

# TOWN OF WELLTON

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## Minutes of the March 4, 2014 Regular Meeting

**Mayor James L. Deermer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 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, Lisa J. Jameson, and Vickie L. Bornt

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

**Guests Present:** Bill & Anna Lee Phillips, Benjamin Lee, Johnnie Altstatt, Frank Hibbard, Maggie Heikila, Juell & Vera Barker, Victor Frankfather, Ken Wilkes, and Carl Kelley.

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

#### **1. Approval of Financial Statements:**

##### **A. For the Month of January 2014.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to approve the Financial Statements for the Month of January 2014. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

#### **2. Approval of Cash Disbursements:**

##### **A. For the Month of February 2014.**

Motion made by Councilmember Bornt, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough to approve the Cash Disbursements for the Month of February 2014. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

#### **3. Presentation of FY 2012– 2013 Audit by Henry & Horne.**

Marilyn Hayes gave a report to the Council of the Auditors report on the Town's financial statements. Internal audit controls and compliance were reviewed. Expenditure Limitation Report was also discussed.

#### **4. Discussion and possible action to adopt Land Use (LU) Assumptions and Infrastructure Improvements Plan (IIP).**

Town Manager Watenpaugh outlined the LU and the IIP that Kimley-Horn has prepared for adoption.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to adopt Land Use (LU) Assumptions and Infrastructure Improvements Plan (IIP). Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

#### **5. Discussion regarding Public Hearing on Development Fees. Fees are available on town's website.**

Town Manager Watenpaugh outlined the Development Impact Fees that Kimley-Horn has proposed. These will be also be present on April 15, 2014 at the public hearing for public input. These would then be voted on at the May 16, 2014 meeting.

Proceeded to outline the projected cost as information for Council. Mayor Deermer requested Town Manager Watenpaugh find out the amount that the City of Yuma and Yuma County are currently charging.

**6. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution #565, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Wellton, Yuma County, Arizona, finding, certifying that an area is a Colonia pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Section 916, and authorizing an application for CDBG funds to meet the identified needs of the Colonia. (Application to be brought back to Council.)**

Our current Colonia borders were established in 2011. If we reduce the area - we could apply for the \$1.8 million grant that is available. Critical that it be adopted at this meeting to be eligible.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to adopt Resolution #565, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Wellton, Yuma County, Arizona, finding, certifying that an area is a Colonia pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Section 916, and authorizing an application for CDBG funds to meet the identified needs of the Colonia. (Application to be brought back to Council.) Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**7. Discussion/clarification of Town of Wellton, Animal Code, Chapter 7.**

**A. Discussion and possible action regarding Letter of Request from Benjamin Lee, located at 10274 Fresno Street, to keep, have or harbor live poultry on his property within the Town boundaries**

Town Manager Watenpaugh outlined the changes in the Animal Code that had taken affect in 2010 and 2011. Benjamin Lee requested he be able to put 4-6 hens in his yard in a chicken ark. Question from the audience as to whether the outlined restrictions would apply to other zonings such as Suburban Ranch or Agriculture. Explained that these regulations are applicable to Residential zoning. Also questions - regarding the actual guidelines or lack of in the code. Discussion among Council about whether we will follow the code exactly or allow changes. Discussion that if allow the Ordinance to stay as is - those that currently have chickens and such need to follow the rules and get permission from the Council. Request by Council to review Animal Control Ordinance.

Motion made by Councilmember Bornt, seconded by Councilmember Bejarano to allow Benjamin Lee, located at 10274 Fresno Street, to keep, have or harbor live poultry on his property within the Town boundaries based on the criteria listed in his letter. Voice vote 4-1. Motion carried.

**8. Discussion and possible action to reappoint Joyce Seriale to a three-year term as the representative from the Town of Wellton to the Yuma County Library District Board of Trustees.**

Motion made by Councilmember Bejarano, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough to reappoint Joyce Seriale to a three-year term as the representative from the Town of Wellton to the Yuma County Library District Board of Trustees. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**9. Discussion and possible action regarding Antelope Union High School District #5's request for donation.**

Motion made by Councilmember Bejarano, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough to donate to Antelope Union High School District #5 per their request. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**10. Discussion and possible action regarding Western Arizona Council of Governments for HB 2069.**

Town Manager Watenpaugh stated this is a moot point as it is already passed.

**Future Agenda Items**

None

**Other Reports**

- Vice Mayor McCollough attended a Yuma Proving Ground Tour with a helicopter tour of the lower end of YPG and was extremely happy with it. Yuma Visitors Bureau is also offering senior tours. GYEDC had a meeting where they talked about a Buy National Forum.
- Councilmember Bejarano would like to talk about the fees for Facility Rental and use. Town Manager Watenpaugh stated we would be discussing this in Budget Workshops.
- Town Manager Watenpaugh requested a postponement of March 18, 2014 meeting - Council agreed to cancel meeting.
- Reminder of April 15, 2014 Public Hearing and May 16, 2014 meeting.
- March 25, 2014 meeting to discuss Republic Services proposal.
- Public Works Director Grant reported that the Rose Garden Volunteers will not be working in the roses after April 9. At the April 15, 2014 - a plaque will be presented to them.
- Financial Director Flores reported the Museum mailing went out in the electric bills through WMIDD. We have received roughly \$1,100 and an increase in new members (from 23 to 52). Mayor requested some flyers for the RV parks with the hours. Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00AM - 1:00PM. She also reported the Receptionist/Permit Clerk position had 17 applicants. They are in the process of interviews.

**Staff's Report**

- Town Manager Watenpaugh reminded the Council about the League Conference from August 19-22. Mayor Deermer, Vice Mayor McCollough, and Councilmembers Bornt and Bejarano expressed interest.

**Executive Session (at 8:06PM)**

- Information only – no action required.

Recessed Executive Session at 8:26PM.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:27PM.