

# TOWN OF WELLTON

## Minutes of the March 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 15, 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 Richard Marsh, Finance Director Marisol Hernandez, Police Chief David Rodriguez, and Attorney Andrew McGuire (telephonically).

**Guests Present:** Jim Rightmire, Shirley Reynolds, and Barbara Biggs.

### Call to the Public

Requested to speak during Agenda Item.

### Discussion and Action Items

1. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a. **For the Meeting of March 1, 2022 (Regular Meeting).**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of March 1, 2022 (Regular Meeting). Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

2. **Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 143 an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, amending the Code of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, Chapter 9 Business, Article 2 Tax Code of the Town of Wellton, related to Privilege Taxes, by increasing the rate of taxation from a rate of two and one-half percent (2.5%) to a rate of three and one-half percent (3.5%) as it relates to specific business activities; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; and providing for severability.**

Agenda Item discussed at length by Council and Public. Ordinance No. 143 to be approved, with the noted review of amounts annually and the 1% increase drop date the end of Calendar Year 2025.

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Code of the Town of Wellton, related to Privilege Taxes, by increasing the rate of taxation from a rate of two and one-half percent (2.5%) to a rate of three and one-half percent (3.5%) as it relates to specific business activities; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; and providing for severability. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

### Future Agenda Items

- Audit.
- Plaque presentations to the Pioneer Day Grand Marshall Ann Baughman.
- Certificates of Appreciation to be distributed to:
  - Community Volunteers
    - CWCAC
    - Cocopah Tribal Council
    - Jewels of the Desert
    - Wellton Animal Shelter
    - And others

### Town Manager Report

- Pioneer Day Parade and Fiesta was March 12, 2022. Prep work has already started for next year's event. Thank you to Ann Baughman, our Grand Marshall.
- Recognition of community volunteers is scheduled for the next Council Meeting.
- ADEQ is working with Staff to improve our asset management plan, etc.
- Town Staff and Council are working together on Goal Setting Sessions.
- Foothills Rotary Club is still planning on donating to a community project for the Town of Wellton, pending approval.
- Upcoming meetings with National Bank and Republic Services to strengthen the existing relationships.
- Plan to attend Wellton School Board Meeting for a Meet and Greet.
- A Meet and Greet is scheduled (by Shasta Baughn) at Butterfield Golf Course on March 24, 2022.
- Rotary Golf Tournament at Coyote Wash – March 26, 2022.
- Night Golf Tournament at Butterfield – March 19, 2022 at 6:30PM.
- Guard Shack Update:
  - Light switch covers and door threshold to be replaced this week.
  - Interior doors to be removed this week.
  - Public Works Director Grant is researching the cost of decorative pillar ad signage for the building.
- ND & Katie Kline Pool Update:
  - Anticipated completion date of the repairs is March 24, 2022.

- Last Wednesday was a zoom meeting with State Senators Sinema and Kelly.

**Council's Report**

- Mayor McCollough:
  - Thursday was a GYEDC meeting.
  - Yuma County Chamber Award.
  - YMPO Rail Study – a property easement is being set aside.
- Councilmember Blitz reported Representative Tim Dunn would be a candidate to speak in Town. Mayor McCollough to issue an invitation.

**Executive Session**

- None requested.

**Adjournment**

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

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.

*Cecilia McCollough*  
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 Cecilia McCollough, Mayor

ATTEST:  
*Richard Marsh*  
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 Richard Marsh, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:  
 I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held March 15, 2022 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

*Richard Marsh*  
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 Richard Marsh, Town Manager