

TOWN OF WELLTON

Minutes of the October 5, 2021 Regular Meeting

Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. Councilmember Davidson 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, Public Information Officer David Williams, and Attorney Andrew McGuire (telephonically).

Guests Present: Allen & Sharon Lockwood, Luis Luna, Ralph Davidson, Dina Evancho (Amberly's Place), Brandon Howard, Bob & Peggy Leeper, Jim Sampson, Barbara Biggs, Cory Beck, and Shirley Reynolds.

Call to the Public

Barbara Biggs (27308 Mesquite Avenue) – Discussed the timeline regarding the repair of the Coyote Wash Entrance Building on Avenue 27E, known as the "Guard Shack".

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes:

a. For the Meeting of September 21, 2021 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baughman, to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of September 21, 2021 (Regular Meeting). Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

2. Discussion, and possible action to approve:

a. the Superior Tank Solutions proposal for the renovation of Tank 2 at the Water Plant;

Bid came in higher than the budgeted \$120,000. The price as well as the budget shortfall necessitate advertising for additional bids.

Questions –

- Is this repair necessary? Yes – Tank 2 is currently offline as part of the tank maintenance program.
- Where is the money coming from? Current Budget and the Relief Act Monies.

- Will there be additional repair needed (additional costs)? The tank will be brought up to meet current ADEQ regulations.

This item to be tabled until the Bid Advertising Process is completed.

b. the Superior Tank Solutions proposal for the upgrade of Tank 2 at the Water Plant; and

This is the additional work on the tank to install the TTHm Mitigation System (estimated cost).

This item to be tabled until the Bid Advertising Process is completed.

c. the Big Wave Water Technologies proposal for the install of The Hurricane-100 Air Ventilation and TTHm Mitigation System in Tank 2 at the Water Plant.

This item to be tabled until the Bid Advertising Process is completed.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the sole source proposal for the Solids Contact Clarifier from WesTech.

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to approve the sole source proposal for the Solids Contact Clarifier from WesTech. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval/disapproval of the Liquor License request for Wellton Mini Mart at 28311 Los Angeles Avenue.

Motion made by Councilmember Blitz, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the Liquor License request for Wellton Mini Mart at 28311 Los Angeles Avenue. Voice vote:

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

Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible direction regarding the pursuit of a City Sales Tax Increase.

Discussion led by Town Manager Killman regarding the potential pursuit of a City Sales Tax increase. Examples:

- Sales Tax comparison of surrounding areas and similarly sized entities.

- Discussion regarding reduced revenues compared to last year's July/August.
- The Census currently has Wellton at 2375 population. The State estimates 3350 (based on income tax returns). The State Shared Revenues are paid out according to the Census numbers. This would be an estimated \$217,000 reduction in Shared Revenues. The question at the state level is – Can the State numbers be used to allocate the funds as opposed to the Census numbers?
- A Property Tax question would be a Special Election in 2023. While the City Sales Tax question could be handled in-house with ADOR assistance to implement the change. This would be a 6-month turnaround.
- Comment from Council – Would like to look at Budget and investigate the items that have consistently lost money before going to any increases.
- Public Hearing to openly discuss both the City Sales Tax increase and Property Tax question.

6. Discussion and possible action to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Proclaimed.

Dina Evancho (Amberly's Place) expressed her gratitude for the continued support of the Town.

Future Agenda Items

- Tank Renovation bids to be reviewed as received.
- Sales Tax/Property Tax Public Meeting.
- San Francisco Avenue Road Improvements RFP for approval.

Town Manager Report

- Survey Monkey sent out to canvas an additional date for the Town Manager Interviews.
- MPC – working on the Letter of Agreement for the USDA Loan.
- There has been a delay in the overseeding at Coyote Wash Golf Course due to the weather.
- The pump at Butterfield Golf Course is to be replaced. As soon as the new one is installed and Coyote Wash is complete, overseeding, will begin.
- Purchase of a "new" used service truck for mechanic.
- The chlorine price is scheduled to increase another 15% on November 1, 2021, per our supplier.
- Update on the Coyote Wash Entrance Building "Guard Shack" – the construction crew has been down with COVID as well as waiting for ordered material.
- Update on pool repair bids – waiting for additional information from Rodriguez (the only bid we have received to date).
- Trunk or Treat is scheduled at Wellton Elementary School on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

Council's Report

- Mayor McCollough attended the WACOG and YRMC meetings.

- The Mayor is to attend the Rural Transportation Summit on October 13 – 14, 2021.

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 8:03PM.



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 October 5, 2021 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Larry Killman
Larry Killman, Town Manager