

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the October 7, 2014 Regular Meeting

Mayor James L. Deermer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice Mayor Cecilia McCollough gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

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

Councilmember Absent: Councilmember Alejandro M. Bejarano

Staff Present: Town Manager Dick Watenpaugh, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Finance Director Ana Flores, Public Works Director Joe Grant, Police Chief Donald Jones, and Fire Chief Mark Rivera.

Guests Present: Juell & Vera Barker, Frank Hibbard, Ed & Sally Hawley, Don & Candace Besse, Ashley Espino, Lynette Layton, Shirley Reynolds, Victor Frankfather, Barbara Biggs and Ed & Maggie Heikila.

Call to the public

Candace Besse: Discussed Pickleball Club. They have taught Pickleball to roughly 200 people. They currently have 53 paid members in the Club. The program is scheduled to start on November 1, 2014. They would like to thank the Town for all of their support.

Department Heads

Police Department: Chief Jones passed out his monthly report for September to the Council. October is Domestic Violence month. The Police cars will have the purple ribbon on them. The officers are also wearing pink badges in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Magistrate and Court Department: No report due to computer issues.

Fire Department: Chief Rivera gave the monthly report for September. He also presented Castro's resignation letter to the Council. An example of the Thank you letter sent out to all of the businesses that have fire department volunteers on their staff was given to the Council. The Fire Department scrimmaged with the Wellton School football team.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Grant gave a report on the tank mixers being installed at the Water plant to help with the TTHM issue and chlorine dioxide system to be installed. An individual with engineering background is interested in volunteering with the Public Works Department and the San Jose Avenue project is nearing completion. Over seeding at the Golf Course and Park are on schedule for the October 21 opening. The sprinkler vandalism at Butterfield Park is still under investigation. The day prior to the Kiwanis Fishing Derby, Arizona Game and Fish came and stocked 300 pounds of catfish. The pond will be open for fishing (with a state fishing license) until the Golf Course opens.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Minutes.**
 - a. **For the Meeting of September 2, 2014 (Regular Meeting).**

b. For the Meeting of September 29, 2014 (Special Meeting).

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to approve the Minutes for the meetings of September 2, 2014 (Regular Meeting) and September 29, 2014 (Special Meeting). Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action to appoint a new councilmember representative for the Yuma County Advisory Council as well as a replacement for Mr. John Andoh, the Private/Community Representative.

Councilmember Bornt volunteered to be the new Council representative for the Yuma County Advisory Council. Victor Frankfather was nominated as the Community representative. A consensus was reached to approve both nominations.

3. Discussion and possible action to support funding Bi-National Economic Development.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to support the funding of a part-time position for the GYEDC's Bi-National Economic Development Program. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to move forward with a Request for Proposal for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal and Recycling Collection Services.

Mayor Deermer and Councilmember Bornt volunteered to serve on the subcommittee to weigh the pros and cons of the Town retaining the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services and potentially expanding into the Recycling Collection Services. A consensus was reached to approve both volunteers.

5. Discussion regarding United for Yuma Campaign.

Councilmember Bornt volunteered to serve as Wellton's representative on the United for Yuma Campaign. The Town of Wellton will also have a booth at the City of Yuma's November 7th Sesquicentennial Celebration from 4:00PM – 10:00PM at the Yuma Main Library.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the property donation from D. Fred Cooper, 427 W. Manhattan Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85282, of two parcels, Block 2, Lots 23 & 24, Parcel #709-22-007, to the Town of Wellton.

The family would like to donate the property to the Town for public use. They are not interested in selling the property.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to accept the property donation from D. Fred Cooper, 427 W. Manhattan Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85282, of two parcels, Block 2, Lots 23 & 24, Parcel #709-22-007, to the Town of Wellton. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

Staff also directed to go through Chicago Title to verify clear title of the property. Town to pay for the title search, etc.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Golf Tournaments at Butterfield Golf Course.

A sub-committee was formed of Councilmember Bornt, Don Besse, Shirley Reynolds and Ed Heikila to analyze Butterfield Golf Courses Golf Tournament policy and present some recommendations to the Council for future tournaments.

Town Manager Watenpaugh recommended that the Council approve the VFW Post 6790's request for a Golf Tournament on November 22.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to approve the Veterans of Foreign Wars request for a Scholarship Golf Tournament on November 22, 2014. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Arizona Department of Corrections Contract.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to approve the Arizona Department of Corrections Contract Amendment #3 and authorize the Town Manager to execute the document. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

- November 4th meeting: Resolutions for 2 grants for the Police Department, policy changes, job description rough drafts.
- Parent group at Wellton Elementary needs donations for the Fall Festival (Trunk or Treat) scheduled for October 25th.
- Question regarding the Internet service and providers in Wellton.

Other Reports

PR for the General Plan on the November ballot. The publicity pamphlet covers the needed information. Potentially set out signs for additional publicity.

Staff's Report

- Town clean-up is looking great. There has been a lot of participation in improving the appearance of the Town.
- Handout - VFW Post 6790's Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2014 at 11:00AM.
- Handout - GYEDC 2014 Annual Investor Dinner/Invitation.
- Handout - Alley Clean-Up Door Hanger.
- Handout - MADD Arizona Presents A Salute to Service – the 25th Annual Recognition Dinner

Executive Session

None requested.

Adjournment

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.



James L. Deermer, Mayor

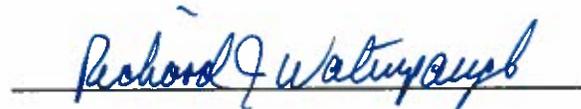
ATTEST:



Richard Watenpaugh, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held October 7, 2014 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.



Richard Watenpaugh, Town Manager