



Mayor James L. Deermer called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, lead the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

Council Members Present: Mayor James L. Deermer, Vice Mayor Emma Q. Moser and Councilpersons Cecilia C. McCollough, Alejandro M. Bejarano and Lisa J. Jameson

Staff Present: Town Manager Rodney L. Rinehart, Deputy Town Clerk Becky J. Hopkins, Public Works Director Joe A. Grant, Interim Police Chief Jeffrey Philpot, Judge M. Russell Jones.

Guests: Ed & Sally Hawley, Juell & Vera Barker, Lynn Morgan, Victor Frankfather, and Ed & Maggie Heikila.

- **Call To The Public** – We had two calls to the public requests:
 - Mr. Doug Hoff informed the Council that the Coyote Wash Neighborhood Watch Group has been formed.
 - Ms. Diane Umphress came in late. Ms. Umphress is the Executive Director of Amberly's Place, she attended this evening to report on the activities the organization is involved with. Ms. Umphress gave the Council and public a brochure and the Council received a spreadsheet with services and number served for each service.
- **Department Head Reports**
 - A. Police Department
 - B. Magistrate & Court Department
 - C. Public Works Department

The Police Department, Town Magistrate and Public Works Department Heads gave the Council a summary of their Department's current activity.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion to review open meeting laws and procedures.

The Council is interested in reviewing and possibly updating Council procedures. Town Manager Rinehart handed out a publication called "Arizona's Open Meeting Law" and reviewed it with the Council. Councilmember Jameson asked to set a procedure for calling meeting. Town Manager Rinehart told her we would find samples from other Cities and Town or Municipal organizations for them to review.

Town Manager Rinehart also gave the Council the invitation to the League of Arizona Cities & Towns Newly Election Officials workshop and encouraged everyone to attend. This will answer a lot of questions. We will gather more information for the Councils review.

2. Approval of Minutes**A. For the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2013****B. For the Special Meeting of February 26, 2013**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Moser, seconded by Councilmember McCollough to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2013 and the special meeting of February 26, 2013 as corrected. Voice vote 5-0, motion carried.

3. Discussion and action to adopt Resolution #558, declaring and adopting the results of the primary election held on March 12, 2013.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Moser, seconded by Councilmember McCollough to adopt Resolution #558, declaring and adopting the results of the primary election held on March 12, 2013. Voice vote 5-0, motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to reappoint James L. Deermer to a three-year term (3/13 – 3/16) on the Town of Wellton Municipal Property Corporation Board of Directors

A motion was made by Councilmember Bejarano, seconded by Vice Mayor Moser, to reappoint James L. Deermer to a three year term (3/2013 – 3/2016) on the Town of Wellton Municipal Property Corporation Board of Directors. Voice vote 5-0, motion carried.

5. Mayoral Proclamations and Awards**A. Presentation of Certificates of Election to James L. Deermer, Cecilia C. McCollough, Alejandro M. Bejarano and Lisa J. Jameson.**

Vice Mayor Moser presented Certificates of Election to James L. Deermer, Cecilia C. McCollough, Alejandro M. Bejarano and Lisa J. Jameson.

B. Proclaim the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

The Mayor so Proclaimed the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

6. Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution #559, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Wellton adopting a Fair Housing Policy, making known its commitment to the principal of Fair Housing and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further Fair Housing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Moser, seconded by Councilman Bejarano to adopt Resolution #559, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Wellton adopting a Fair Housing Policy, making known its commitment to the principal of Fair Housing and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further Fair Housing. Voice vote 5-0, motion carried.

7. Update and discussion of our Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Town Manager Rinehart informed the Council that situation that lead to our Auditors,

REDW, to fail to file the Town's annual audit with the Auditor General's office by the prescribed deadline. He further explained how it is being remedied. The Town will incur no fines or penalties and we have asked John Todd to solicit a new auditor for the Town.

8. Other Reports

Councilmember Bejarano reported that he met with Danette Dunn of Allied Waste in regards to recycling and he also reported that he was asked to speak at the Grand Opening of the AWC East County Campus and encourages everyone to go over and look around and felt it was a great asset to our community.

9. Manager's Report

- Town Manager Rinehart reported that he has been working with Allied Waste to get us a proposal for recycling and he has a meeting tomorrow with them so we will continue working with them.
- On our Booster Pump Station project, which is a CDBG Project, met last week and we set the dates for the pre-bid for April 17, 2013 and the final bid opening will be due on May 1. We have all of our documentation from the State saying we can proceed with the project
- Reported on a new YCAT program which is called the Wellton CAT. This program will offer door -to- door service within Wellton into Yuma starting Friday, March 22, 2013. This service is available on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for \$2. Contact Number is on the Web.


10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Moser, seconded by Councilmember McCollough. Voice vote, 5-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.




James L. Deermer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Richard J. Watenpaugh, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held on March 19, 2013 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.


Richard J. Watenpaugh, Town Manager