

# TOWN OF WELLTON

## Minutes of the DECEMBER 3, 2013 Regular Meeting

Mayor James L. Deermer called the regular session to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, led 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 Lisa J. Jameson, and Vickie L. Bornt

**Council Member Absent:** Councilman Alex M. Bejarano

**Staff Present:** Interim Town Manager/Public Works Director Joe Grant, Finance Director Ana Flores, and Billing Clerk Sandra Jones

**Guests Present:** Sheila Vogt, Ed & Sally Hawley, Judith Hilarie, Johnnie Altstatt, Frank Hibbard, Frank Bornt, Shirley Reynolds, Lynette Layton, Victor Frankfather, Mary Klawuhn, Scott Ferris, Craig Barnes

**Call to the public:** None

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

- A. For the Meeting of August 7, 2012 (Regular Meeting)
- B. For the Meeting of August 21, 2012 (Regular Meeting)
- C. For the Meeting of September 18, 2012 (Regular Meeting)
- D. For the Meeting of October 2, 2012 (Regular Meeting)
- E. For the Meeting of November 7, 2012 (Special Session)
- F. For the Meeting of December 4, 2012 (Regular Meeting)
- G. For the Meeting of December 17, 2012 (Special Session)
- H. For the Meeting of December 27, 2012 (Special Session)
- I. For the Meeting of January 15, 2013 (Regular Meeting)
- J. For the Meeting of February 5, 2013 (Regular Meeting)
- K. For the Meeting of February 19, 2013 (Regular Meeting)
- L. For the Meeting of February 26, 2013 (Special Session)
- M. For the Meeting of November 1, 2013 (Work Session)
- N. For the Meeting of November 5, 2013 (Special Session)
- O. For the Meeting of November 5, 2013 (Regular Meeting)
- P. For the Meeting of November 13, 2013 (Special Session)
- Q. For the Meeting of November 15, 2013 (Special Session)

Mayor Deermer explained that, for various reasons, meeting minutes had fallen behind, and some had been prepared but had not been signed. The staff and Councilman Bornt have been working to get the backlog caught up, and the unsigned minutes were being presented

for re-approval. Finance Director Flores stated that there were 12 other minutes yet to be transcribed and the Council could expect another bunch for approval at the next meeting.

Councilman Bornt moved and Vice Mayor McCollough seconded the approval of all the minutes above subject to any required pen and ink changes. Voice vote 4-0, motion carried.

**2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution #563, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Wellton, Yuma County, Arizona, hereby authorizes the submission of a loan application to Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), the incurring of an indebtedness, the execution of a loan agreement and any amendment thereto, a promissory note and any documents necessary to secure a loan from Rural Community Assistance Corporation.**

Interim Town Manager Grant explained that this resolution is for the pre-engineering for the water treatment improvements for THMs.

Councilman Jameson moved and Vice Mayor McCollough seconded to approve the adoption of Resolution #563. Voice vote 4-0, motion carried.

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding meeting at the Community Center.**

Interim Town Manager Grant said that he has looked into this and is continuing to do more research on how this might be accomplished. The intent of the meeting is to have an open discussion meeting, however there are constraints with the Open Meeting Law. Interim Town Manager Grant will report the results for his further research into how the meeting might be accomplished at a future meeting.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Proposed change to the Wellton Town Code Chapter 7 that addresses animals within the Town of Wellton along with proposed Policy and Procedure that pertains to animal control

- **Other Reports:**

- Interim Town Manager Grant reported the following:

1. The Town has talked with the Ruiz family and Henrietta and Fermin said they would be honored to serve as the Pioneer Day Grand Marshalls.
2. He extended thanks to Shirley and Lynette for hauling the back packs to Yuma for the school lunch program.
3. Next Monday, December 9, the new Town Manager, Mr. Richard (Dick) Watenpaugh, will begin.
4. Ms. Yolanda Galindo has been hired as the new Permit Clerk, however, she has 19 years experience with the County doing the CBDG Program and will be a valuable asset to the Town in this area. Finance Director Flores also said

that Ms. Galindo has experience in home revitalization which will benefit some of our community members. She begins work on December 4, 2013.

5. He will be attending the annual Coyote Wash meeting on December 7, 2013. The Coyote Wash community meeting to share information on what's happening in the Town/community.
6. Saturday, December 7, 2013 is also the grand opening for the Pickle Ball Program.
7. Santa arrives on Saturday, December 7, 2013 also. The Christmas Tree Lighting is at 6:30PM.


- Finance Director Flores reported that Town of Wellton is now on Facebook. As of today there were 138 'likes' for the Town's page. She encouraged all to check it out.


- Councilman Jameson spoke of the school's Turkey Trot held just before Thanksgiving. They have been encouraging students to be more active and healthier. The Turkey Trot was a 2-mile course and every student participated, some doing the course twice and others running it. Collectively, the students have walked over 700 miles. The school has received the support of winter visitor volunteers and the Police Department. The students are looking healthier and fitter.

- As always, the students are making ornaments for the Christmas tree. This year, instead of being bused down, they are going to walk down and back.

- **Staff Reports:**       None

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough and seconded by Councilman Jameson to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.




  
James L. Deerner, 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 December 3, 2013 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

  
Richard J. Watenpaugh, Town Manager