

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the June 7, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, June 7, 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 Absent.

Staff Present: Town Manager Richard Marsh, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Finance Director Marisol Hernandez, Public Works Director Joe Grant, Police Chief David Rodriguez, Public Information Officer David Williams, Coyote Wash Golf Course Manager Brian Claar, Consultant Larry Killman, and Attorney Andrew McGuire (telephonically).

Guests Present: James Rightmire, Darren Simons, Jeremy Claridge, Bruce Wilker, Regina Langford, Betty Thompson, Jim Sampson, Anita Cusimano, Fed Cusimano, Heather Prez, Liseo Aler, Connie Zimmerman, Stan Lucier, Barbara Biggs, Steve Williamson, Phyllis Williamson, Lynda Lake, Audrey Zingler, Shirley Reynolds, Rhona Taylor, Julie Engel, Cathy Bell, Kerri Maddler, Bob Leeper, Peggy Leeper, Gerald Alberigi, Ed Luis, and Luis Luna.

Call to the Public

Bruce Wilkes –(11763 Comanche Street) – Feels as if Staff did the bare minimum on notifications for the Sales Tax Increase and the importance of the Census.

Presentation

Mid-Year presentation by Julie Engel – CEO Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation.

Discussion and Action Items

1. **Discussion and possible action to:**
 - a. **Increase Fund 97 (American Relief Act 2021) from a budgeted Revenue and Expense of \$363,172 for FY 2021 – 2022 to \$508,317; and**
 - b. **Decrease Fund 75 (WIFA Grant) budgeted Revenue and Expense by \$145,145, leaving a balance of \$254,494.**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve increase Fund 97 (American Relief Act 2021) from a budgeted Revenue and Expense of \$363,172 for FY 2021 – 2022 to \$508,317; and decrease Fund 75 (WIFA Grant) budgeted Revenue and Expense by \$145,145, leaving a balance of \$254,494. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action to:

- a. Add Fund 82 (San Francisco Avenue Road Improvements – Phase II) for FY 2021 – 2022 with a budgeted Revenue and Expense of \$500,000; and
- b. Decrease Fund 90 (SSP Grant Funds) budgeted Revenue and Expense by \$351,035, leaving a balance of \$0 FY 2021 – 2022; and
- c. Decrease Fund 66 (FEMA Staffing Grant) budgeted Revenue and Expense by \$115,000, leaving a balance of \$0 FY 2021 – 2022; and
- d. Decrease Fund 98 (FEMA Staffing Grant) budgeted Revenue and Expense by \$33,965, leaving a balance of \$0 FY 2021 – 2022.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Blitz, to add Fund 82 (San Francisco Avenue Road Improvements – Phase II) for FY 2021 – 2022 with a budgeted Revenue and Expense of \$500,000; decrease Fund 90 (SSP Grant Funds) budgeted Revenue and Expense by \$351,035, leaving a balance of \$0 FY 2021 – 2022; decrease Fund 66 (FEMA Staffing Grant) budgeted Revenue and Expense by \$115,000, leaving a balance of \$0 FY 2021 – 2022; and decrease Fund 98 (FEMA Staffing Grant) budgeted Revenue and Expense by \$33,965, leaving a balance of \$0 FY 2021 – 2022. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible direction regarding the Expenditure Limitation and the possible options to pursue.

Agenda Item 3 moved to after Agenda Item 10.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. For the Meeting of May 17, 2022 (Regular Meeting).
- b. For the Meeting of June 1, 2022 (Special Meeting)

Motion made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Blitz, to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of May 17, 2022 (Regular Meeting) and June 1, 2022 (Special Meeting). Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

5. **Discussion and information regarding the efforts of Left Thumb Labs, LLC in their attempt to acquire a Medical Marijuana License to operate in the Town of Wellton.**

Informational update on progress of Left Thumbs Labs LLC by their attorney Jeremy Claridge.

6. **Discussion and possible action to proclaim June 15, 2022 as “Elder Abuse Awareness Day”.**

Mayor McCollough proclaimed June 15, 2022 as “Elder Abuse Awareness Day”.

Amberley’s Place will be at the Wellton Police Department on June 15, 2022 from 8:00AM – 11:00AM.

