

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth 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, Public Information Officer David Williams, Assistant Public Works Director Brandon Howard, Grants Administrator Yolanda Galindo-Morales, and Attorneys Andrew McGuire (telephonically).

Guests Present: Darren Simmons, Allen & Sharon Lockwood, Ken Kirk, Bob Ludwig, James Rightmire, and Shirley Reynolds.

Call to the Public

Kenneth Kirk – 27282 Sage Avenue: Concerned about the speed limit signs in his subdivision. He would like additional signs placed.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes:

a. For the Meeting of December 21, 2021 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the Minutes: for the Meeting of December 21, 2021 (Regular Meeting). Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay
Jones: Yay
McCollough: Yay
Davidson: Yay
Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding bids for TTHm Scrubber at the Water Plant.

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to accept the bid of Big Wave Water Technologies and to authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract in a form approved by the Town Attorney. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay
Jones: Yay
McCollough: Yay
Davidson: Yay
Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

- **Recess Regular Session and convene a Public Hearing of the Common Council.**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to recess Regular Session and convene a Public Hearing of the Common Council at 7:19PM. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

3. Public Hearing regarding the application to ADOH for CDBG for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 State Special Projects (SSP) funds for one (1) project: Phase II -San Francisco Avenue Road Improvements.

Discussion led by Grants Administrator Galindo-Morales detailing the Phase II -San Francisco Avenue Road Improvements.

- **Close Public Hearing and reconvene Regular Session of the Common Council.**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to close Public Hearing and reconvene Regular Session of the Common Council at 7:28PM. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to

- Adopt Resolution #683, authorizing submission of application to ADOH for CDBG for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 State Special Projects (SSP) funds for one (1) project: Phase II -San Francisco Avenue Road Improvements, and**
- Authorize Mayor to sign the Application Certification Statement and all necessary forms for the application.**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman, to adopt Resolution #683, authorizing submission of application to ADOH for CDBG for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 State Special Projects (SSP) funds for one (1) project: Phase II -San Francisco Avenue Road Improvements, and authorize Mayor to sign the Application Certification Statement and all necessary forms for the application. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

5. **Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution #684 authorizing the Town Manager and members of the Town Council to execute checks and other items for and on behalf of the Town of Wellton; authorizing the Town Manager and members of the Town Council to authorize certain electronic payments and transfers of funds; and declaring an emergency.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Blitz, to adopt Resolution #684 authorizing the Town Manager and members of the Town Council to execute checks and other items for and on behalf of the Town of Wellton; authorizing the Town Manager and members of the Town Council to authorize certain electronic payments and transfers of funds; and declaring an emergency. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

6. **Discussion regarding the pursuit of a City Sales Tax Increase.**

Discussion led by Town Manager Killman.

7. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Separation, Release and Temporary Assignment Agreement between Larry Killman and the Town of Wellton.**

Tabled until January 11, 2022 Meeting.

Future Agenda Items

- January 11, 2022 Special Meeting.
 - Sales Tax question to be voted on.
 - Potential USDA Loan Documents for approval. This is for the purchase of the Commercial Sanitation Truck.

Town Manager Report

- ADEQ is requesting an update for the Consent Order regarding the TTHm issue.
 - During that discussion ADEQ stated the additional clarifier would not be approved. Further investigation determined the clarifier is necessary for the continued improvement and maintenance of the Water Plant; and would ultimately aid in ~~the~~ meeting the thresholds.
 - ADEQ is also recommending a booster pump at Avenue 28E on the new 8" water line.

- San Francisco Avenue Road Improvements bids came in much higher than the budget. The scope of work has been reduced. Staff is waiting for the approval from ADOH on the reduced scope.
- The new officer is scheduled to graduate from the Academy in February. Field Training will be roughly 3 months.
- Broadband Update: The Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to award the RFP to Allo.
- RAGHT (Rural Arizona Group Health Trust) – Annual Conference will be held February 9 – 11, 2022.
 - Based on the reports and history, the potential of a significant rate increase may be discussed.
- The minimum wage was increased to \$12.80, effective January 1, 2022.
- Pool Update – Conrad’s Pool is scheduled to start in 1-2 weeks.
- Guard Shack (Coyote Wash) Update – work is almost complete.

Council’s Report

- Mayor McCollough attended the YRMC Administration Board Meeting. The focus was needed repairs at the hospital.
- Additional test kits are being delivered to Sunset Community Clinic and Dateland School.

Executive Session

- None requested.

Adjournment

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

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

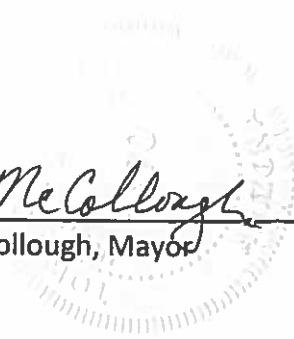
McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.



Cecilia McCollough
Cecilia McCollough, Mayor

ATTEST:

Richard Marsh
Richard Marsh, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held January 4, 2022 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Richard Marsh
Richard Marsh, Town Manager