

## **TOWN OF WELLTON**

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### **Minutes of the April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting**

**Mayor Scott Blitz called the regular meeting to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Mayor Blitz led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Barbara Biggs gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.**

**Councilmembers Present:** Mayor Scott Blitz, Vice Mayor Cecilia McCollough (via Zoom), Councilmembers Barbara Biggs, Sylvia Davidson, and Michelle Jones.

**Councilmembers Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Richard Marsh, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Assistant Public Works Director Salvador Arcos, Police Chief David Rodriguez, Grants Administrator Yolanda Galindo, and Attorney John Austin Gaylord (via Zoom).

**Guests Present:** Beth Farino (via Zoom), Jordan Cairns (via Zoom), Brenda Landers, Lou Landers, Kenny Ward, Dolores Ward, Ashley Rivera, Mark Rivera, Lisa Alama, Ralph Davidson, Allen Lockwood, Janet Lockwood, Lynda Lake, Jim Sampson, Bruce Wilkes, Ken Wilson, Lilia Wilson, Dina Evancho, Sonia Salcido, Darren Simmons, Evie Pistone, Catherine Blitz, and Stan Lucier.

#### **Call to Public**

**Bruce Wilkes (11763 Comanche Street)** – He expressed his concern about the island at Coyote Wash Golf Course and the tree that was cut down. There was not a licensed arborist to check the tree prior to it being cut down. He is also not a fan of the landscaping lights that have been placed around the subdivision recently.

#### **Presentation**

Presentation by Jordan Cairns, CivicPlus, demonstrating SeeClickFix.

#### **Presentation**

Presentation of Employee of the Month: Ashley Rivera

#### **Presentation**

Employee Recognition: Salvador Arcos, Assistant Director of Department of Public Works

#### **Presentation**

Amberley's Place for Child Abuse Awareness Month

#### **Presentation**

Presentation by Town Manager Richard Marsh with an update on the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative.

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

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

**a. For the Meeting of March 7, 2023 (Regular Meeting).**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to approve Minutes for the Meetings of March 7, 2023 (Regular Meeting).

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

**2. Discussion and possible action to confirm the continued appointment of Sandra Watts as the Town of Wellton's representative for the Yuma County Library District Board of Trustees for a 3-year term, effective July 1, 2023.**

Motion made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to confirm the continued appointment of Sandra Watts as the Town of Wellton's representative for the Yuma County Library District Board of Trustees for a 3-year term, effective July 1, 2023.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

**3. Discussion and possible action to proclaim April 23 – 29, 2023 as National Library Week.**  
Proclaimed April 23 – 29, 2023 as National Library Week.

**4. Discussion and possible action to proclaim April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

Proclaimed April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**5. Discussion and possible action to:**

- a. Authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 704 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 Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 704 adopting a Fair Housing Policy and describing actions the Town of Wellton shall undertake to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing; and proclaim April as Fair Housing Month.

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 Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to recess Regular Session of the Common Council and open Public Hearing as Board of Adjustment at 6:57PM.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

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

- a. **Rezoning Case #RZ-23-003: Dahl, Robins & Associates, Inc., agents for G-12, LLC request a rezoning of an 878,733 square foot parcel at PID 201-07-016 in Wellton, Arizona, from Residential District to Commercial District.**

Discussed.

- **Close Public Hearing.**

Motion made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to close the Public Hearing at 7:18PM.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

**7. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 705 to adopt a minor amendment to the General Plan to allow a commercial use on property located at PID 201-07-016, Wellton, Arizona.**

Motion made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to approve Resolution No. 705 to adopt a minor amendment to the General Plan to allow commercial use on property located at PID 201-07-016, Wellton, Arizona with no rezoning fee.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

**8. Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 150, to amend the zoning map of the Town of Wellton for the property located at PID 201-07-016, Wellton, Arizona.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to adopt Ordinance No. 150, to amend the zoning map of the Town of Wellton for the property located at PID 201-07-016, Wellton, Arizona with no rezoning fee.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

**9. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 706 to authorize the 5310 Grant Application 2023 on behalf of the Town of Wellton.**

Agenda Item 9 postponed.

