

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the December 6, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Scott Blitz called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. **Mayor Blitz** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Mayor Pro Tem Cecilia McCollough** gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Town Manager Richard Marsh, Finance Director Marisol Hernandez, and Attorney John Austin Gaylord.

Guests Present: Doris Maynard, Elra Claymore, Bruce Elford, Kenny Ward, Dolores Ward, Evie Pistone, Judith Alcaraz, Rebecca Bell, Rick Bell, Allen Lockwood, Janet Cowell, Darren Simmons, Judith Stevens, Larry Killman, Mabel Wall, Regina Langford, Jim Sampson, Ralph Davidson, Catherine Blitz, Heather Perez, Bob Ludwig, Robert Keeper, Jim Schmile, and Kenneth Baughman.

Presentation

Business Spotlight – None.

Call to the Public

Jim Williamson (30105 Mountain View Avenue): Expressed his concern about the recent tagging in the Coyote Wash area and potential gang activity in Wellton as a whole.

Presentation

Recognition of former Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmember Kenneth Baughman.

Presentation

Town Manager Richard Marsh presented an update on the Code Enforcement Program.

Presentation

2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) by Town Attorney John Austin Gaylord.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes:

a. For the Meeting of November 28, 2022 (Special Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of November 28, 2022 (Special Meeting).

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

2. **Discussion and possible action to authorize Bella Borck to move forward with her Girl Scout Silver Award Project.**

Item 2 tabled until the March 7, 2023 Regular meeting at the presenter's request.

3. **Discussion and possible action to approve the addendum to existing Inspection Services Agreement between Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) and Yuma County, to include the Town of Wellton to enforce installation standards of Manufactured Homes.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCollough, to approve the addendum to existing Inspection Services Agreement between Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) and Yuma County, to include the Town of Wellton to enforce installation standards of Manufactured Homes.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

4. **Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 146 declaring as a public record that certain document on file with the Town Clerk entitled the "December 2022 Town of Wellton Amendments to the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code" by reference; and amending the Wellton Town Code by amending Chapter 8, Building, Planning, Zoning Code, by adding Article 8-8, Property Maintenance Code; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing penalties for violations.**

Motion made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to table Ordinance No. 146 until the March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting. Additional information and amendments are needed.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

5. **Discussion and possible action regarding cancelling the Tuesday, January 3, 2023 Regular Meeting.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve cancelling the Tuesday, January 3, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Davidson: Nay

Jones:	Yay
Blitz:	Yay
McCollough:	Nay
Biggs:	Yay
Motion carried.	

Future Agenda Items

- Code of Conduct as requested by Council. Code to be reviewed.
- Strategic Plan – progress update.
- Building Code (2018).
- Town Council Orientation with Town Attorney.

Town Manager Report

- Code Enforcement Update:
 - The Alice Street Project was completed on November 7, 2022.
 - The San Francisco Avenue Project is ongoing. The house as-is is uninhabitable. The 30-Day Notice has been sent to the property owner. The house will be demolished if no action is taken.
 - The Oakland Avenue Project 30-Day Notice expired on December 5, 2022. Staff and volunteers will move forward with abatement.
- The graffiti on William Street and Commerce Way has been removed by community volunteers. Thank you to Darrel Couch and Wellton Pickleball Club for the donation of funds to buy paint and supplies; Ralph Davidson (Wellton Hardware) for the discounted price on said paint and supplies; and Jeff Hubert (Gotta Paint) for his service in removing the graffiti.
 - As a result, the potential placement of surveillance cameras around the community is being examined.
 - This will be in addition to the heightened awareness by officers and the community.
- The RFP for the “Billboard on Water Treatment Plant Site” has been released. The goal is to have a digital billboard near the freeway. The Town is proposing to lease space to an interested business enterprise. They will provide advertisement opportunities for local businesses and promotional opportunities for the Town of Wellton.
- Mayor Pro Tem McCollough and Town Manager Marsh met with the Director of the Small Business Development Center and Administrators from the AZ Commerce Authority in the Phoenix office.
- The Town’s residential truck broke down. It has been repaired. A new truck is an estimated \$500,000. Staff is examining alternatives for our trash service.
- The Town Manager’s office has initiated a partnership with ASU Marvin Andrew Fellows Program. We have requested the conduct an analysis of Economic Development Incentives that exist at the regional, state, and federal levels for Wellton small businesses.

- Councilmember Jones' has uploaded a Fire Department Training video. It is a must see. The video details what our paid-on-call fire department must endure in the line of duty. She is commended for her participation in the training challenge.
- Dolores Ward has graciously accepted the vacant PIO position. She is receiving a \$300 monthly stipend, as well as free golf for her and her husband.
- The Arizona Community Foundation of Yuma calls for nominations of people doing good in the community. I was nominated. While I was not selected, I would like to acknowledge the honor of being nominated. It's a win for Wellton as well.
- Complaint form to be placed on the website for citizens to submit for follow-up on issues.
- The Block Party Benefit for Wellton Fire Department was held despite the rain. The event moved inside of the Desert Penguin. The early planning meetings included community volunteers and Mayor Pro Tem McCollough. Additional planning meetings closer to date of the event included Police Chief Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem McCollough, Jesse De Anda (Desert Penguin), and me. Our team scheduled (and held) these meetings at 7:00AM on 11/15 and 11/28. An additional meeting the week of 11/21 was held that included Jesse and me. Topics of discussion were logistics, state requirements for the liquor license extension, the Town's role in the event. Public Works assisted in cleaning weeds and sand out of the islands and the entrance way to the event. Dumpsters were also provided by the Town. An offer of 10% of the proceeds was offered to the Fire Department by the Desert Penguin, per earlier discussion. The final amount is yet to be determined. The Town did receive a separate amount of \$1,726 (\$920 in individual donations and \$806 from FD EMS subscriptions), during the event.
- In another effort to benefit the Fire Department, the Town is sponsoring a Cross Country Golf Tournament at Butterfield Golf Course on December 10, 2022. As of 12/5, an additional 7 people were needed for sign-ups.
- The Christmas Tree Lighting will be at West Side Park on December 10, 2022.
- Thank you to everyone for your support, prayers, and concern during my 30-day battle with RSV symptoms.

Council's Report

- Mayor Blitz reported 2 members of Council (he and Councilmember Biggs) attended the Newly Elected Officials Training offered by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns.
- Antelope Union High School Food Drive at Fire Department on December 7, 2022.
- There will be a Cross Country Golf Tournament benefitting the Wellton Fire Department at Butterfield Golf Course on December 10, 2022 at 11:00AM.
- The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Saturday December 10, 2022 at West Side Park.
- The Fire Department EMS Q&A Session will be at the Community Center on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:00PM.

Executive Session

- None requested.

Adjournment

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

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

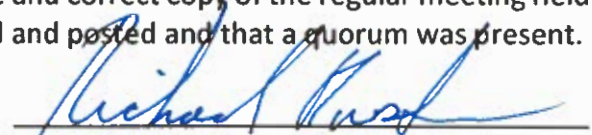
Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.


Scott Blitz, 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 December 6, 2022 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.


Richard Marsh, Town Manager