

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Councilmember Blitz 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 Larry Killman, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Finance Director Marisol Hernandez, Police Chief David Rodriguez, and Attorney Andrew McGuire (telephonically).

Guests Present: Hal Macon, Bob Ludwig, Jim Sampson, Lucy Shaw, David Williams, Barbara Thompson, Shirley Reynolds, and Jim McCollough.

Call to the Public:

Jim McCollough (Tier Drop RV Park) – A thank you to Wellton Police Department and a donation of \$500 to the department.

David Williams (Wellton Police Department) – A very happy review of the new Police Chief and wishing him a Happy Birthday.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes:

a. For the Meeting of March 16, 2021 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of March 16, 2021 (Regular Meeting). Voice vote:

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action to:

a. Authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 674 adopting a Fair Housing Policy and describing actions the Town of Wellton shall undertake to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing; and

b. Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 674 adopting a Fair Housing Policy and describing actions the Town of Wellton shall undertake to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing; and proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the week of April 4-10, 2021 as National Library Week.

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to proclaim the week of April 4-10, 2021 as National Library Week. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

• 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 as Board of Adjustment at 7:12PM. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

4. Public Hearing for Variance Cases:

- a. **Variance Case #V-21-001: Richard and Barbara Thompson 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 his lot located at 30409 Palo Verde (Parcel #: 710-02-184).**

Discussion

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

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to close Public Hearing as Board of Adjustment and reconvene Regular Session of the Common Council at 7:16PM. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

- **Recess Regular Session of the Common Council and convene as Board of Adjustment.**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to recess Regular Session of the Common Council and convene as Board of Adjustment at 7:17PM. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

5. **Discussion and possible action to approve/deny Variance Case #V-21-001: Richard and Barbara Thompson 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 his lot located at 30409 Palo Verde (Parcel #: 710-02-184).**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve Variance Case #V-21-001: Richard and Barbara Thompson 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 his lot located at 30409 Palo Verde (Parcel #: 710-02-184). Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

- **Recess as Board of Adjustment and reconvene Regular Session of the Common Council.**

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to recess as Board of Adjustment and reconvene Regular Session of the Common Council at 7:19PM. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

- Call with STIFEL regarding PSPRS potential bond issue on April 7, 2021.
 - Item to be brought to Council for review on April 20, 2021.

Town Manager Report

- Staff to open the Community Center for rentals as of May 1, 2021.
- Questions regarding the potential opening of the Pool this summer. National chlorine shortage and lack of staff make it a costly endeavor.
- Staff is continuing to work on the ADEQ Consent Order.
 - New chlorine pump installed.
 - New parts for Emergency Well.
 - Staff is working on the Blending Plan for the surface and well water.
 - The well has cost approximately \$16,000 in parts to fix piping, etc.
- Staff is working on the final Close Out Report for the Fire Station Expansion Project.
 - There is to be an additional \$12,000 to insulate the new addition and existing living areas.
- Staff has ordered 25 new LED heads for the DD lights at Coyote Wash Subdivision. They cost approximately \$240 each. The savings in power will pay for them in an estimated 16 months.
- There will be a 4th of July Celebration this year.
 - Recommended: No vendors.
 - Recommended: Social distancing and masks, if desired.
- Desert Penguin had a soft opening on April 3rd. Grand Opening is to be April 10th.
- Medical Marijuana – Dunn is scheduled to have his hearing at the State on April 15th.
- Housing America is having the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the 2 completed houses on Palo Verde on April 8th at 10:00AM.

Council's Report

- Mayor McCollough attended Amberly's Places Pinwheels for a Cause today at Wellton Elementary School. This is to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Executive Session

- None requested.

Adjournment

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

Baughman: Yay

Jones: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Davidson: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29PM.

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 regular meeting held April 6, 2021 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Larry Killman

Larry Killman, Town Manager