 2012
    - 2) Work Session – January 25, 2012
  - b) **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
    - 1) February 22, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters
    - 2) March 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
    - 3) March 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
  - c) **Possible approval of the FY 12/13 Budget Calendar** Staff Resource: Mike Showers
  - d) **Possible approval of the Library Materials Sales Agreement with the Camp Verde Library Endowment (CVLE) to accept used library materials to be sold by CVLE to benefit the Library.**  
Staff Resource: Gerry Laurito
  - e) **Possible receipt of warranty deeds upon completion from Chase Bank for parcels 404-02-024U and 404-02-024W located in the Northeast Industry Commerce Park off Howard's Road and possible acceptance of these parcels into the Town's road system for maintenance.**  
On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Baker, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented, with the exception of Item 4.a)2).

Burnside requested that Item 2 under Approval of the Minutes be pulled.

**4.a)2) Approval of the Minutes: Work Session-January 25, 2012**

On a motion by Burnside, seconded by Buchanan, the Council unanimously voted to send the Minutes back to staff to be brought back at a later date for approval, with the addition of German's statement, and the line item removed.

Burnside referred to the last page of those Minutes, specifically the item, "Ideas Moving Forward," and explained that at the meeting, he did not believe that there was a full discussion and general agreement on

the line item, "a budget not to exceed \$80,000." He did recall that one Council member expressed an opinion. Burnside's concern was that such a limit would affect the Town Manager's ability to take advantage of real opportunities forthcoming, as indicated by the last sentence in that item. After discussion with each Council member and the Town Manager, it was agreed that there had not been a consensus on a specific amount. German explained that she was the member who would like to see the amount kept at \$80,000, and she agreed that there was not a general consensus; that was only her opinion based on her concern about the Town already currently operating at a deficit, and wanting to be fiscally responsible. Burnside requested that the line item be removed and the Minutes corrected to include German's statement; action was taken accordingly.

5. **Special Announcements & Presentations**

- **Welcome to the new businesses:**
  - ❖ **Rainbow Ranch Construction LLC. – Camp Verde, AZ**
  - ❖ **Childrens Party People-Prescott, AZ**
  - ❖ **R & M Building Services – Flagstaff, AZ**
  - ❖ **Bee Electric Co. Inc. – Mesa, AZ**
  - ❖ **Comfort Building Services LLC – Cottonwood, AZ**
  - ❖ **Stewart & Sons LLC – Jerome, AZ**
  - ❖ **Alcantara Vineyard – Cottonwood, AZ - Special Event**
  - ❖ **Pillsbury Wine Company North – Phoenix, AZ - Special Event**
  - ❖ **Bitter Creek Winery – Gilbert, AZ – Special Event**
  - ❖ **Arizona Stronghold Vineyard – Cornville, AZ - Special Event**
  - ❖ **Kokopelli Winery – Chandler, AZ – Special Event**
  - ❖ **Javelina Leap Vineyard & Wine – Cornville, AZ – Special Event**
  - ❖ **Jerome Winery – Gilbert, AZ – Special Event**
  - ❖ **Granite Creek Vineyards – Chino Valley, AZ – Special Event**
  - ❖ **Freitas Vineyards – Cottonwood, AZ – Special Events**
  - ❖ **Oak Creek Vineyard and Winery – Cornville, AZ – Special Event**

Burnside announced the list of new businesses, and welcomed each to the Town.

6. **Council Informational Reports.**

**German** reported on her attendance, together with Councilor Buchanan, at the Beaver Creek Arizona Centennial celebration, and described in detail what she referred to as a spectacular event that was held in the Beaver Creek new Multi-Use Center, including enjoying digital stories of the Verde Valley history; more of those stories will be shown this Friday at the Camp Verde Multi-Use Center. German also reported on attending the Camp Verde Superintendent's Advisory Council this morning; the Camp Verde School District is going to get involved in the YCETC (Yavapai County Educational Technological Consortium) That group will be setting up distance learning in all the different schools in the area to enable students to get courses from other venues through telecommunication.

**Buchanan** echoed German's remarks on the Centennial celebration, and also commented on the wonderful digital stories being available on CD's. Buchanan reported on attending the WAC meeting in Prescott this afternoon. He also attended a League of Women Voters Saturday in Sedona.

**Baker** said she was glad to be back after her recent bout with a health problem.

**Whatley** said she went to a water meeting; she also went to the Verde Valley Historical Photographs exhibit at the Yavapai County Attorney's Office, and described some of the photos that were on display there. Whatley also attended the League of Women Voters meeting, and said that a former Mayor of Phoenix is working on an initiative that would permit everybody to vote in every primary, regardless of party affiliation.

