

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the June 2, 2015 Regular Meeting

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, June 2, 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, Police Chief Donald Jones, Magistrate Russ Jones, Fire Chief Mark Rivera, Water System Operator Brandon Howard, and Grants Administrator Yolanda Galindo.

Guests Present: Bill & Anna Lee Phillips, Juell & Vera Barker, Johnnie Altstatt, Frances Enos, Victor Frankfather, and Ed & Maggie Heikila.

Call to the public

None requested.

Department Heads

Police Department

Police Chief Jones reported on Police activity for the month of May 2015.

Magistrate and Court Department

Magistrate Jones reported on Court activity for the month of April 2015. April fines were \$7,536.65 (\$780.53 of which were FARE). Attended the Magistrates Conference in Prescott in May. 13 Civil Traffic cases and 4 misdemeanor were issued by Wellton Police Department.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Rivera reported on the Fire Department activity for May 2015. Call volume has dropped in the month of May. This is normal for this time of year. The Fire Department participated in Wellton Elementary School's Water Day earlier in the month. Turned out great – guys had a lot of fun as well. The "Fill the Boot" Drive raised \$1,815.41 for Kid's Klub. They would like to make this an annual event and begin in March next year. There was a Border Patrol chase that resulted in the fleeing vehicle rolling over on Avenue 28E, just North of Los Angeles Avenue/Highway 80. There were 5 illegals in an SUV. Three of the individuals denied transport and the other 2 were transported by ambulance.

Public Works Department

Water System Operator Brandon Howard Water Department/Safety/Building Inspections: TTHM's are still above standard. Looking into adding more flushers, and changing some pretreatment chemicals to lower them. We had our first Safety Committee Meeting on May 6th. The Committee is reviewing Company Safety Program and inspecting each facility for any safety issues. Staff had training on Fire hydrants on how to use them properly. Streets/Water Distribution/Sanitation/Pool Maintenance/Facilities: Street clean-up continues. Staff is removing hay bales from Coyote Wash near Unit 3. Staff is still in the process of replacing the older Residential water meters. Trash truck 6-162 replaced sheeting inside compacter and installed new Hydraulic rams. Butterfield Golf Course/Parks/Community Center/Cemetery: the aeration of greens is completed. Staff has started

preparation for the 4th of July - trimming palm trees and landscaping. Facilities: Community Center New air conditioning units should be completed by Friday, June 5th. Other: Brandon had a meeting with Wendy, the new operator for waste water plant. The automatic flusher that was installed washed out all the blanket in her plant. Brandon turned down flusher and Wendy is restarting the process. There will be some light odors over the next couple weeks from the process starting again.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes.

a. For the Meeting of May 5, 2015 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to approve the minutes for the Meeting of May 5, 2015 (Regular Meeting). Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

2. Public Hearing

Recess as Common Council of the Town of Wellton and convene a public hearing as the Board of Adjustment of the Town of Wellton to consider the following item:

Recessed as Common Council of the Town of Wellton and convened a public hearing as the Board of Adjustment of the Town of Wellton at 6:08PM

Reviewed Variance Case #15-401: Kenneth and Cathy Williams request for a variance of two and one-half (2½) feet from a six (6) foot required interior yard setback to construct a RV Garage on the East side of the property located at 30406 Quail Trail (Parcel #: 710-02-206).

Adjourn as Board of Adjustment for the Town of Wellton and reconvene as the Common Council of the Town of Wellton.

Adjourned as Board of Adjustment for the Town of Wellton and reconvened as the Common Council of the Town of Wellton at 6:12PM.

3. Discussion and possible action to consider recommendations of the Board of Adjustment for the Town of Wellton in the matter of Variance Case #15-401.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt, seconded by Councilmember Deermer to approve Variance Case #15-401: Kenneth and Cathy Williams. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Town Manager to start negotiations with James A. Davey & Associates as to the price for engineering services for the San Jose Road Improvements (Sidewalk project), CDBG Contract #128-13.

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to authorize the Town Manager to start negotiations with James A. Davey & Associates as to the price for engineering services for the San Jose Road Improvements (Sidewalk project), CDBG Contract #128-13. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

5. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Revenue for the collection of Town's Transaction Privilege Tax and authorize the Mayor to execute the document**

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Councilmember Jameson to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Revenue for the collection of Town's Transaction Privilege Tax and authorize the Mayor to execute the document. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

6. **Discussion and possible action to support the Wellton Elementary School District in securing upgrades for the school's internet service, construction of a new Internet Service Tower, and provide \$2,000 for incidentals, a portion of necessary power service.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt, seconded by Councilmember Deermer to support the Wellton Elementary School District in securing upgrades for the school's internet service, construction of a new Internet Service Tower, and provide \$2,000 for incidentals, a portion of necessary power service. Voice vote: 3-0-1-1 (Councilmember Jameson abstained due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

7. **Discussion and possible action to approve a loan to the Wellton Elementary School District, to replace the air conditioning units (2) in the School's Gymnasium, to be paid back in July 2015; and approve Staff paying for the utility (power) expense during the Summer Kids Klub Program.**

Removed from Agenda per Town Manager's request. This is no longer a viable option.

8. **Discussion and possible action to declare the 1977 Ford Boardman Fire Engine surplus and authorize Staff to donate the vehicle to the Volunteer Fire Department in San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico.**

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to declare the 1977 Ford Boardman Fire Engine surplus and authorize Staff to donate the vehicle to the Volunteer Fire Department in San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico. Voice vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

- Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, July 7th at 6:00PM.

Other Reports

- Mayor McCollough attended an YMPO meeting in May. One of the topics discussed was the transfer of streets and who is responsible for which aspects of the transfer.
- It was announced that Councilmember Deermer will be stepping down in July. Council Position Vacancy notices and applications will be ready this week. Applications will be due by June 18th.
- Thank you for the Donations to Kids Klub. Donations from JV Smith Farms / Skyview Cooling, Cocopah, Fill the Boot (by the Fire Department), and numerous individual donations have raised almost \$3,500.

Staff's Report

- After meeting with Zoe from Union Pacific – Staff is working on a grant application which can be used for beautification of properties along the Town's streets and right-of-ways.

Executive Session


None requested.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Deermer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bornt to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:43PM.


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 June 2, 2015 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.


Richard Watenpaugh, Town Manager