

## TOWN OF WELLTON

### Minutes of the January 7, 2014 Regular Meeting

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**Mayor James L. Deermer** called the regular session to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Bornt gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

**Councilmembers Present:** Mayor James L. Deermer, Vice Mayor Cecilia C. McCollough, Councilmembers Alex M. Bejarano, Lisa J. Jameson, and Vickie L. Bornt

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Dick Watenpaugh, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones and Financial Director Ana Flores.

**Guests Present:** Allen & Sharon Lockwood, Juell & Vera Barker, Lynette Layton, Shirley Reynolds, Ralph & Sylvia Davidson, Marie T. Rodriguez, Victoria Manriquez, Terry B. Schultz, Robert Hohlbein, Johnnie Altstatt, Frank Hibbard, Frank Bornt, George West, Ken Wilkes, Billie Slocum, and Victor Frankfather.

#### **Call to the public:**

**Juell Barker:** Questioned why economic plans are not on the agenda. Also questioned the “No comment or discussion” during the Council meetings. He would like to see the Council revisit the rule that does not allow public interaction.

**Ralph Davidson:** Question regarding the Police Chief and the process length. He commented on the Sheriff’s Office potentially taking over policing of Wellton. Regarding the article in Yuma Sun on January 6, 2014. He is concerned about the wait time when emergencies do happen.

**Robert Hohlbein:** Commented on the Yuma Sun article of January 6. He is concerned about items not being put on the agendas as requested. He wants to initiate a recall on 3 of the council members.

#### **Discussion and Action Items**

##### **1. Approval of Minutes.**

- A. For the Meeting of November 20, 2012 (Special Meeting) - resubmitted.**
- B. For the Meeting of May 7, 2013 (Regular Meeting) - resubmitted.**
- C. For the Meeting of May 21, 2013 (Regular Meeting) - resubmitted.**
- D. For the Meeting of December 17, 2013 (Regular Meeting).**

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to approve the Minutes for the Meetings of November 20, 2012, May 7, 2013, May 21, 2013, and December 17, 2013. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.
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**2. Approval of Financial Statements:****A. For the Month of October 2013.****B. For the Month of November 2013.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bejarano to approve the Financial Statements for the Months of October 2013 and November 2013. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of Cash Disbursements:****A. For the Month of December 2013.**

Motion made by Councilmember Bejarano, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough to approve the Cash Disbursements for the Month of December 2013. Voice vote 4-0. Councilmember Jameson abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

**4. First Reading of Ordinance #113, an ordinance of the Council of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, amending Chapter 5, Article 5-4, Municipal Court Fees of the Code of the Town of Wellton by revising and updating Municipal Court Fees.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bejarano to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #113, an ordinance of the Council of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, amending Chapter 5, Article 5-4, Municipal Court Fees of the Code of the Town of Wellton by revising and updating Municipal Court Fees. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**5. Request a special meeting for Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 5:30PM for the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #113.**

The request for a special meeting for Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 5:30PM for the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #113 was granted.

**6. Discussion and possible action to change the current mileage reimbursement rate from 50.5¢ to 56.5¢.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to approve the change of the current mileage reimbursement rate from 50.5¢ to 56.5¢. Amendment of the motion to reflect the approval of the policy detailing what is required to be submitted Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**7. Discussion on Impact Fee Schedule.**

Presentation of TischlerBise's Impact Fee Study information. Consultant was not able to attend until after 8:30PM. Council had previously been presented the Draft Land Use Assumptions and the Infrastructure Improvement Plan. This meeting is purely to review the draft of the two

documents. January 28, 2014 will be the meeting where the changes are discussed. The Land Use Assumptions are done every 10 years. The Impact Fees may be revised every 5 years. The Land Use Assumptions are based on the current level of service. You can only collect fees to maintain the current level of service as we grow.

The Town of Wellton is one service area for the Impact fees. Town Manager Watenpaugh is going to review the documents with staff and come back to Council with options for the January 28, 2014 Public Hearing.

No questions from Council.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Workshops for interaction with public regarding a list of numerous issues. Notices of Meetings and Agendas are to be posted at Town Hall, Court, and Library and on the Town's web site.
- January 16, 2014 at 5:30PM: Impact Fee Workshop at Town Hall.

### **Other Reports**

None

### **Staff's Report**

- Town Manager Watenpaugh has a meeting scheduled with the Sheriff's Office on January 9, 2014 to discuss the possibility and the requirements for the Sheriff to potentially "police" Wellton. He is in the process of gathering information.
- Town Manager Watenpaugh requested to put the Water Feasibility Study on hold for the time being.
- The fee for an Impounded Vehicle is now \$150.00. This fee is set by State Law. It went into effect January 1.
- Town Manager Watenpaugh, Public Works Director and Grants Administrator met with the consultant regarding the Bicycle Path – CDBG. The Town has 4 months to complete the report.
- The information for the Request for Bids for the sale of the church property on Helen Street has been sent to the Yuma Sun and Will publish January 9, 10, 11 and 12. Will be posted at Town Hall, Court, and Library and on the Town's web site. Bids must be submitted by February 10, 2014 and the meeting to review the bids will be February 18.
- Finance Director Flores informed the Council the auditors are here all week, they have been in the office for the last 2 days. They have not had any exceptions with our internal controls – processes and procedures. They do have a few adjustments (roughly \$11,000 – not a big impact). They expect to be done with our audit by the end of this month.
- Job posting for Utility Billing Clerk/Accounts Payable Clerk ran in the Yuma Sun on Sunday and Monday. Already have 13 applications. The application process will close on January 21.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS
  - Billie Slocum questioned the pros and cons of the Sheriff's Office taking over Wellton

protection. She requested a list be supplied for the next meeting.

- Ralph Davidson disagrees with contracting out to the Sheriff's Office based purely on price.
- Robert Hohlbein questioned where the decision to look at the Sheriff's Office came from.

**Executive Session**

Convened Executive Session at 7:52PM. Reconvened Regular Session at 8:34PM.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.