**George** also commented on the photo exhibit, and said that the pictures will be on permanent display. He also attended the League of Women Voters luncheon. On Monday he attended the Verde River Basin Partnership Committee meeting; that Committee will have a booth at the Pecan & Wine Festival to help educate people on handling the river and the water.

**Burnside** said that the water meeting referred to by **Whatley** was a focus on the economics of the Verde River; there will probably be some further meetings or a survey or a synopsis of all that has been learned and how they will be moving forward. **Burnside** also reported on the Black Canyon Trails Coalition meeting at the Prescott National Forest, and outlined the trails being planned from Carefree Highway all the way up, ending up on the State Trail. **Burnside** read the first paragraph of a letter from a young student noting some pedestrian safety problems on Hollamon and Fifth Street; **Burnside** referred her concern to the Town Manager to look into and report back, in order to respond to that student.

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

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

**Charlotte Salsman** announced that the Town now has Copper Canyon Trailhead; the grand opening will be next Wednesday at noon. Also, the Wine & Pecan Festival needs volunteers; call 703-969-3378 for further information.

There was no further public input.

8. **Presentation/Discussion by Sue Sammarco, Event Manager for the 2012 Petapalooza, a March 31, 2012 event on Town premises focused on both adoption of pets and 'Responsible Pet Ownership'.**

Staff Resource Russ Martin

There was no action taken.

Town Manager Martin said the upcoming event was made possible through the efforts of Ms. Sammarco, Councilor German, and a few other interested people working with staff; the Town appreciates the focus on the pet population, which is a concern of the Town as well.

Ms. Sammarco, a member of Yavapai Broadcasting, with an extensive background in dog showing and pet events, outlined the plans for the March 31<sup>st</sup> event and the decision to hold it in Camp Verde. The strong focus will be on adoption of animals being brought in from area humane groups, as well as the participation by many different vendors promoting the theme of "Responsible Pet Ownership." Ms. Sammarco described in detail the various activities that will be held at the Community Field, Gymnasium, Ramada, and at the Fort Verde State Historic Park Parade Grounds.

9. **Presentation/Discussion by Jody Nickerson, OHV Program Coordinator for the USFS regarding Travel Management Rule for public motorized travel relative to access on the Coconino National Forest.** Staff Resource Russ Martin

There was no action taken.

Martin emphasized that the subject Travel Management Rule has already been passed in 2005; the presentation is intended to familiarize the Council members with the changes that are coming to the National Forest in order to be able to respond to possible citizen inquiries.

Jody Nickerson referred to the handout that had been included in the Agenda packets, and said that she would be presenting the nuances of Travel Management on the Coconino National Forest. The Prescott Forest established their Travel Management Rule in 2009; their Motor Vehicle Use Map exhibits what is coming for the Coconino, and is free to the public. Ms. Nickerson detailed the changes affecting all National Forests and Grasslands regarding motorized vehicles, the identification of designated roads, trails and

areas open to motor vehicle use, prohibition of cross country travel, motorized camping, big game retrieval, permitted uses, and the current signing policies. Ms. Nickerson also pointed out penalties for violations of the Rule. During the discussion that followed, Burnside commented on the areas within the Town boundaries that have social trails, which Ms. Nickerson said she is aware of; she said those trails will be non-designated. Burnside offered to provide Ms. Nickerson with a copy of the map of the Camp Verde trails system, which she welcomed.

10. **Presentation/Discussion by Camp Verde Women Taking Action relative to adopting and making improvements to Rezzonico Park as a volunteer service project. Discussion may be followed by possible direction to staff on coming back before Council with plans for the project that will meet the Town's requirements for moving forward. Staff Resource: Ron Long**  
There was no action taken.

Martin explained that the group had met with Ron Long who suggested that they give an update to the Council on their plans, as well as to receive thoughts or comments on the project they are proposing.

Charlotte Chase, representing the Camp Verde Women Taking Action group, said they are relatively new, having started in June with the intent to take on Town of Camp Verde projects to try to make the Town as attractive as possible to businesses. If it meets with Council approval, Ms Chase said the group has decided to pursue beautifying and making Rezzonico Park more inviting to the public to have picnics, walk the trails and engage in various recreational activities. Ms. Chase said that they had walked the Park with Ron Long to discuss their ideas. Their target deadline is for Memorial Day and to involve Veterans in this project and honor them, with the Park perhaps creating an environment in which they can feel their contribution to this country has been recognized here in Camp Verde. The first phase of the project would be to establish the walking paths, and the next phases would involve lighting, reclaiming some picnic tables, landscaping, and perhaps a portable band shell to be used for community gatherings during the summer. Ms. Chase said they would like approval from the Council to pursue gaining volunteers and donations.

