

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the October 4, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, October 4, 2022. Councilmember **Sylvia Davidson** 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, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Finance Director Marisol Hernandez, Public Works Director Joe Grant, Assistant Public Works Director Brandon Howard, Police Chief David Rodriguez, Fire Chief Mark Rivera, Grants Director Yolanda Galindo, Code Enforcement David Williams, and Attorney Andrew McGuire (telephonically).

Guests Present: Bruce Elford, Al Lockwood, Janet Cowelle, Elra Claymore, Doris Maynard, Robert Leeper, Peggy Leeper, Lisa Alama, Rob Murdock, Julie Stevens, Mabel Wall, Richard Delehant, Janet Delahant, Ed Hawley, Sally Hawley, Catherine Blitz, Chad Taylor, Heather Perez, Rob Hohlbein, Shirley Reynolds, Regina Langford, Connie Zimmerman, John Hensley, Wards, Howard Ho, Barbara Biggs, Larry Killman, and Earl Crandell.

Call to the Public

Allen Lockwood (29838 Vista Ridge Boulevard) – Expressed concerns about the train blocking the railroad crossing on William Street.

Robert Leeper (28102 Canal Avenue) – Requested an update on the Census Challenge.

Presentation

No Business Spotlight.

Presentation

Presentation by Town Manager Richard Marsh and David Williams, Code Enforcement regarding absentee property owners and Nuisance Abatement.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes:

a. For the Meeting of September 20, 2022 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of September 20, 2022 (Regular Meeting).

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 698 – the Drought Preparedness Plan for the Town of Wellton.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Blitz, to adopt Resolution No. 698 – the Drought Preparedness Plan for the Town of Wellton.

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

3. Discussion regarding Fire Department EMS Subscriptions.

Discussion led by Town Manager Marsh and Fire Chief Rivera on the history and steps moving forward.

4. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract with Gutierrez Canales Engineering, PC (GCE), in the amount of \$544,461.63 for the Phase II of San Francisco Avenue Road Improvements Project, CDBG Contract #141-22.

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Gutierrez Canales Engineering, PC (GCE), in the amount of \$544,461.63 for the Phase II of San Francisco Avenue Road Improvements Project, CDBG Contract #141-22.

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract with GCI Construction and Inspections LLC, in the amount of \$58,633.00 for the Coyote Wash Building Exterior Paint & Repair.

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract GCI Construction and Inspections LLC, in the amount of \$58,633.00 for the Coyote Wash Building Exterior Paint & Repair.

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

- 6. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 699 authorizing participation in the Yuma Regional Communications System, approving execution of the terms and conditions therefore, and authorizing the expenditure of the required fees.**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract GCI Construction and Inspections LLC, in the amount of \$58,633.00 for the Coyote Wash Building Exterior Paint & Repair.

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

- 7. Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 146 amending the Code of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, Chapter 2, Mayor and Council, Article 2-4, Council Procedure, Section 2-4.1, Regular Meeting, related to the date, time, and location of regular Council meetings; and providing for repeal of conflicting Ordinances.**

Item 7 has been tabled.

- 8. Discussion and possible action to approve Tri-Valley Ambulance Services' request to hold their Annual Benefit at the Wellton Community Center on Saturday, November 19, 2022 and to review and approve their request for a Special Event Liquor License as required by Arizona Liquor Control.**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to approve Tri-Valley Ambulance Services' request to hold their Annual Benefit at the Wellton Community Center on Saturday, November 19, 2022 and approve their request for a Special Event Liquor License as required by Arizona Liquor Control.

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

- Effluent Agreement with the Links at Coyote Wash Utilities.
- Code of Conduct for Elected Officials.
- Award Letter and contract for Comprehensive Plan. Documents for the Bakersfield Avenue Road Improvements are also forthcoming.

Town Manager Report

- On Saturday, October 1, 2022 I was able to attend (along with Mayor McCollough and Councilmember Davidson) the Nice Tour Meet You San Luis Rio Colorado restaurant tour coordinated with 4FrontED. Restaurants included in the tour: Pranvera Terraza, Bohemio Foodvan, Mariscos "Los Angulo", Pez Gallo Sushi & Cervecería, La Faisana / Alto Golfo, and La Refinería. Santos Gonzalez, Mayor of SLRC, Sonora, led the tour.
- Staff is currently working with the attorneys on the 10815 Dome Street for Billboard RFP. This will be for a digital billboard at the Water Plant. The use of this sign will promote Wellton and it's local businesses at no cost to the Town.
- The "Buy Local" banners are currently being displayed at Town Hall. The flags are available to all local businesses. Please inquire at Town Hall.
- Staff is planning to invoice Union Pacific Railroad for staff time and Police intervention this weekend. The train blocked the intersection for extended periods of time during the weekend and on Monday.
- The response to the tree trimming volunteers posting was very encouraging. Dedicated volunteers showed up to pick up palm fronds behind Staff as they trimmed the palm trees along Los Angeles Avenue. A heartfelt Thank You to all who came out.
- Mayor McCollough was spotlighted in the Flinn-Brown Network News. As one of the "Fellows", she was one of two members that were selected this month to take part in creating a virtual Network library of books about public-policy issues, the practice of leadership, professional development, or other areas that would be a worthy share.
- The Town of Wellton is moving towards a new Domain name: *welltonaz.gov*. Staff is currently working on the changeover. The new domain will be the Town's website address as well as the email address.
- Both sessions of the Chat with the Manager held on September 28, 2022 were a success. 20 residents attended the 1:00PM session and 15 attended the 6 :00PM session.

Council's Report

- Coyote Wash Golf Course Pump installed.
- Butterfield Pump to be installed next week.
- Mayor McCollough attended the Arizona Agribusiness Meeting, ADOT – Arizona Border Master Plan, discussions about GIS Economic Development, graduated her online school (grant opportunity), attended the 4FrontED tour of San Luis RC on Saturday, and attended an Arizona Town Hall discussion.
- Mayor McCollough also announced there will be an Event Planning Committee Meeting on October 6 at 3:00PM in the Council Chambers.

Executive Session

- None requested.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman to adjourn.

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Absent

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39PM.


Cecilia McCollough, Mayor

ATTEST:


Richard Marsh, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

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


Richard Marsh, Town Manager