



MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

6:00PM – Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Wellton, Town Hall Council Chambers

28634 Oakland Avenue, Wellton, Arizona 85356

Mayor Scott Blitz called the regular meeting to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Mayor Blitz led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Biggs gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Scott Blitz, Vice Mayor Cecilia McCollough, Councilmembers Barbara Biggs, Sylvia Davidson, and Michelle Jones.

Councilmembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: Town Manager Richard Marsh, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Finance Director Dennis Osuch (via Teams), Police Chief David Rodriguez, Grants Director Yolanda Galindo, Events Coordinator Mary Miranda, and Attorney Michael Goodman (via Teams).

Guests Present: Terri Hogan (Logan-Simpson), Lou Landers, Brenda Landers, Crystal Mendoza, Darren Simmons, Alicia Jorajuria, Kenny Ward, Dolores Ward, Jim Sampson, James Rightmire, Bob Ludwig, Hal Macon, Dale Yenkala, Beth Atkinson, Harry Atkinson, Cheri Brown, Jerry Brown, Julie Forsyth, Harold Forsyth, Bonnie Hunt, Denny Hunt, Debanie Murdock, Ruth Widmark, Domingo Widmark, Jenny Pierce, Martin Arias, Steve Owens, Elane Owens, Robert Bruley, and Diane Bruley.

Call to the Public

None submitted.

Presentations

- Pickleball Courts Renovations Update – Town Manager Richard Marsh
- Yuma Regional Bicycle Coalition Inc. Tour de Fields Update – Ricky Rinehart
- Tractor Rodeo Update: Bill Lanier Jr
- Small Business Development Cener Presentation: Crystal Mendoza
- Code Enforcement Update: Chief David Rodriguez

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Financial Statement:

a. As of September 30, 2023

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough, to approve the Financial Statement: as of September 30, 2023.

Davidson: Yay
Jones: Yay
Blitz: Yay

Biggs: Yay
McCollough: Yay
Motion carried.

2. Approval of Cash Disbursements:

a. For the Period: July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023

Motion made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the Cash Disbursements: for the Period: July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023.

Davidson: Abstain
Jones: Yay
Blitz: Yay
Biggs: Yay
McCollough: Yay
Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

a. For the Meeting of October 3, 2023 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to table the Minutes: for the Meeting of October 3, 2023 (Regular Meeting).

Davidson: Abstain
Jones: Yay
Blitz: Yay
Biggs: Yay
McCollough: Nay
Motion carried.

b. For the Meeting of November 7, 2023 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve the Minutes: for the Meeting of November 7, 2023 (Regular Meeting).

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

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to open Public Hearing at 7:39PM.

Davidson: Yay
Jones: Yay
Blitz: Yay

Biggs: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 713, repealing the Wellton 2013 General Plan adopted in October 2013 and all successor amendments thereto and adopting a new General Plan, 2023 Wellton General Plan, in full compliance with ARS § 9-461 et. seq. establishing planning goals and policies, a future land use map, and considering each of the plan elements required by statute in addition to others determined by the Town.

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough, to close Public Hearing at 8:34PM.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Biggs: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Motion carried.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to adopt Resolution No. 713, repealing the Wellton 2013 General Plan adopted in October 2013 and all successor amendments thereto and adopting a new General Plan, 2023 Wellton General Plan, in full compliance with ARS § 9-461 et. seq. establishing planning goals and policies, a future land use map, and considering each of the plan elements required by statute in addition to others determined by the Town.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Biggs: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action to award Bid to the lowest bidder – DPE Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$362,438 for the Bakersfield Avenue Street Improvements Project, CDBG Contract #145-23.

Motion made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough, to award Bid to the lowest bidder – DPE Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$362,438 for the Bakersfield Avenue Street Improvements Project, CDBG Contract #145-23.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Biggs: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 714, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Law Enforcement Agencies of Yuma County and the Town regarding creating the Yuma Regional Critical Incident Response Team.

Motion made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough, to adopt Resolution No. 714, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Law Enforcement Agencies of Yuma County and the Town regarding creating the Yuma Regional Critical Incident Response Team.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Biggs: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 715, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Town of Wellton regarding the administration, collection, audit, and/or licensing of Transaction Privilege Tax, Use Tax, Severance Tax, Jet Fuel Excise and Use Taxes, and Rental Occupancy Taxes imposed by the State, Town, and other Arizona Municipalities.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to adopt Resolution No. 715, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Town of Wellton regarding the administration, collection, audit, and/or licensing of Transaction Privilege Tax, Use Tax, Severance Tax, Jet Fuel Excise and Use Taxes, and Rental Occupancy Taxes imposed by the State, Town, and other Arizona Municipalities.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

Biggs: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 147 "Town of Wellton Amendments to the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code".

