

**City of Yuma
City Council Minutes**

**Hybrid Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

**Meeting Location – City Hall, 320 South Main Street, Yuma, CO and virtual through Zoom
Call to Order – 6:30 P.M.**

Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

None.

Approval of January 2, 2024 Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve January 2, 2024 Agenda. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. **Motion carried.**

Approval of December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve December 19, 2023 minutes. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. **Motion carried.**

Miscellaneous

City Manager Scott Moore stated the Gordo family is in attendance because it was planned to have a conditional use hearing. The land they currently live on was originally identified as Industrial 1 and, with council approval, would allow livestock grazing. The land was misidentified in zoning. Ms. Josie Gordo would like her money back. Livestock has been there for a long while. Grandparents were there for 40 years.

Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment

Ms. Josie Gordo stated the Gordo family would like their money back. Josie has been in contact with City Manager Scott Moore and he offered her some options.

Council Member Marylu Smith-Dischner asked if the Gordo family's property is zoned as R3 Special Zoning Permit. Mr. Moore stated they are currently zoned as R3 and are wanting to be zoned R3 Conditional use but are not eligible. Ms. Smith-Dischner asked if they were eligible for a Spot Zoning Permit which they are. Mr. Moore stated that council may re-zone anything they would like if they chose to but Spot Zoning is generally frowned upon. They would like to harbor livestock which is only eligible in A-1. They can re-zone as livestock grazing which is C-2, I-1, I-2, or Ag.

Mr. Gabe Gordo stated this has never been a bother to anyone.

Action Items

- A. Public Hearing on Potential Home Occupation at 404 Homestead Trail – Scott Moore.** City Manager Scott Moore stated an application was added to council packets for Ms. Tara Korf for a home occupation at Homestead Trail. Ms. Korf has submitted all the necessary paperwork and paid all the appropriate fees. All neighbors received a letter. Public hearing was opened.

Ms. Janet Sims stated her family lives a couple houses down. They had purchased their home based on the area being a quiet neighborhood. This Home Occupation becomes a personal issue with a small neighborhood.

Ms. Tara Korf stated she has been doing nails since 2011 with pretty small business. Clientele normally is older. There had been a salon in this neighborhood before that was in business for 20 years. Parking should not be an issue, there are 3 parking spots in the driveway. Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the Home Occupation at 404 Homestead Trail. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. **Motion carried.**

- B. Resolution #1, Series of 2024 (Designating the Public Places for Posting of Notice of Regular and Special Meetings of Local Public Bodies of the City of Yuma) – Karma Wells.** This is something we do every year. Posting has been the same for many years. We did make a change on Section 1. We have had some technical difficulties with posting on our website. If we do encounter difficulties in posting on our website, we will post the agenda only on our front window at City Hall.

Mayor Pro-Tem Shay moved to approve Resolution #1, Series of 2024 (Designation the Public Places for Posting of Notice of Regular and Special Meetings. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. **Motion carried.**

- C. Resolution #2, Series of 2024 (Determining that the Regular Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 Shall be a Mail Ballot Election) – Karma Wells.** There will be an election on April 2, 2024. These have been a mail ballot in the past. Would Council like to continue with that? They are more costly but a better turn-out of voters.

Council Member Baucke moved to approve Resolution #2, Series of 2024 (Determining that the Regular Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 Shall be a Mail Ballot Election). Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. **Motion carried.**

- D. Resolution #3, Series of 2024 (Authorizing the City Clerk to Set Compensation for Election Judges and Pay Such Compensation) – Karma Wells.** Karma usually works with Bev from Yuma County to see what she pays her judges and then pays the same amount.

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve Resolution #3, Series of 2024. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. **Motion carried.**

- E. Approval of Bills – Karma Wells.** Council has one list in their packet and three additional provided tonight showing one 2023 bill and one that was a 2024 bill as well as some additional bills we did not get in time to get on the word document. Council Member Smith-Dischner requested a copy of the CMR invoice. Council member Benish asked what the Yuma County Water Authority bill was for. It is something we pay every year. Discussion was held.

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the bills. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. **Motion carried.**

- F. Purchases in Excess of \$5,000 – Scott Moore.** None

Additional Business

Reports

City Manager, Scott Moore Manager Moore talked about snow removal and thanked all City staff who stepped up to help during the holidays as we were short of staff. