

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the March 25, 2014 Special Meeting

Mayor James L. Deermer called the special meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 25, 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, Councilmembers Alejandro M. Bejarano, Lisa J. Jameson and Vickie L. Bornt.

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

Guests Present: Peter Sterenberg and his assistant at the landfill.

Call to the public: No Speaker Request forms were submitted.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposal of Republic Services and the Town of Wellton Sanitation Department.

Town Manager Watenpaugh apologized for being a little preemptive in bringing this to Council. He would like to complete the draft Budget for FY2014 – 2015. We have just received the listing of the proposed revenue for next Fiscal Year from the State. Town Manager Watenpaugh is also looking into a possible partnership with Somerton in their recycling program, as well as potential rerouting of our pick-ups to be more cost effective. Before he makes a recommendation to Council – he would like a little more time to put together those documents.

Mayor Deermer questioned the jump in the expenditures and revenue between the Fiscal Years. Finance Director Flores detailed that FYs 08-09, 11-12 and 12-13 had price increases as well as there being mechanical issues during some years. Equipment depreciation also factored in.

Future Agenda Items

- Regular Council Meeting on April 1, 2014 will be a fairly long meeting.

Other Reports

- Mayor Deermer reported that he attended the regular March meeting of the GYEDC.
- Vice Mayor McCollough stated she has been receiving numerous complaints about the railroad crossing at William Street being blocked for extended periods of time (15 minutes plus). The Town Manager was directed to contact Union Pacific and discuss the reason for these blockages.

Staff's Report

- The Interim Chief is now gone from the Department. Lieutenant-in-Charge Nuno will be in charge until a new Chief is found. (Lt. Nuno will report to the Town Manager on a daily basis.) Two telephone interviews are scheduled for Monday, March 31, 2014. If either sound promising, a face-to-face interview will be required.

- A new Receptionist has been hired. Her name is Ashley Espino. Yesterday was her first day.
- Town Manager Watenpaugh has made contact with a possible prospect for a Plan Checker. Mike Washburn has been “filling in” on the weekends until the position is filled.

Executive Session

None requested.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Bejarano, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 7:13PM.