



Mayor James L. Deermer called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, lead the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

Councilpersons Present: Mayor James L. Deermer and Councilmembers Cecilia C. McCollough, Alejandro M. Bejarano and Lisa J. Jameson, establishing there was a quorum present.

Councilperson Not Present: Vice Mayor Emma Q. Moser

Staff Present: Town Manager Rodney L. Rinehart and Deputy Town Clerk Becky J. Hopkins.

Guests: Juell & Vera Barker, Ed & Sally Hawley, Johnnie Altstatt, Richard & Fran Enos, Andy Smith and Mr. Rudd from Antelope High School.

- **Call To The Public** – Mr. Andy Smith, new Superintendent from Antelope High School, introduced himself and Mr. Rudd as the Principal for Antelope. They expressed their desire to work with Wellton.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Cash Disbursements List**
 - A. For the month of June 2012
 - B. For the month of July 2012

A motion was made Councilperson Bejarano, seconded by Councilperson McCollough, to approve the Cash Disbursement List for the months of June and July 2012. Voice vote 4-0, motion carried.

2. **Discussion and action to ratify and adopt Resolution #555, a Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Wellton committing local funds as leverage for a FY 2012 SSP Community Development Block Grant application.**

A motion was made by Councilperson Bejarano, seconded by Councilperson McCollough to adopt Resolution #555, a Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Wellton committing local funds as leverage for the FY 2012 SSP Community Development Block Grant application. Voice vote 4-0, motion carried.

3. **Discussion and possible action to approve a Request for Qualifications for Professional Services for the Town of Wellton Water System Evaluation.**
 - A. **The Town of Wellton desires to seek assistance to analyze its water system issues and efficiencies. The Town desires to select the best-qualified**

engineering firm through the Request for Qualifications process. The Town proposes to select and hire the engineering firm to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) that will provide the appropriate technical information to help the Town make important decisions on actions which will permit the Town to experience orderly growth and economic prosperity. In addition, the PER will be submitted to obtain funding with the United State Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) (See Project Elements, page 4)

Town Manager Rinehart informed the Council that the Town would like to hire an engineering firm to study our water system and to ultimately give us a Preliminary Engineering Report that will provide us their technical expertise in order to make knowledgeable decisions about what is needed to continue our growth and improvements to our water system. Town Manager Rinehart reported that once we have this Preliminary Engineering Report, he plans to use the report to obtain funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to make some of the recommended improvements.

A motion was made by Councilperson Bejarano, seconded by Councilperson McCollough to approve a Request for Qualifications for Professional Services for a Water System Evaluation. Voice vote 4-0, motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Request for Qualifications for Professional Services for the rehabilitation of Water Storage Tank #1, a 250,000 gallon tank.

Town Manager Rinehart informed the Council that we had a company conduct a visual assessment on our 250,000 gallon ground storage tank. The purpose of the assessment was to determine the condition of the interior and exterior coating systems along with the extent of corrosion and the severity of degradations. This written assessment will be used as a Request for Qualifications for Professional Services to have this 250,000 gallon tank rehabilitated. The Town has a fund set aside for this expense.

A motion was made by Councilperson Bejarano, seconded by Councilperson McCollough to approve a Request for Qualifications for Professional Services for the rehabilitation of Water Storage Tank #1, a 250,000 gallon tank. Voice vote 4-0, motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve a Request for Qualifications for Professional Services for the Town of Wellton General Plan.

Town Manager Rinehart informed the Council that we had a Scope of Services prepared in preparation to go out to bid for a consultant to prepare a General Plan Update.

A motion was made by Councilperson Bejarano, seconded by Councilperson McCollough to approve a Request for Qualifications for Professional Services for the Town of Wellton General Plan. Voice vote 4-0, motion carried.

6. Mayoral Proclamation**A. To proclaim the month of September 2012 as Library Card Sign-Up Month**

Mayor Deermer so proclaimed the month of September 2012 as Library Card Sign-Up Month.

7. Discussion and possible action on Variance Case #12-403. Public Hearing was held on December 6, 2011 but the Council tabled action to a future meeting.

VARIANCE CASE #12-403: Mr. Glen T. Curtis requests a Variance of the Wellton Town Code, Planning & Zoning Code, Section 8-5.5.E.5.e., "Roof, billboard and non-accessory signs are prohibited" of the Town of Wellton Planning and Zoning Code to allow the fabrication and installation of one (1) thirty-five (35') foot tall, 10' x 30' all steel double face billboard structure on a five (5) acre parcel of property located at Avenue 30E and Interstate 8.

Town Manager Rinehart reviewed the request with the Council explaining that this item was tabled from the December 6, 2011 and the applicant wished to have it put back on the agenda for action. The Council discussed the pros and cons of this issue and reviewed the pictures taken of the sight. The Council was opposed to the political advertisements which stereotype Wellton and feel that space on another sign might not be advertisements from local business.

A motion was made by Councilperson Bejarano, seconded by Councilperson Jameson to deny Variance Case #12-403. Voice vote 4-0, motion carried.

8. Other Reports - The Council reported they attended the Habitat for Humanity ribbon cutting ceremony for the first Habitat home in Wellton. It was very rewarding to be a part of giving eligible families the chance at owning a new home.

9. Manager's Report - Town Manager Rinehart reported he was working on our Sanitation services with WMIDD. They get charged tipping fees because they are outside Town limits and we are looking at options to make it more affordable for them.

He also reported that our 2012 SSP application was finished and delivered. This will be for a new booster pump station.

Regular meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

10. Executive Session

A. For legal, real estate or personnel Matters pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03, Section A (1), (3) And (7).

11. Adjournment

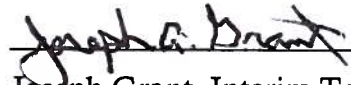
Meet reconvened to Regular Session and adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of December 2013



James L. Deerner, Mayor

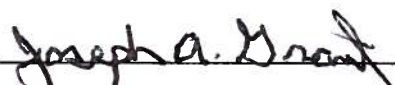
ATTEST:



Joseph Grant, Interim Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held August 7, 2012 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.



Joseph Grant, Interim Town Manager