

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the November 4, 2014 Regular Meeting

Mayor James L. Deermer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, November 4, 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, Town Magistrate Russ Jones and Fire Chief Mark Rivera.

Guests Present: Polly & Dennis Denton, Al & Sharon Lockwood, Juell & Vera Barker, Johnnie Altstatt, Frank Hibbard, Brandon Howard, Ed & Maggie Heikila, Keith Relitz, Gordon Dahl, Lamar Long, Victor Frankfather, Lynette Layton, Shirley Reynolds, Barbara Biggs, Joann Morris and Martha Barnette.

Call to the public

Barbara Biggs: She discussed the empty lots in Wellton, Coyote Wash specifically, and the lack of maintenance by the owners.

Department Heads

Police Department: Chief Jones presented the activity report for October. The driving simulator will be in Town at the Courthouse on November 19 – 20.

Magistrate and Court Department: Town Magistrate Jones gave the activity report for October.

Fire Department: Chief Rivera gave the activity report for October. The Response Truck was mobile on Halloween to offer candy inspection. The Station was also available as a candy inspection point. Both were very busy.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Grant gave the current activity report. The new auto flusher arrived and will be installed in our water distribution system and new media installed in the last 2 filters. Butterfield Golf Course opened for the season on October 21. Christmas Tree Lighting will be on December 13 at West Side Park. The Sanitation trucks have had a couple of breakdowns and these have been repaired.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes.

a. For the Meeting of October 7, 2014 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to approve the minutes for the Meeting of October 7, 2014 (Regular Meeting). Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action to adopt the "Safe Haven for Newborns" Policy.

Motion made by Councilmember Bornt, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to adopt the "Safe Haven for Newborns" Policy, effective immediately. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Amendment #1 to our IGA/JPA 13-0003548-I with the State of Arizona regarding Coyote Wash Multiuse Path.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to approve Amendment #1 to our IGA/JPA 13-0003548-I with the State of Arizona regarding Coyote Wash Multiuse Path and authorize the Mayor and Town Manager to execute the document. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the request from Habitat for Humanity to hold their 3rd Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament at the Butterfield Golf Course, subject to including the Daily Green Fee of Twenty dollars (\$20.00) in the Tournament Entrance Fee and the Tournament Director select another date, other than January or February.

This item has been tabled until the work session scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:00PM in the Council Chambers.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the two Grant Applications, attached, to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in the combined amount of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ten dollars (\$16,910.00); appoint Police Chief Donald Jones as the Town's agent; and authorize the Mayor to execute/sign Resolution # 577.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to approve the two Grant Applications, attached, to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in the combined amount of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ten dollars (\$16,910.00); appoint Police Chief Donald Jones as the Town's agent; and authorize the Mayor to execute/sign Resolution # 577. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

- Mayor Deermer would like to step down as Mayor and remain on the Council as a Councilmember. This would mean the Vice Mayor would fill the vacant Mayor position and the Council would need to vote on a new Vice Mayor.
- Work session scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:00PM to discuss job descriptions, golf course fees and golf tournament policy.

Other Reports

- Beamspeed – Councilmember Jameson questioned how the Town Manager was able to get increased bandwidth for Town facilities. Town Manager Watenpaugh said he would look into facilitating the connection for the school.
- Councilmember Bornt and Victor Frankfather both attended the WACOG Council for Aging meeting. The next one is scheduled in December.

- YMPO – Mayor Deermer said there were not any major developments to report.
- GYEDC – only executive board members are allowed to attend the meetings.

Staff's Report

- Veteran's Day Parade on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 11:00AM. Mayor Deermer, Vice Mayor McCollough, and Councilmember Bornt expressed interest in being on a float.
- Yuma County Sesquicentennial Celebration is scheduled for November 7, 2014, 4:00PM – 10:00PM at the Yuma Main Library. Volunteers from the Wellton Pioneer Museum will be there with a booth representing Wellton history.

Executive Session

None requested.

Adjournment

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:54PM.



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 November 4, 2014 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.



Richard Watenpaugh, Town Manager