



MINUTES

Town Council Special Meeting

6:00PM – Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Wellton, Town Hall Council Chambers

28634 Oakland Avenue, Wellton, Arizona 85356

Mayor Scott Blitz called the special meeting to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. 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, Code Enforcement Officer Belen Medina, Events Coordinator Mary Miranda, Water System Operator Tim Burns, and Attorney John Austin Gaylord (via Teams).

Guests Present: Lou Landers, Brenda Landers, Bruce Elford, Kenny Ward, Dolores Ward, Ernestina Moore, Audrey Zingler, Lynda Lake, Greg Ellingson, Cheryl Mercedo, Bob Ludwig, Catherine Blitz, Hal Macon, Jim Sampson, Darren Simmons, Harold Forsyth, Julia Forsyth, Bonnie Hunt, Dennis Hunt, Bob Leeper, Peggy Leeper, Greg Schutte, and Salvador Arcos.

Call to the Public

Ernestina Moore (San Jose Avenue) – A Thank You from her family for the quick response of the Police Department, neighbors, friends, and fellow residents of the Town of Wellton when her great niece was missing. Fortunately, she was found in the house where she had fallen asleep while playing.

Presentations

- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Update: Water System Operator Tim Burns
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Event Update: Events Coordinator Mary Miranda
- Code Enforcement Update: Chief David Rodriguez and Code Enforcement Officer Belen Medina
- 2022/23 Annual Update: Town Manager Richard Marsh

Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes:

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

Motion made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough, to approve the Minutes: for the Meeting of October 3, 2023 (Regular Meeting).

Davidson: Yay

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

b. For the Meeting of December 5, 2023 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Vice Mayor McCollough, to approve the Minutes: for the Meeting of December 5, 2023 (Regular Meeting).

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

2. Discussion and possible action to select the Grand Marshall(s) for the 2024 Pioneer Day Parade & Fiesta.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to extend the deadline to the end of January, and present the list at the February 6, 2024 Council Meeting.

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

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the San Francisco Avenue Street Improvement Construction Contract CDBG Contract # 145-23 between the Town of Wellton and DPE Construction, Inc.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve the San Francisco Avenue Street Improvement Construction Contract CDBG Contract # 145-23 between the Town of Wellton and DPE Construction, Inc.

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

Future Agenda Items

- FY 2022-2023 Audit for discussion and approval.
- Budget timeline.
- Butterfield Golf Course and Coyote Wash Golf Course review.
- Coyote Den Restaurant review.

Town Manager's Report

- Reviews of the first Movie at the Park event, Elf, were amazing. We had 199 responses, with 173 likes and 26 comments. All were positive.
- Next Movie featuring Tom Cruise on January 27, 2024, the hit movie Top Gun Maverick (PG 13) will be presented at the Coyote Wash Golf Course. A Beer Garden and food for sale will be available.
- In February, a movie will be featured for kids and parents at Wellton Elementary School in coordination with the school's staff.
- Businesses will have the opportunity to be a sponsor for the movie screen and their business name will be run in the credits before and after the movie.
- Our Public Works Director is retiring. Three (3) applications have been received to date. The deadline is January 19, 2024, for responses from candidates.
- Public Works Department Auction is now underway online for the surplus vehicles and equipment.
- There are now lights on the stop signs at the intersection of William Street and Los Angeles Avenue, thanks to a Wellton Police Department grant
- Crack Seal work has begun machine broke will resume asap.
- The Yuma County Public Works was in Wellton on Monday, January 8, 2024 sweeping streets aiding the Town in normal street sweeping, but also in preparation for the Tour de Fields Bike Ride Event on Saturday.
- Jeff Hubert, Gotta Paint, has volunteered to paint the Police Department and Town Hall. The Town will provide the paint.

Council's Report

- Mayor Blitz requested the sweeper be used for areas that Tour de Fields will be utilizing. The Christmas Tree Lighting was a success in his opinion. Questioned as to when the Christmas decorations are to be removed from the street. Volunteers will be needed February 5-9, 2024 for branch removal.
- Vice Mayor McCollough has been requested to participate in the WACOG Five Year Planning Committee by Executive Director Brian Babiars. YMPO Executive Director Crystal Figueroa visited Wellton and received a tour. Attended the ARTC Conference and discussion was regarding grant potential for planning, engineering, and design of projects
- Councilmember Biggs commented on the upcoming palm tree trimming on Interstate-8 Off Ramp. Resident comment: reminder about the Links at Coyote Wash Utilities sewer. File complaints with JW Water and EPA.
- Councilmember Jones reminded residents about the CDBG Public Hearing scheduled for January 11, 2024 at 6:00PM in the Council Chambers.

Executive Session

None requested.

Adjournment

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

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

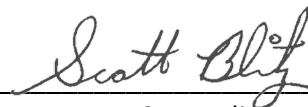
Blitz: Yay

Biggs: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM.



Scott Blitz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Richard Marsh, Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the special meeting held January 9, 2024, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.



Richard Marsh, Town Manager