

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Baughman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor McCollough gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Cecilia McCollough, Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Baughman, Councilmembers Scott Blitz, Sylvia Davidson, and Michelle Jones.

Councilmembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: Town Manager Larry Killman, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Finance Director Marisol Hernandez, Police Chief David Rodriguez, Public Information Officer David Williams, and Attorney Andrew McGuire (telephonically).

Guests Present: Allen & Sharon Lockwood, Shirley Reynolds, Jim Williamson, Bob & Peggy Leeper, and Catherine Blitz.

Call to the Public

None submitted.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Financial Statement:

a. As of June 30, 2021.

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman, to approve the Financial Statement as of June 30, 2021 (prior to audit). Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Cash Disbursements:

a. For the Period: April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021.

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to approve the Cash Disbursements for the Period: April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:**a. For the Meeting of August 3, 2021 (Regular Meeting).**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of August 3, 2021 (Regular Meeting). Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Lease of the Commercial Trash Truck from the Town of Wellton Municipal Property Corporation and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents.

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to approve the Lease of the Commercial Trash Truck from the Town of Wellton Municipal Property Corporation and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

5. Discussion, possible direction, and possible action regarding the Town Manager Applications.

There have been 12 applications received to date. A request has been made to Council to review the application packet and list the candidates they would like to include in the interview process. The lists from all councilmembers will be collected at the next meeting and compiled. Candidates will be contacted and scheduled.

The attorney recommended that the current employers of possible candidates are not contacted until the final round. This is a courtesy for the applicants.

Future Agenda Items

- Minutes for approval will be on the September 21, 2021 Agenda.
- The collection of the prioritization of the Town Manager applications will be on the September 21, 2021 Agenda.

Town Manager Report

- The Lease Agreement for the Peterbilt Commercial Trash Truck is still in process.
- Economic Development is focusing on the Grant Monies that available. Majority have been earmarked for Ag related projects (30-60 projects across the US at \$500,000 each).

Yuma County is currently working with the entities on a Broadband Plan. This may lead into the next phase of \$2 million awards for the projects. Those awards have a 20% match requirement.

- The Multiversity meeting was at Gowan Company recently. The tie of Economic Development with higher education is necessitating the expansion of the class offerings by AWC, U of A, NAU, and ASU in the area. This is an effort to retain young people in the area with higher education and employment. Focusing on technology in Ag Production, staffing Healthcare, and teacher. Addressing specific local needs for the area is a priority for the Multiversity.
- The Census 2020 numbers are in. There has been a reported loss of 507 people from the 2010 Census. This is a 17.6% loss. The entirety of Yuma County is appealing the accuracy of the count. Public comment is due in December 2021.
 - All shared revenues, VLT, HURF, SST will decrease by the 17.6% (an estimated \$216,000 loss).
 - This will be on top of the \$100,000 City Sales Tax loss that is upcoming.
- The Emergency Well is currently online at a 10% blend with surface water.
- DOC is now on-site. There have been 5-7 each day. We have requested 12. The number of workers is anticipated to increase to reach the 12.
- The Guard Shack repair contract has been issued. The contractor has ordered the materials. Work is to commence once they are received. (A request for additional signage upon completion was made.)
- Staff is still collecting (waiting on contractors) bids to repair the pool.
- Staff will be working with the attorney to update the Lot Tie procedure and streamline the process. This requires an update to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations with a provision for Lot Ties.

Council's Report

- Mayor McCollough has been active in the Legislative Update, the Census Challenge, GYEDC meeting, YMPO meeting, and acting as a judge in the Arizona Game and Fish Dove Cooking Contest this month.

Staff Report

- None reported.

Executive Session

- None requested.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to adjourn.

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54PM.



Cecilia McCollough

Cecilia McCollough, Mayor

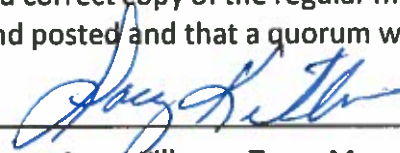
ATTEST:



Larry Killman, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held September 7, 2021 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.



Larry Killman, Town Manager