- **Recess Regular Session of the Common Council and open Public Hearing as Board of Adjustment**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to recess Regular Session of the Common Council and open Public Hearing at 7:37PM. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

7. **Public Hearing for Variance Cases:**

- a. **Variance Case #V-22-002: Frederick & Anita Cusimano request a variance of Planning & Zoning Code Chapter 8, Section 8-5.4.1-B (3): One (1) Guest House/Casita or an Accessory Building is allowed on a lot on their lot located at 11681 Laguna Street (Parcel #: 709-52-044).**

Discussion.

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

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to close Public Hearing as Board of Adjustment and reconvene Regular Session at 7:41PM. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

8. **Discussion regarding Tentative Operating Budget FY 2022 – 2023.**

Discussion led by Town Manager Marsh.

- 9. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 690 to adopt the Tentative Operating Budget FY 2022 – 2023 and establish the maximum budget amount for the Town of Wellton for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.**

Motion made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Blitz, to adopt Resolution No. 690 to adopt the Tentative Operating Budget FY 2022 – 2023 and establish the maximum budget amount of \$5,841,905 for the Town of Wellton for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

- 10. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 691 to adopt fee changes for the Town of Wellton for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.**

General fees covered by Town Manager Marsh and fees for both Golf Courses reviewed by Coyote Wash Golf Course Manager Brian Claar.

- 3. Discussion and possible direction regarding the Expenditure Limitation and the possible options to pursue.**

Agenda Item 3 moved to after Agenda Item 10.

Discussion led by Town Manager Marsh. The Town of Wellton is in the process of asking for a Census Review – a CQR (there is a 90-day window for the Census to review the submittal once it is submitted). The Census greatly impacted the Expenditure Limitation for the Town.

Public Hearing on June 16, 2022 to review the Home Rule Option for the Town.

Future Agenda Items

- Business Spotlight at next council meeting.
- Draft website at next council meeting.
- Adoption of Final Budget.
- Adoption of final fees.
- PSPRS Funding schedule. Annual adoption.
- Census presentation at next council meeting.

Town Manager Report

- Buy Local Campaign – James Schuessler (Small Business Development Center at Arizona Western College and the Arizona Commerce Authority) will be working with the Town of Wellton to promote the Buy Local Campaign.
- Business Roundtable was May 26, 2022 at Geronimo's Restaurant.

- The Town of Wellton will be collaborating with Tapia Planning for their 2020 Census Review & Challenge (CQR). Multiple steps are necessary such as continuing to follow-up with the 2020 Census CQR Staff during their 90-day review process. If the challenge is successful, ensure that added housing units are included in the annual July 1 population estimations. With this potential housing and population adjustment for Wellton, the target year is for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, but using the July 1, 2022 population estimations as those estimations will be approved on December 15, 2022, using the US Census Bureau's Annual July 1 Population Estimations.
- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) – Town Staff met with the consultants hired by ADEQ at Town Hall on May 25, 2022 at Town Hall. The consultants were gathering data for their assessment of potential solutions for our TTHm issue.
- Budget Proposition – Town Staff is working on the review of the potential to moving forward with a question to the voters for a Home Rule or Permanent Base Adjustment to alleviate the Expenditure Limitation issue brought on by the incorrect 2020 Census count.
- I had the opportunity today to meet with the Regina Langford, owner of Family Liquidators. She expressed her concerns and views regarding the approved City Sales Tax increase and budget issues.
- Yuma Vigilantes – reenactment for Pioneer Day.
- The draft of the Town of Wellton's website revamp is scheduled to launch June 21, 2022.
- Launch a "Local Business Spotlight" – special presentation at Town Council Meeting on June 21, 2022.
- The "Friends of Wellton" 501(C)(3) has been renamed to "United For Wellton, Inc.". They are continuing to work through the process of establishing the 501(C)(3).
- Question from Council – "When will there be follow-up on the business sign discussion?"

Council's Report

- Mayor McCollough participated in the Grown Your Own Symposium, YMPO Executive Board Meeting, 4FrontED Meeting in Wellton, RTAC Meeting (regarding Highway 95 Expansion Funding), VFW Memorial Day at the Wellton Cemetery, and the retirement celebration for Susan Thorpe.

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 9:15PM.


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 June 7, 2022 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.


Richard Marsh, Town Manager