

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the March 14, 2015 Work Session

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 8:00AM on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Mayor McCollough dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation. Roll call was taken.

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

Councilmember Absent: Councilmember Alejandro M. Bejarano

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

Guests Present: Al & Sharon Lockwood, Lynette Layton, Shirley Reynolds, Dennis & Polly Denton, Ken Wilkes and Victor Frankfather.

1. Town Vision: Discussion related to the Council and Managements Vision for the Town of Wellton.

A few ideas for Vision:

- Controlled growth
- Family
- Rural Atmosphere
- Active
- Vibrant
- Maintaining
- Ag Community
- Attract businesses
- Robust Community
- Activities for families
- Travel / Tourism
- Sustainability
- “Empowered with a mission to allow growth while preserving a rural family atmosphere”
- Look at other communities that have the qualities that we would like to retain.
 - Ex: Pinetop / Lakeside (main street type of community)
 - Prescott
- “A family oriented community that is self-sustainable.....”

A request to add to the Newsletter asking for Community input with a deadline date.

a. Goals & Objectives

- Property Tax Base
- Multi-year Budget
- Webpage upgrade
- Agenda / Minutes on website
- Department Heads creating Staff Reports for Council
- Appraisal Program – July 2015
- Home Rule for FY 2015 – 2016 – Election for FY 2016 – 2017
- Minimum of 12 Council Meetings per year
- Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Capital Project timeline
- Municipal Complex Design
- Council Election Material for County
- Signage Ordinance

2. Financial Status / Forecasts for FY 2015 – 2016

Review of the following topics:

- a. Revenues**
- b. State Impacts on FY 2015 – 2016 Town Budget**
- c. Inflation Impact**
- d. Capital Projects**
- e. Fees / Rates**

Financial Status / Forecasts for FY 2015 – 2016 reviewed.

3. Home Rule FY 2016 – 2017

- a. Discuss Process**
- b. Schedule**

Home Rule FY 2016 – 2017 reviewed.

4. Election

- a. Council (Expires in November 2016)**

b. Home Rule

c. Schedule

Election reviewed.

5. Wastewater Treatment Facility

a. Discuss project funding / need.

Wastewater Treatment Facility was reviewed. A Community wide facility is the Town Manager's preference.

6. Sanitation / Recycling

a. Discuss issues and whether to move forward.

• Contract / Out to Bid

The opinion of the League was requested regarding our current contract with Republic Services and Copper Mountain Landfill.

Misc.

- Proposed Property Tax option is moving forward in Budget Sessions.
- Need more brainstorming in regards to generating new revenue streams for the Town.

Open to Public Comment

Victor Frankfather:

- Idea for a Mission/Vision Statement.
- Preserve rural atmosphere.
- Property Tax is an option.
- Sales Tax – missed the boat on the 1% increase.

Lynette Layton:

- Safe Community
- Police Department and Fire Department up their visibility during the summer.
- Would like to see Wellton create a destination event like the Bisbee Art Festival.

Al Lockwood:

- Safety in Wellton is a great draw.
- More businesses like Pauline's Treasures.
- Would like to continue the Clean-up Campaign.

Dennis Denton:

- A controlled growth plan is a good idea.
- Potentially a Small Business Loan Fund in the future.

Joe Grant:

- Commercial growth area in Downtown (a Main Street environment).
- Work on making the Town an OHV destination.

Ken Wilkes:

- Art Show at Coyote Wash this weekend. Different groups need to communicate about their events.

Dick Watenpugh:

- The Arizona Peace Trail Loop is a 700 mile off-road trail that begins and ends in Bullhead City. The Town would like to become a mid-point destination for food, drink, gas and potential overnight stays for people on this trail.

Ana Flores:

- Expand Pioneer Days to include more events and participation.

Sharon Lockwood:

- Lots of empty places downtown.
- Would like to see more small businesses within that area.

12:00 Noon Adjourn – Tentative Time

Motion made by Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:47AM.