**10. Discussion and possible action to adopt a statement of expenses and authorize a special assessment against the real property located at 10526 Alice Street, Wellton, AZ, to recoup the abatement process.**

Motion made by Councilmember Biggs, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to adopt a statement of expenses and authorize a special assessment against the real property located at 10526 Alice Street, Wellton, AZ, to recoup the abatement process.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Employee of the Month.

**Town Manager Report**

- I received a request to take part as a guest speaker for the Foothills Rotary Club during their monthly luncheon meeting. I was deeply honored to share and discuss Wellton and my experiences.
- Staff received the following email about the Census Challenge: "Thank you for your submission to the 2020 Census Count Question Resolution operation (CQR). Due to the volume and complexity of cases received, 2020 CQR Case Number PL0481480\_A is taking more time than expected to research and resolve. We lost one housing unit due to a

boundary error. Census states we have 2,665 housing units opposed to 2,266 as previously reported by census.

- The Town has also received a request for information to establish an estimated cost for the Special Census Program which is essentially a complete recount.
- The Town of Wellton's new domain: [welltonaz.gov](http://welltonaz.gov) is up and running. The email side will be phased in beginning the week of April 17, 2023.
- Staff is in discussions about outsourcing Payroll to ADP.
- The Town has contracted Tim Burns as our Water System Operator. He is well known at ADEQ. ADEQ Administrator stated: "I have known Tim for the past 5 years during my time working with Mohawk Valley school on their compliance issues. I find Tim to be very competent, dependable, and responsive. His experience dealing with the new treatment plant, design, bid, build, has been of great value. He is eager to learn new things and strives to understand." Tim currently holds a Grade 3 in Water Treatment, a Grade 2 in Water Distribution, and a Grade 1 in Wastewater Treatment. He will be an asset to the Town.
- Currently Staff has the parts for the second clarifier at the Water Plant. The actual construction has been bid at \$1.2 million dollars. There is currently only \$147,000 remaining in the ARPA funds for the construction. We plan to contact ADEQ for additional assistance. It appears a projected budget was not established for complete project build out when the project was in the planning phase during 2021.
- The AZ Community Foundation Community Meeting was held on March 21, 2023, at the Community Center. This was a follow-up to the September Community Meeting. Veronica Shorr facilitated the discussion again. It was well attended by residents. Among the attendees were representatives of the local pickleball club. They also met independently with Veronica to discuss alternative funding for improvements.
- We received a complaint that there has been a charge to play on the pickleball courts. Staff met with all parties involved to determine what happened. The court will be open to the public without charge unless they are using equipment belonging to the pickleball club.
- There has also been an anonymous complaint made to Arizona Game and Fish regarding the clean-up/brush removal of the island at Coyote Wash Golf Course. Staff verified with Game and Fish that there were no active nests with eggs on the island prior to the clean-up.
- Spring Clean Up-Sal Arcos Assistant Public Works Director has arranged for alleys to be clean up effective April 1, 2023. He has also arranged to have dumpsters located for the community's use on the lot near the National Bank of Arizona and near the Cemetery on William Street from April 17-30, 2023.
- Part-time Code Enforcement officer position available. David Williams, Administrative Assistant who assumed this role among others for the police department has resigned. He has found a better paying position with the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District.

**Council's Report**

- Councilmember Davidson would like to see Alley Clean-Up at least 3-times a year.
- Chief Rodriguez noted there will be a Family Fun Day on April 15, 2023 at Wellton School (hot dogs, face painting, etc.), followed by a Night Golf Tournament at Butterfield Golf course at 7:00PM.
- Potential pet waste stations at the West Side Park and Butterfield Park.
- Mayor Blitz and Brian Claar participated in the YRMC Golf Tournament.
- Mayor Blitz attended the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree official ribbon cutting on March 26, 2023.
- Mayor Blitz requested a discussion/vote regarding a 5-day work week/no remote be placed on the May 2, 2023 agenda.
- Vice Mayor McCollough mentioned the Small Business Development Center will be at Antelope Union High School on April 27, 2023.
- WACOG and YMPO met this week. They reported the one of the bills they were watching on rural funding passed.

**Executive Session**

- None requested.

**Adjournment**

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

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Yay

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM.

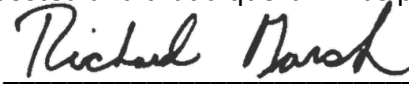
  
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Scott Blitz, Mayor

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 April 4, 2023, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard Marsh", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Marsh, Town Manager