

## **TOWN OF WELLTON**

### **Minutes of the January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting**

**Mayor Scott Blitz** called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. **Mayor Blitz** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Mayor Pro Tem Cecilia McCollough** gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

**Councilmembers Present:** Mayor Scott Blitz, Mayor Pro Tem 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 Marisol Hernandez, Fire Chief Mark Rivera, and Attorney Andrew McGuire.

**Guests Present:** Jim Sampson, Jim Rightmire, Connie Zimmerman, Lisa Alama, Janet Cowell, Allen Lockwood, Kenny Ward, Dolores Ward, Catherine Blitz, Julie Stevens, Heather Perez, Ashley Rivera, Bob Ludwig, and Gerald Alberigi.

#### **Presentation**

The Presentation by Charles Gutierrez of Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) regarding the grant funding for potential railroad crossings has been postponed.

#### **Presentation**

Mayor Pro Tem Cecilia McCollough presented the Recognition of Service Plaque to Fire Chief Mark Rivera.

#### **Presentation**

Town Manager Richard Marsh present an update on the Code Enforcement Program progress.

#### **Discussion and Action Items**

##### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

###### **a. For the Meeting of December 6, 2022 (Regular Meeting).**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCollough, to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of December 6, 2022 (Regular Meeting).

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

##### **2. Discussion and possible action to:**

###### **a. Add Councilmember Barbara Biggs as signor on all Town of Wellton bank accounts at National Bank of Arizona.**

###### **b. Remove Kenneth Baughman as signor on all Town of Wellton bank accounts at**

**National Bank of Arizona.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCollough, to add Councilmember Barbara Biggs as signor on all Town of Wellton bank accounts at National Bank of Arizona and remove Kenneth Baughman as signor on all Town of Wellton bank accounts at National Bank of Arizona.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

**3. Discussion and possible action to authorize:**

- a. The closure of the existing Town of Wellton Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona; and
- b. The opening of a new Town of Wellton Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to authorize the closure of the existing Town of Wellton Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona, and the opening of a new Town of Wellton Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

- **Recess Regular Session of the Common Council and open Public Hearing as Board of Adjustment**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to recess Regular Session of the Common Council and open Public Hearing as Board of Adjustment at 7:28PM.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

**4. Public Hearing for Rezoning Case:**

- a. **Rezoning Case #RZ-23-002: Miguel A & Norma A Gamez request a rezoning of a 6,750 square foot parcel located at 29242 Los Angeles Avenue (709-13-013) in Wellton, Arizona, from Commercial District to Residential District.**

Discussion regarding the rezoning request and applicants plans to renovate the existing building into 2-1-bedroom rental units.

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

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to close Public Hearing as Board of Adjustment and reconvene Regular Session of the Common Council at 7:34PM.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

5. **Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 146 amending the Code of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, Chapter 2, Mayor and Council, Article 2-4, Council Procedure, Section 2-4.1, Regular Meeting, related to the date, time, and location of regular Council meetings; and providing for repeal of conflicting Ordinances.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to adopt Ordinance No. 146 amending the Code of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, Chapter 2, Mayor and Council, Article 2-4, Council Procedure, Section 2-4.1, Regular Meeting, related to the date, time, and location of regular Council meetings; and providing for repeal of conflicting Ordinances.

Davidson: Nay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Nay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

6. **Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 701 amending the Code of Conduct for Elected Officials.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to adopt Resolution No. 701 amending the Code of Conduct for Elected Officials.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

**Future Agenda Items**

- A Work Session for the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) is scheduled for February 7, 2023, at 5:00PM.

