

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Special Meeting

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the special meeting to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Councilmember Baughman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Claar 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, Grants Administrator Yolanda Galindo-Morales, Judge Russ Jones, and Attorney Susan Goodwin (telephonically).

Guests Present: Martha Barnette, David Rodriguez, Sylvia Davidson, Shirley Reynolds, Shantel Quinonez, Catherine Blitz, and Sharon & Al Lockwood.

Call to the Public:

None.

Discussion and Action Items

- **Adjourn Special Session**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Claar, seconded by Councilmember Blitz, to adjourn Special Session at 6:02PM. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Claar: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

- **Oath of Office for Councilmembers:**

- a. **Sylvia Davidson**

- b. **Michelle Jones**

Oath of Office administered to Councilmembers by Judge Jones.

Councilmember Claar stepped down.

- **Reconvene Special Session**

Motion made by Councilmember Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Blitz, to reconvene Special Session at 7:18PM. Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay
 Davidson: Yay
 Blitz: Yay
 Motion carried.

1. Discussion and possible action to appoint:

a. Mayor

The nominees for Mayor were: Scott Blitz and Cecilia McCollough. After both nominees accepted their nominations, both spoke as to why they are best for the position.

Roll Call vote:

Baughman: McCollough
 Jones: Blitz
 McCollough: McCollough
 Davidson: Abstain
 Blitz: Blitz

There was a tie – 2-2. Per attorney’s advice, in the event of a tie the seated Mayor retains their seat until such a time that a tie will not occur. A follow-up vote will be held at an upcoming meeting.

b. Mayor Pro Tem

The nominee for Mayor Pro Tem was: Kenneth Baughman. The nominee accepted the nomination.

Roll Call vote:

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

Unanimous decision. Kenneth Baughman is Mayor Pro Tem.

2. Approval of Minutes:

a. For the Meeting of November 3, 2020 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of November 3, 2020 (Regular Meeting). Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to sign Funding Agreement #305-21 between the Town of Wellton and Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) for the use of HOME funds in the amount of \$385,000.

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to authorize the Mayor to sign Funding Agreement #305-21 between the Town of Wellton and Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) for the use of HOME funds in the amount of \$385,000. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

- Yuma County IGA regarding the Flood Control.
- Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding.
- Discussion regarding the Recreational Marijuana Law.
- Wireless and Right-of-Way Agreements Fees for Permits

Town Manager Report

- The Emergency Well test results are too high in arsenic levels to be considered a long-time solution.
- Police Chief selection committee has chosen to offer the position to David Rodriguez. He has accepted.
- Recognition of outgoing Councilmember Brian Claar and his service on Council.

Council's Report

- Mayor McCollough attended the opioid litigation call.

Executive Session

- None requested.

Adjournment

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

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28PM.

Cecilia McCollough

Cecilia McCollough, Mayor

ATTEST:

Larry Killman

Larry Killman, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the special meeting held November 17, 2020 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Larry Killman

Larry Killman, Town Manager