

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the September 29, 2014 Special Meeting

Mayor James L. Deermer called the regular meeting to order at 5:00PM on Monday, September 29, 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 and Lisa J. Jameson.

Council Member Absent: Councilmember Vickie L. Bornt (out of town)

Staff Present: Town Manager Dick Watenpugh, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, and Grants Administrator Yolanda Galindo.

Guests Present: Julia Monge, Angelina Romero, Dominga Robles, Juell & Vera Barker, Lynette Layton and Shirley Reynolds.

Call to the public: None requested.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Recess as Common Council of the Town of Wellton and convene a Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

1. Public Hearing

Public Hearing was opened at 5:02PM.

- a. **Second Public Hearing to discuss community needs and possible projects for which the town of Wellton can use FY 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Colonia Set-Aside Project Funds which will primarily benefit low and moderate income persons, reduces slum or blight, or meets an urgent need. Also, must be an eligible Colonia activity, which are:**

- **Address the lack of decent, safe, and sanitary housing;**
- **Address the lack of potable water supply;**
- **Address the lack of adequate sewage systems;**
- **Planning for Water Treatment improvements;**
- **Planning for Potable Water Delivery improvements.**

Public Hearing was turned over to Grants Administrator Yolanda Galindo. This is the 2nd of the Public Hearings for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Colonia Set-Aside. The first Public Hearing was on September 3, 2014. We had previously held the 2nd Public Hearing and met the submission deadline of July 17. They came back with a list of four points to work on. One of these was to redo the Public Participation Process.

We have already done the income qualifications for the 12 applicants. There are 40 more on the waiting list.

This funding would be for an ongoing program.

Definition of Colonia is an area within 150 miles of the US – Mexico border.

The categories that are eligible for funding are: potable water, adequate sewer system, or housing rehab.

During the previous Public Hearing the Council had decided to focus on Housing Rehab, based on the audiences input.

The floor was opened for questions or input.

Grants Administrator Galindo then reiterated the presentation in Spanish for the audience.

Adjourn as Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and reconvene as the Common Council of the Town of Wellton.

Adjourned Public Hearing at 5:07PM.

2. **Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution #576 - a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Wellton authorizing the submission of an Application(s) for FY 2014 State Community Development Block Grant Colonia Set Aside Funds, certifying that said application(s) meets the Community's previously identified housing and community development needs and the requirements of the State CDBG Program, and authorizing all actions necessary to implement and complete the activities outlined in said application and the Applicant Certification form for FY 2014.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to adopt Resolution #576 - a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Wellton authorizing the submission of an Application(s) for FY 2014 State Community Development Block Grant Colonia Set Aside Funds, certifying that said application(s) meets the Community's previously identified housing and community development needs and the requirements of the State CDBG Program, and authorizing all actions necessary to implement and complete the activities outlined in said application and the Applicant Certification form for FY 2014. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

- **Items for the October 7, 2014 Agenda (Regular Meeting):**
 - Discussion and possible reappointment of YCAC Representatives for the Town.
 - Bi-National (State of Arizona and Mexico).
 - Waste Disposal and Collection Options.
 - United for Yuma Campaign is requesting a representative from the Town of Wellton.
 - Potential Property Donation to the Town of Wellton.
 - Sign variance for the Rancho El Mirage Manufactured Home Park.

Other Reports

- November 11, 2014 Election – our 2013 General Plan will be on the ballot for approval by the voters. We would like to do some PR work to inform the voters of the importance of the General Plan. Let them know it does not impact them financially – it is for future growth and development. It is mandatory we revisit this every 10 years.
- The Town has ordered lapel pins for handouts whenever a Councilmember or Staff goes to a workshop, conference, etc.

Staff's Report

- Staff is painting the Police Department.
- The San Jose Avenue Sidewalk Project should be completed by end of next week.
- The south side of San Jose Avenue is slated to be the next phase in the sidewalk projects. These are the beginning steps of rehabbing the Colonia area (downtown area). We have received the contingency letter for that project. Grants Administrator Galindo is working on the environmental assessment on that area. There will also be an on-site meeting to help inform the public of the project.
- NCS is working on a grant to help fund the feasibility study on wastewater treatment.

Executive Session

None requested.

Adjournment

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bejarano to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 5:19PM.



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James B. Deermer, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Richard Watenpaugh, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the special meeting held September 29, 2014 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.



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Richard Watenpaugh, Town Manager