

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the May 20, 2014 Regular Meeting

Mayor James L. Deermer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, May 20, 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, Public Works Director Joseph Grant, Town Magistrate Russell Jones, and Fire Chief Mark River.

Guests Present: Juell & Vera Barker, Johnny Altstatt, Frank Hibbard, Ed & Sally Hawley, Ed & Maggie Heikila, Victor Frankfather, Doug Hoff, Lynette Layton, and Shirley Reynolds.

Call to the public:

Lynette Layton: She was thankful for the Fire Department and Police Department responding to her house on Sunday. The Fire Department responded with the ladder truck, she would like to see the Town equip the smaller vehicle for the Fire Department.

Shirley Reynolds: She would like the Council and audience to come to meetings without their cell phones and electronic devices.

Sally Hawley: She is requesting that if you are on paperless billing – do not send out a paper bill also. Questioned how we are on the investigation of the recent incidents in Coyote Wash.

Department Heads

Police Department: Town Manager Watenpaugh said the background check for the new Police Chief is almost completed. He also presented the monthly update for Wellton Police Department. Updated the Council on the burglary case and monthly stats.

Magistrate and Court Department: Magistrate Jones gave a report on the Magistrates Conference in Prescott as well at the monthly activity of the Municipal Court.

Fire Department: Chief Rivera reported on March and April statistics. He also thanked Lynette Layton for her kind words and will pass them on to the crew. The Wellton Fire Department will be participating in Water Day at Wellton Elementary School on Wednesday, May 21.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Grant reported Butterfield Golf Course has closed for the season. Water Dog Day at ND & Katie Kline Pool was on Saturday, May 17 and there were over 100 attendees. The Town will be working on the County 12th Watering Systems and separating them off from each other to improve the watering. The Staff has been working on the Los Angeles Avenue weed abatement on Town property. The new Cemetery shade has been fabricated, it just needs to be painted and the awnings installed to be complete. It should be complete in a week or two. Request by Vice Mayor McCollough was presented for additional speed limit signs along County 11th Street. Public Works Director Grant will also discuss this with the Police Department for more enforcement.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Discussion and possible action to adopt the revised Animal Control Ordinance.

Town Manager Watenpaugh summarized the revisions in the Animal Control Ordinance. Vice Mayor McCollough would like to raise awareness of pet owners in the Town of Wellton as to what is expected of them.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough and seconded by Councilman Jameson to adopt the revised Animal Control Ordinance. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Consent Order and NCS Engineering Services Agreement.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough and seconded by Councilman Jameson to authorize Town Manager Watenpaugh to sign on behalf of the Town of Wellton regarding Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Consent Order. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action to hold one Council meeting per month for June, July and August.

Consensus of the Council to hold one Council meeting per month for June, July and August. June 19, July 8 and August 12 were the dates agreed upon for the meetings.

Future Agenda Items

- Packet of Minutes for approval
- Tentative Budget for approval

Other Reports

- Mayor Deermer reported the Yuma County Mayors will be meeting at Geronimo's at noon on May 23, 2014.
- Aeration of ponds to be a priority.
- Another priority will be to find an alternate location for a burn pit that will be available for residents.

Staff's Report None

Executive Session None requested.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilman Bejarano and seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.