

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 Special Council Meeting

Mayor James L. Deermer called the special session to order at 6:00PM on Friday, September 27, 2013, lead the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

Council Members Present: Mayor James L. Deermer, Vice Mayor Cecilia C. McCollough, Councilmen Alejandro M. Bejarano, Vickie Bornt and Lisa J. Jameson

Staff Present: Interim Town Manager Joe Grant, Financial Director Ana M. Flores and Interim Police Chief Jeff Philpot

Guests Present: Juell and Vera Barker, Jose Morales, Rob Hohlbein, Terry Romine, Carol Wilcher, Mike Wilcher, Alfredo Flores Jr., Ralph and Sylvia Davidson, Tracy Ortega, Frank Hibbard, Lee Burnett, Debra Burnett, Mayte Garcia, Dalia Bravo, Andrew Bravo, Chris McDaniel, Matt Brooks, Lynett Layton, Martha Barnette and Sally Hawley.

Convene Executive Session: Authorize an Executive Session for personnel matters pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 38-431.03; Section A (1).

Mayor Deermer welcomed all guests to the meeting but requested they step out while the Council held the Executive Session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion regarding Interim Police Chief, Jeff Philpot.
2. Discussion regarding Interim Town Manager position.
3. Discussion regarding contract for Police Chief.

Reconvene Regular Session of the Common Council of the Town of Wellton at The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:15 PM.

Call to the public: No written requests submitted.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Chief of Police contract.

The Council is currently fine-tuning the contract. There were some suggested changes Mr. Ellis' attorney submitted. These were reviewed with some changes added and returned for Mr. Ellis and his attorney's review.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Interim Town Manager position.

Joe Grant has accepted the position of Interim Town Manager, in addition to continuing with his Public Works Department responsibilities. This will necessitate the Council registering his appointment with the State. It was moved by Councilman Alejandro Bejarano, and seconded by Councilman Lisa Jameson that Joe Grant be appointed as the Interim Town Manager. Voice vote 5-0, motion carried.

6. Discussion of Arizona League of Cities and Towns' publication "Anatomy of a Council Meeting".


It was agreed that this is the document that the Council wants to use as it's guideline. It was asked by a member in the audience if the document is available online. Mayor Deermer noted that is available from the League of Arizona Cities and Town at www.azleague.org. There are also other documents available.

Future Agenda Items: No future agenda items.

- **Other Reports:** Mayor Deermer attended a GYEDC meeting on Thursday, 26 September. There is the possibility of an egg plant coming to East Yuma County near Spot Road. Expect to have 2,000 chickens there with up to 100 possible jobs if it goes through.

Interim Town Manager Grant attended the second meeting on the General Plan on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 held at the new court house. No one attended. At the first meeting on the General Plan, there were 10 people in attendance. It is currently on the agenda for the Tuesday, October 1, 2013 Town Council meeting.

- **Staff's Report:** Interim Town Manager Grant gave an update on the intersection change (instituting a 4-way stop) at William Street and Los Angeles Avenue. All signs have been received and should be placed in about one week. There will be the new stop signs along with signs advising of a traffic change.
- **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilman Bejarano to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote 5-0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26PM.



 James L. Deermer, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Joseph Grant, Interim Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the special meeting held September 27, 2013 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.



 Joseph Grant, Interim Town Manager