In response to questions from the Council, Ms. Chase said that they had talked to the Rezzonico family regarding the project, and that had been their first step; they are a non-profit group, loosely organized, and not established as a 501(c)(3). Ms. Chase said they would welcome volunteers, are not gender-specific, and would be happy to partner and collaborate with other groups who are pursuing the same type of venue. Whatley confirmed with Ms. Chase that the group will be coming back to Council with a plan before doing anything further, and wanted to make sure that they will also partner with the neighbors in the area; it is a very quiet neighborhood. Ms. Chase gave assurance that they would be sensitive to the neighborhood, and would only have entertainment on a toned-down basis. Whatley also stressed that the Park was created for access to the river, to be able to listen to the quiet, and picnic, and enjoy the river.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2012-861, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, expressing support for designation of a 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day'. Staff Resource: Russ Martin**  
On a motion by Buchanan, seconded by German, the Council unanimously approved Resolution 2012-861, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, expressing support for designation of a 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day'.

Martin said that as a proud son of a Vietnam Veteran, he became aware of this movement from his fellow Managers in the Valley who are also supporting designating the special Day. Martin said that he hopes there will be time before the proposed date of March 30, 2012 to be able to plan some type of recognition beyond just what this Resolution would accomplish, and that this will generate the attention that such a special Day deserves. During a brief discussion, Martin explained the difference between a Proclamation and a Resolution,, simply that all the members of the Town Council would be *resolving* to designate a

special Day; in the future the Day could then be *proclaimed*.

12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to updates and requested action(s) concerning proposed legislation that affects the Town.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin  
There was no action taken.

Martin explained that, as the Council's designated "lobbyist," he would like to continue having these on the Agendas for the time being, since it gives him the opportunity to not only make sure the members are aware of what is happening, but also that he is aware that the Council thinks certain items need to be brought to everyone's attention, and, depending upon their importance, to the attention of our Legislative representatives. Being able to check in with the Council at least every two weeks, if there is a burning issue, the hope is to alter the Agenda in time to be able to notify the public that a certain bill will be coming before the Council to weigh in on. Martin reviewed the process followed by the League of Cities regarding updating towns and cities on legislative happenings and lobbying on their behalf; bills are now starting to come up for consideration and possible action. Martin said that having this on the agenda throughout the Legislative session would enable staff to review with Council any legislation or potential action they may wish to take, from no action, to a phone call, or appearances in Phoenix, as well as to keep the public advised of those events. Martin stressed the importance of the proposed strategy of having everyone on the same page immediately responding to an issue. Martin said he would check into whether Work Session agendas would be included. It was noted that actions will be continued as necessary between meetings, pursuant to current Council policy.

13. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**  
(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

**Justin Wertz** gave an update on the skateboard park he is working on and the individuals that are lending support on the project for everybody to enjoy.

**David White**, whose mother lives on Black Bridge Loop Road, described a past experience where the residents felt that they were not being consulted about what was being done in that area, and they are afraid that it is happening again. Although the ladies said they talked to the Rezzonico's, nobody on Black Bridge Loop has been contacted. The prospect of lights being put up, a bandstand, and such, are of deep concern. Former agreements have not been honored. Also, who will be responsible for the maintenance of any improvements; the residents want to be in the loop before anything starts happening.

**Charlotte Salsman** said that what the ladies are attempting to do is a wonderful idea; however, unless they have spoken with Irene within the last month, they have not spoken with the Rezzonico's. The Rezzonico's have something in mind that they would like to do, but have done nothing yet because of the economy. Maintenance and upkeep are also of concern. Ms. Salsman also said she feels that any action group like this, coming into our town, should be from Camp Verde; she has heard some of them are from Cottonwood and other communities.

**Ramona Aldridge** commented on always seeing Bob Burnside working, and rarely in any type of social situation. Ms. Aldridge then read a Valentine's poem she had written extolling the Mayor for his consistently pleasant demeanor, his industry, and his dedication to the Town and its citizens.

There was no further public input.

14. **Manager/Staff Report**

Martin requested that the next CIP meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>; after discussion that date was agreed upon, and the time set for 5:30 p.m. for the Special Session.

15. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Buchanan, seconded by Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

  
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Bob Burnside, Mayor

  
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Margaret Harper, 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 the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 13 day of March, 2012.

  
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Debbie Barber, Town Clerk