

# TOWN OF WELLTON

## Minutes of the November 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Councilmember Baughman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Claar gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

**Councilmembers Present:** Mayor Cecilia McCollough, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Claar, Councilmembers Kenneth Baughman, Scott Blitz, and Michelle Jones.

**Councilmember Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Larry Killman, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Finance Director Marisol Hernandez, Police Chief Donald Jones, Grants Administrator Yolanda Galindo-Morales and Attorney Susan Goodwin (telephonically).

**Guests Present:** Sylvia Davidson and Shirley Reynolds.

### Call to the Public:

**Shirley Reynolds (Desert Sands RV Park):** The Museum is opening for the season this weekend. Masks and social distancing will be required. The Museum will be open Saturdays and Sundays (1:00PM – 3:00PM) during the winter season. There are several new displays.

### Discussion and Action Items

#### 1. Approval of Financial Statement:

##### a. As of September 30, 2020.

Town Manager Killman reviewed.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Claar, seconded by Councilmember Blitz, to approve the Financial Statement: as of September 30, 2020. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay  
Jones: Yay  
McCollough: Yay  
Claar: Yay  
Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

#### 2. Approval of Cash Disbursements:

##### a. For the Period: July 2020 – September 2020.

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Claar, to approve the Cash Disbursements: for the Period: July 2020 – September 2020. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay  
Jones: Yay  
McCollough: Yay  
Claar: Yay  
Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

**a. For the Meeting of October 20, 2020 (Special Meeting).**

Motion made by Councilmember Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the Minutes: for the Meeting of October 20, 2020 (Special Meeting). Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCullough: Yay

Claar: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

**4. Discussion and possible direction regarding Sanitation.**

Discussion led by Town Manager Killman.

- Tipping Fee contract with Republic Services expires next year (October 2021).
- The age of our sanitation fleet is becoming a factor.
- The mechanics are spending an average of 47 hours (out of 80 hours – 2 weeks) working on the sanitation trucks.
- We are currently running 2 residential sanitation trucks to make sure the route will be completed in a timely manner, due to the constant breakdowns.
- Staff is currently looking into a potential USDA Loan to purchase new sanitation trucks.
- A price increase would be needed regardless. Potentially \$11 per month per account. This would cover the additional charge for tipping fees and the potential loan payment.
- The budget for the upcoming fiscal year will include the new numbers.
- Staff is currently working with Republic Services to negotiate a renewed contract.
- Councilmember Blitz questioned if outsourcing would be an option to be considered. The cost is anticipated to probably be too high for that to be a viable option.
- Councilmember Jones asked if overhauling one of the older trucks would be worth the cost? Majority of the time you end up having issues finding replacement parts for the older trucks. Probably increasing the cost of maintenance.

**5. Discussion and possible direction regarding the Consent Order Amendment #2 from ADEQ (Arizona Department of Environmental Quality).**

Discussion led by Town Manager Killman.

- ADEQ is requiring the Town of Wellton to enter back into the Consent Order (Amendment 2) due to the continuing issue of noncompliance on the TTHm's.
- ADEQ approved the use of the Emergency Well as a blend with the surface water. Currently running at a 50/50 blend. New source testing is required for the Emergency Well.
- This is a short-term solution. Still need to fix the issue with our current water.
- ADEQ issued us a 120-day extension.

- The Water Plant is 30+ years old and new technology is needed to update our operation.
- The Emergency Well is capable of meeting 60% of the Town's current water needs by itself.

#### Future Agenda Items

- Swearing In of new Councilmembers on 11/17.
- The acceptance of the \$385,000 HOME Grant will be on 11/17.

#### Town Manager Report

- The selection committee for the Chief of Police have selected 2 applicants (out of a field of 6) for interviews. They will be conducted 11/4.
- The Coyote Wash Den opened on 11/1.
- Coyote Wash Golf Course is up \$50,000 over last year at this time, due to being open all summer season.
- Two mowers broke down – one at each golf course.
- Both courses are ahead of season passes as compared to last year.
- There has been a lot of interest from Yuma RV parks at the golf courses.
- Flood Control Projects in Wellton
  - 2 retention basins
  - 2 open drains
  - Coyote Wash rechannelization
- Paving contractor is working on estimate for Staff. Potential road work in the spring.
- A statewide Fire Alert has been issued for Arizona in preparation for potential fallout from the election.

#### Council's Report

- Mayor McCollough attended the 4FrontED ZOOM meeting on 11/2.

#### Executive Session

- None requested.

#### Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Jones to adjourn.

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Claar: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

A faint circular seal of the Town of Killman, Vermont, is visible in the background. It contains the text "TOWN OF KILLMAN VERMONT" around the perimeter and "1873" in the center.  
*Cecilia McCollough*  
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Cecilia McCollough, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Larry Killman*  
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Larry Killman, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held November 3, 2020 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

*Larry Killman*  
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Larry Killman, Town Manager