

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the September 15, 2020 Special Meeting

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the special meeting to order at 6:30PM on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Mayor McCollough led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Cecilia McCollough, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Claar, Councilmembers Kenneth Baughman, Scott Blitz, and Michelle Jones.

Councilmember Absent: None.

Staff Present: Town Manager Larry Killman, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Finance Director Marisol Hernandez, Police Chief Donald Jones, and Attorney Susan Goodwin (telephonically).

Guests Present: Steve Williamson, Scott Blitz, Bob Sloncen, Michele Jones, Allen Lockwood, Sharon Lockwood, Shantel Quinonez, Susan Rodriguez, Javier Nuno, and Sylvia Davidson.

Call to the Public:

None submitted.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes:

a. For the Meeting of September 1, 2020 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Claar, seconded by Councilmember Blitz, to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of September 1, 2020 (Regular Meeting). Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Claar: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 670 to adopt a minor amendment to the General Plan to allow a commercial use on property located at 28881 Oakland Avenue, Wellton, Arizona.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Claar, seconded by Councilmember Blitz, to approve Resolution No. 670. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Claar: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 140, to amend the zoning map of the Town of Wellton for the property located at 28881 Oakland Avenue, Wellton, Arizona.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Claar, seconded by Councilmember Blitz, to adopt Ordinance No. 140. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Claar: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

4. Discussion regarding replacement process for the Police Chief position.

Chief Jones expressed his intent to retire December 31, 2020 (tentative date).

He outlined 3 strategies to fill vacant position:

- Internal – applicant from existing employees
- External – outside applicants
- Open – a hybrid of the above

There are also different methods of evaluation. A track will need to be determined.

Position requires the individual to be AZPost certified.

Position options:

- Contract where salary and benefits are negotiated.
- Executive position.

Questions:

Mayor Pro Tem Claar asked if there are any states that do not transfer easily to AZPost.

Councilmember Blitz asked how long it takes to get certified through AZPost. What is Chief Jones history? How long has Chief Jones been in Wellton?

Potential committee (5-members) to select new Police Chief will consist of:

- Town Manager
- Current Police Chief
- One Councilmember
- Neighboring Police Officers

Note from Attorney: Council cannot select committee members as it becomes a public board at that time and requirements of Open Meeting Law would need to be met.

Future Agenda Items

- 60-day Notice for:
 - Right of Way
 - Towers
- Grants
 - Funding Agreements will be forthcoming.
- Street Master Plan presentation will be at the October 6, 2020 meeting.

Town Manager Report

- Our attorney Susan Goodwin will be retiring effective December 31, 2020. Andrew McGuire will be filing in as our Town Attorney.
- Staff is working on changing the POS systems at Coyote Wash and the Den to Golf Now.
- Butterfield will be remaining with the Clover POS system – but through National Bank as opposed to Leader’s Merchant Services (better card processing rates). Butterfield will not be utilizing the online tee time booking that was offered by Golf Now.
- Reseeding at Butterfield Golf Course started on September 14th.
- The plans are to open both courses by October 15th.
- The Den is tentatively scheduled to open November 1st.

Council’s Report

- None.

Executive Session

- None requested.

Adjournment

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

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Claar: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09PM.