**Town Manager Report**

- The Foothills Rotary Club donated the funds to fund \$11,358.44 of equipment and repair at Butterfield Park.
- The T-Mobile Grant Application has been submitted. If awarded, this grant will be utilized to repair and install some much-needed upgrades to the current Council Chambers.
- The Fire Department EMS Subscriptions Q&A sessions were held on December 1, 2022, and January 5, 2023, at Wellton Community Center. The renewal notices were mailed in December. A follow-up mailing will be upcoming in the next few weeks. As of January 12, 2023, we have collected \$7,378.00 (119 subscriptions).
- The Parade Day Pioneer and Fiesta is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2023. The Fiesta Booth application has been sent to potential vendors, as well as posted on our Facebook event. The Parade application has been mailed to past and interested participants and advertised on the Facebook event.
- Southwest Forgotten Iron has moved forward with the Tractor Show (Tractor Rodeo) on January 21, 2023, at the County 12th Street site. They have posted flyers, as well as created a Facebook event.
- The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Billboard on Wellton Water Treatment Plant Site has been published. Proposals are due by 5:00PM on January 20, 2023, at Town Hall.
- The Comprehensive Plan RFQ has been approved by ADOH. It will be published in the Yuma Sun. Additional information of the review, etc. will be forthcoming.
- Western Arizona Council of Government (WACOG) is facilitating the acquisition of 2 vehicles for the Senior Nutrition Program that is in the works. A new stove has also been installed at the Wellton Community Center. It is joining the new refrigerator and worktables, courtesy of WACOG.
- A potential street improvement may be coming to William Street. A "Welcoming Corridor" if you will. Preliminary discussion includes widening William Street from the Union Pacific Railroad Crossing to I-8 – to 3 lanes with the addition of bike lanes and curb and sidewalk. This will add appeal as well as safety.
- Staff and the AZ Community Foundation of Yuma are working together to schedule another Community Involvement Meeting in March as a follow-up to the September 2022 meeting. There has been a slight delay in scheduling due to extenuating circumstances and illness.
- Council's meeting with Border Patrol at the Yuma Station has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 10:00AM.

- Dolores Ward has been doing a fantastic job as Wellton's new PIO. Based on the hours she has been putting in for her stipend (attending meetings, updating postings, communicating with the public, etc.) it averages roughly \$5.00 per hour.
- The Coyote Wash Community Action Committee (CWCAC) hosted a meeting at a resident's house on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 1:00PM. Mayor Blitz, Coyote Wash Golf Course Pro Shop Manager Brian Claar, Assistant Public Works Director Brandon Howard, and I were in attendance. The opportunity to listen to residents' concerns and disburse the correct information was invaluable.
- The Yuma Sun ran an article with an annual recap of the Town of Wellton. Mayor Pro-Tem McCollough provided excellent introspect into the happenings in Wellton for the Sun's readers.
- Potential sale of the Town's lot at 29249 San Jose Avenue.
- Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank Mayor Blitz and Councilmember Jones for their continued support and donations of 6 workstations and 11 monitors, updating the Town's IT Program.

#### **Council's Report**

- Mayor Pro Tem McCollough attended:
  - YMPO meeting on December 8, 2022
  - Discussion with Senator Kelly on December 13, 2022
- Mayor Pro Tem McCollough will be participating in a Grant Writing Workshop January 19-20, 2023.
- Reminder that the Tractor Rodeo will be in Wellton on County 12<sup>th</sup> Street on January 20-21, 2023.
- Reminder of the Easter Seals event at the Wellton Community Center on January 21, 2023 for children 0-5 years of age.
- Mayor Blitz and Council will be participating in a tour of the Wellton Sector Border Patrol Station and a discussion with the Agent in Charge regarding the Town's potential role if Title 42 is repealed.
- Mayor Blitz attended the Coyote Wash Community Action Committee meeting this month. Among the items discussed and concerns expressed was the desire for a community dog park.
- Reminder of the Coyote Wash Yard Sale on January 21, 2023.

#### **Executive Session**

- None requested.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem McCollough, seconded by Councilmember Jones to adjourn.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

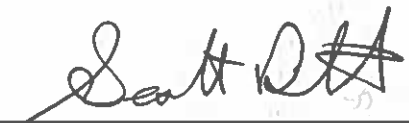
Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

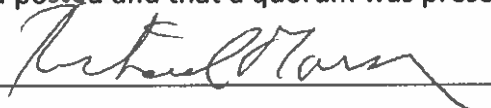
Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

  
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Scott Blitz, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Richard Marsh, Town Manager**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held January 17, 2023, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

  
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Richard Marsh, Town Manager