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough, to take no action on this item at this time, as there has not yet been sufficient time to determine whether it will negatively impact the Town.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay
Blitz: Yay
Biggs: Nay
McCollough: Yay
Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to postpone the Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Regular Meeting to the Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Special Meeting.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to postpone the Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Regular Meeting to the Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Special Meeting.

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

Future Agenda Items

- Strategic Plan Update.

Town Manager's Report

- The Pickleball Court Ribbon cutting Ceremony was November 28, 2023, at 9:00AM. Channel 13 was there to report on the renovations and Town of Wellton Pickleball was featured at 6:00PM and 10:00PM. Channel 11 had a sneak peek at 5:00PM.
- Event Coordinator Mary Miranda is scheduled to be on Jennifer Blackwell's podcast on December 14, 2023, at 9:45AM on Z93. She will be covering future events in the Town of Wellton.
- Gordetta Chapin, a resident that makes teddy bears for children involved in stressful situations, donated 10 teddy bears each to Wellton Police Department and Wellton Fire Department.
- The Financial Emergency Manager's focus is on establishing a strong fund balance. Another word commonly used is "Rainy Day Fund". We are intentional and deliberate about focusing beyond maintaining a balanced budget to maintaining a healthy fund balance enabling municipalities to survive a Financial Emergency or unexpected crisis.
- Revenue generator Wellton Police Department sold a 2011 Chevrolet Caprice online for \$4,075.00. In the near future the Public Works Department will be auctioning unused vehicles and equipment as well.
- Ana Flores, Town of Wellton temporary part-time employee, is having an amazing impact already. Handling payroll, at a reduction in cost, special projects, interfacing with the courts, she discovered nearly \$2,000 in checks that had been sitting in drawers in the Finance department for over a year in some cases.
- On December 16, 2023, The Town of Wellton Parks and Recreation will be using their new 40-foot Movie Screen for Movies in the Park by presenting Elf. The screen can function with

FM radio allowing guests to listen to movies in their vehicles if they desire. Blue Ray, DVD, laptop, or phone can be connected to the system to project movies, advertisements, as well. We intend to feature family orientated movies monthly, weather permitting. The Community benefit is enormous, it will encourage unity and togetherness among our residents and business owners, address local retention, and attraction issues. Enhance our quality of life. Economic benefit will be derived from sponsorships, credits, rental of Movie Screen for functions, similar to how we rent out the Community Center, ramadas, and basketball courts. Also, vendor sales tax revenue can be received, and another spinoff affect is revenue generation for local businesses. In addition, the Movie Screen will be used to support educational fundraising events for local schools, as they will be offered the opportunity to be vendors during movie events.

- Yolanda Galindo, Grants Administrator, CDBG direct allocation set aside for Wellton was \$382,438. She assisted the Chief with the \$44,000 Department of Justice Grant application.
- Clarifier update: Westech is looking into providing numbers for installation. I inquired if the Town had received quotes during the acquisition phase, this was not done although according to Westech 90 percent of Town and Cities already have the Installation contractor on-line during the acquisition phase. During FY 24/25 we are planning to apply for funding through the state CDBG Regional Account to assist with funding this project.
- Bill Shepard, a Coyote Wash community volunteer, has agreed to assist Mary with Event Coordination. He will recruit 10 volunteers to help with coordination and implementation of all Town Events. Thank you, Bill!

Council's Report

- Councilmember Biggs reported on the palm tree trimming at the off ramp (Exit 30). She also reported as a resident that the Links at Coyote Wash Utilities rate increase will go into effect.
- Vice Mayor McCollough attended the WACOG meeting and the NALEO conference.
- Mayor Blitz informed the attendees that the 4FrontED Executive Director has resigned. Mayor Blitz also attended the meeting at AWC earlier in the day held be Senator Sinema. Wreaths Across America will be at the Wellton Memorial Cemetery on December 16, 2023 at 10:00AM. The Coyote Wash Light Parade and Soup Party is this Saturday.

Executive Session

None requested.

Adjournment

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Biggs to adjourn.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

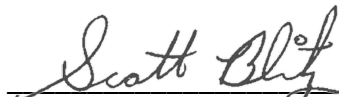
Blitz: Yay

Biggs: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.



Scott Blitz, Mayor

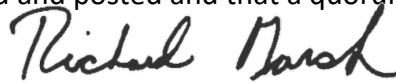
ATTEST:



Richard Marsh, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held December 5, 2023, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.



Richard Marsh, Town Manager