

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the April 7, 2015 Regular Meeting

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Cecilia C. McCollough, Mayor Pro Tem Vickie L. Bornt, Councilmembers 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, Town Magistrate Russ Jones, and Grants Administrator Yolanda Galindo.

Guests Present: Al & Sharon Lockwood, Juell & Vera Barker, Frank Hibbard, Stan Lucier, Ed & Maggie Heikila, Lynette Layton, Shirley Reynolds, Dennis & Polly Denton, and Kristal Jones.

Call to the public

Lynette Layton: Discussion regarding the potential of an Artisan Fair in Wellton on the 2nd Saturday of the month from November – February.

Presentation

Presentation of the 38th Annual Pioneer Day Parade and Fiesta Grand Marshall plaque to Susan Dodd.

Plaque presented to Susan Dodd by Mayor Cecilia McCollough.

Annual presentation by Julie Engel, President & CEO, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation.

Not presented.

Public Hearing

Open Public Hearing to solicit input from the citizens regarding the FY 2015-2016 Draft Operating Budget and fee changes, rate changes, and/or new fees / taxes.

Public Hearing opened at 6:07PM. Town Manager Watenpaugh turned over the floor to Financial Director Flores for her PowerPoint presentation on the budget proposals and breakdown.

Public Hearing closed at 7:00PM.

Reconvene Regular Session of the Common Council of the Town of Wellton at 7:02PM.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding:

- **FY 2015-2016 Draft Operating Budget**
- **Possible changes to fees, rates and/or new revenue stream.**

The four Councilmembers present concurred to move forward with the Draft Budget and bring additional information on building permit fees and possible tax rate percentage and examples,

forward to the April 21, 2015 meeting.

Department Heads

A. Police Department

Chief Jones reported on activity for the month of March 2015. Wellton Police Department passed their annual AZ Post audit. Department Employee Evaluations are almost complete. September 27, 2015 is First Responder Appreciation Day.

B. Magistrate and Court Department

Magistrate Jones reported on activity for March 2015 - \$3,717.14 (\$125 in FARE). WPD had 24 Civil cases, 2 Criminal cases and 1 Animal case. Arizona Supreme Court Justices were in Yuma March 23 – 24, 2015 and the Judge attended lunch and oral arguments at Gila Ridge High School.

C. Fire Department

The Fire Departments report for March 2015: 38 runs (13 of which were day). 13 calls were on the south side of the tracks, with 2 train delays (average 3 minutes). An average of a 4 minute response time. Only five volunteers have been showing up to the calls, due to the change in some of the volunteer's availability during the work day.

D. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Grant reported on March 2015 activity. Brandon Howard returned from training in Phoenix and a meeting with ADEQ. Streets and Sanitation Staff are currently working on Weed Abatement. Staff is working on getting vacation time down. Butterfield Golf Course – play has slowed down and the Pro Shop will close down for the season in April. Water Dog Day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 11:00AM – 5:00PM. Cemetery – Staff is rerouting the water line from the canal pump to Town water. Pool – the final walk thru was on Monday. Sanitation – trucks continue to need repairs to remain operational. Wellton World of Wheels – turned out exceptionally well. A critique meeting will be scheduled. The Brownsfield inspection has been completed on the future Town Hall site. A report is forthcoming. County 12th Street Park - the design process for a Park Master Plan is moving forward. County 12th Street Pond – aerators have been installed. There has also been a personnel change at the wastewater treatment plant at the Links.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a. For the Meeting of March 3, 2015 (Regular Meeting).**
- b. For the Meeting of March 14, 2015 (Work Session).**

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2015 (Regular Meeting) and the Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2015 (Work Session). Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.
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2. Discussion and possible action to accept the FY 2013 – 2014 Annual Audit.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt, seconded by Councilmember Deermer to accept the Town of Wellton's FY 2013 – 2014 Annual Audit as presented to Council at the March 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Town of Wellton's involvement in the Arizona Peace Trail.

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to support the concept of the Arizona Peace Trail Loop and request Staff provide local support, but not funding without further Council action. Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Transfer of Wellton-Mohawk Park and Playground from Yuma County to the Town of Wellton.

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to approve the Transfer Agreement between Yuma County and the Town of Wellton accepting the transfer of Parcel F, as attached, for a future Park; and authorize the Mayor to execute the document. Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action to proclaim National Library Week on April 12 – 18, 2015.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to approve the attached Proclamation proclaiming April 12 – 18, 2015 as "National Library Week"; and authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation. Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action to increase the mileage reimbursement rate for Town employees from 56.5¢ per mile to 57.5¢ per mile.

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to approve the Town of Wellton's mileage reimbursement rate, for business travel to 57.5¢ per mile, per the revised IRS standard. Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action to proclaim April – Fair Housing Month.

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to approve the attached Proclamation proclaiming April 2015 as "Fair Housing Month"; and authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation. Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- 8. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution #584 – Adopting a Fair Housing Policy, making known its commitment to the principle of Fair Housing, and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further Fair Housing.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jameson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to approve Resolution #584 – Adopting a Fair Housing Policy for the Town of Wellton, in compliance with CDBG requirements. Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- 9. Discussion and possible action to proclaim April 9, 2015 – Stand Up for Transportation Day.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jameson, seconded by Councilmember Deermer to approve the attached Proclamation proclaiming April 9, 2015 as “Stand Up for Transportation Day”; and authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation. Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- 10. Discussion and possible action regarding YMPO’s request for additional funds for FY 2015 – 2016.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jameson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to approve Staff’s recommendation to approve YMPO’s request for additional funds for FY 2015 – 2016. Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- 11. Discussion and possible action to approve ADOT moving forward with final design of the Coyote Wash Pedestrian Bridge and funding the necessary match funds, \$19,000.**

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to authorize ADOT to move forward with final design, Alternative Number 1, for a Prefabricated Steel Pedestrian Bridge across Coyote Wash; and direct Staff to budget \$19,000 as a match, in the FY 2015 – 2016 Operating Budget. Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- 12. Discussion and possible action to purchase Fire Truck from the City of Yuma. Staff will provide verbal report to Council and Community at meeting.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt, seconded by Councilmember Deermer to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Yuma and the Town of Wellton to purchase a 1993 Spartan Monarch 3D Fire Engine for \$5,000, and authorize the Town Manager to execute the document subject to the Town Attorney’s approval. Voice vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

- April 21 – Public Hearing on Draft Budget. Information on Property Tax, Water Study and Building Permit Fee’s at 6:00PM
- May 5 – Tentative Budget at 6:00PM

Other Reports

- Lisa Jameson met with Beamspeed regarding internet service for Wellton Elementary School. Beamspeed bid \$400 per month for 100 MB. Beamspeed would have to install a 160' tower to deliver that service.
- Victor Frankfather attended the YMPO meeting.

Staff's Report

- Wellton World of Wheels Car Show on March 28 – 72 vehicles registered (33 pre-register and 39 on-site registrations). The committee is looking at an earlier date potentially.
- 2015 Arizona League of Cities and Towns Annual League Conference is scheduled for August 18 – August 21 in Tucson. Registration begins in May.
- The Council to potentially “go dark” in August.
- The Council to review Town Manager on May 5, 2015 meeting during Executive Session to begin at 5:00PM. Regular meeting scheduled for 6:00PM.

Executive Session

None requested.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:11PM.