

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the October 30, 2017 Work Session

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Monday, October 30, 2017, led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Cecilia McCollough, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Claar, Councilmembers Kenneth Baughman, Lisa Jameson, and Michelle Jones.

Councilmember Absent: None.

Staff Present: Town Manager Larry Killman, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Finance Director Shantel Quinonez, and Fire Chief Mark Rivera.

Guests Present: Victor Frankfather, Rob Hohlbein, and Ralph & Sylvia Davidson.

Call to the Public:

None submitted.

Discussion Items

Agenda rearranged: Item 2 was discussed first.

2. Discussion:

- a. **Regarding the program to increase mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services by the Fire Department for services provided/rendered for the Town of Wellton Fire Department and add inflation adjustment.**

Fire Recovery is currently the Town's third-party billing service (since 2010) for incidents. This primarily covers: auto accidents, hazmat spills, etc. on Interstate 8. This does not include structure fires. Note: Rural Metro's rate sheet is 50% higher than the Town's proposed rate.

- b. **Regarding establishing and implementing a Medical Emergency First Responder Services Fee and a Medical Emergency First Responder Services Subscription Program for emergency and non-emergency services (non-fire related services) by the Fire Department for services provided/rendered for the Town of Wellton Fire Department.**

Discussion regarding setting a Medical First Responder Fee (\$400) and an annual Subscription Fee (\$62). The Medical First Responder Fee would apply to Priority One Calls (stroke, cardiac arrest, unresponsive, overdose, etc.) only.

Questions:

Ralph Davidson – Why charge anything if the Fire Department is considered a Town amenity?

Victor Frankfather – asked for clarification

Victor Frankfather – Could it be billed on the water bill?

Rob Hohlbein – Advertise the Public Meeting and give information as presented. Likes the concept.

Victor Frank Father – Question regarding Subscription Fee.

Staff to advertise subscription availability.

- Annual – January through December
- Recommendation of no payment plan for the \$62 subscription fee.
- Monies to be earmarked for Fire Department (training, instituting a replacement program, etc.)
- Existing Mutual Aid Agreements will be honored. But Town coverage will be the priority for the Fire Department.

Staff recommendation to be one annual subscription fee option. No 6-month or 12-month fee.

1. Discussion regarding the Water Rate Study from Rural Community Assistance Corporation and recommended rate increases. The Final Report from RCAC has been posted for public review on the Town web site.

This study was funded with a grant through RCAC. Town Manager Larry Killman reviewed the report.

Victor Frankfather stated he supports the rate increase.

Note: The second Water Plant Operator position has been in the Budget the last 2 years. Funds did not come available. The rate increase would help to fund this position.

A Valve Exercising Program and a Hydrant Program are in the works. These will be part of the Water Control Program.

Engineering for the loop on Avenue 28E (Coyote Wash Area) will also be future project that help with water quality.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Staff's Report

None.

Council's Report

Mayor McCollough will not be at the Tuesday, November 7th meeting.

Executive Session

None requested.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Claar, seconded by Councilmember Baughman to adjourn. Voice vote: 5-0-0-0 (yay-nay-abstain-absent). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.