

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the January 6, 2015 Regular Meeting

Mayor Cecilia C. McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, lead the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

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

Councilmember Absent:

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

Guests Present: Frank Bornt, Susan Falk, Bill & Anna Lee Phillips, Dennis & Polly Denton, Brandon Howard, Keith & Rhoda Titus, Ken Wilkes, Juell & Vera Barker, Al & Sharon Lockwood, Ed & Maggie Heikila, Bob Ludwig, Kristy Jones, Mary Jane Dashiell, Eddie Argomaniz, Victor Frankfather, Audrey Zingler, and Beth Deermer.

Call to the public

Juell Barker: Commented on the article that was in the Yuma Sun 3 weeks ago. Happy to see positive publicity for Wellton.

Harold Wikey: Presented a check to the Town of Wellton Food Bank in the amount of \$1,000 on behalf of the VFW Post #6790.

Presentations

All presented.

A. Keith Titus – Service Award

B. James Deermer – Service Award

C. William & Anna Lee Phillips – Mr. & Mrs. Claus

D. Outdoor Decorating Contest Winners

- **Commercial 1st Place – Tier Drop RV Park**
- **Residential 1st Place – Paul & Mary Jane Dashiell**
- **Residential 2nd Place – Mike & Audrey Zingler**

Department Heads

Police Department: Chief Jones gave a report on the December 2014 activity. 2015 Grant funding for Stone Garden has been approved and he is on the Stone Garden Board. Received \$4,500 grant for Mobile Radio Unit. New Speed Trailer is up and running. With this unit there is a data recording function on the trailer and reports can be compiled from the statistical data. Friday, January 9 is Law Enforcement Appreciation (LEAP) Day.

Magistrate and Court Department: Magistrate Jones gave a report on the December 2014 activity. \$4,000 (roughly) for Municipal Court in December and of that, FARE has brought in \$878.

Fire Department: Chief Rivera gave a report on the December 2014 activity. 27 runs for December – 16 of which were during the day. 11 runs on the south side of the railroad tracks – no train delays.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Girls Softball Scrimmage (at Wellton School) were 2 activities the Fire Department participated in in December.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Grant reported on activity for December 2014. Painting is ongoing (but almost completed) at the Water Plant. January 15 will be the kick-off meeting with the Coyote Wash Bridge Assessment. William Street is being spot patched. More non-locals calling for tee times in the afternoon at Butterfield Golf Course. Wellton World of Wheels Car Show on March 28, 2015. There were 2 bids received for the pool renovation. Sanitation pick-up is now back on schedule after the holidays. Tractor Rodeo is on January 17. Brownsfield contract has been forwarded on to ADOT. There was a question regarding the TTHM notification at the library, the issue is being addressed and is under control.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action to elect a new Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor McCollough opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Deermer nominated Councilmember Bornt. Councilmember Bornt accepted the nomination. Councilmember Bejarano nominated Councilmember Jameson. Councilmember Jameson accepted the nomination.

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Councilmember Bornt to close nominations. Nominations were closed.

Mayor McCollough called for a voice vote. Voice Vote: 5-0. Councilmember Bornt was voted in as Mayor Pro Tem.

2. Approval of Minutes.

a. For the Meeting of December 2, 2014 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to approve the minutes for the Meeting of December 2, 2014 (Regular Meeting) as corrected. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance #119, an ordinance of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, relating to the Personnel Rules and Regulations and adopting the 2014 Amendments to the Personnel Rules and Regulations "by reference" and discussion and action to adopt Ordinance #119.

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to adopt Ordinance #119, an ordinance of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, relating to the Personnel Rules and Regulations and adopting the 2014 Amendments to the Personnel Rules and Regulations "by reference". Voice vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to accept or deny the Surplus Property bid.

One bid was submitted for the Request for Bids for the Surplus Property in the amount of \$2,000.00. We did have an Opinion of Value for the property from a local Realtor at a much higher value.

Three options were presented to the lone bidder. They selected Option #3 – a per square foot cost plus a land swap.

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Councilmember Bejarano to deny the Surplus Property bid. Voice vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt, seconded by Councilmember Deermer to approve the Amended Surplus Property Bid Option #3, regarding Parcel #200-14-900. Voice vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Parcel #709-11-067.

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Councilmember Bejarano to allow Staff to make an offer to purchase Parcel #709-11-067 (small parcel of property between the Police Department and the Post Office). Voice vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action to accept or deny the ND & Katie Kline Pool Renovations bid.

Motion made by Councilmember Bejarano, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to accept the ND & Katie Kline Pool Renovations bid. Bid was awarded to Majestic Pool. Voice vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

- Next Council meeting February 3, 2015.
- Golf Course Sub-Committee and Golf Tournament coordinators planning meeting this month.
- Park Rules & Regulations revisions for approval.
- Chip seal package to go out to bid.

Other Reports

- Councilmember Bejarano complimented Staff on the Cemetery.
- Councilmember Jameson stated that Wellton School is going to a new schedule. There will be two start times – 7:35AM and 8:45AM.

Staff's Report

- Holiday Kid's Klub – averaging 35-40 kids per day.

- Staff is working on a Youth Program.
- Butterfield Golf Course revised brochure for Council approval.
- Staff has been working on branding Wellton – “Living Well in Wellton”.
- Tractor Rodeo is January 17 at WMIDD grounds.
- Christmas donations to WES.
- Staff is working on Objectives and Goals for 2015 and Accomplishments for 2014.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Deermar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.



Cecilia C. McCollough, 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 January 6, 2015 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.



Richard Watenpaugh, Town Manager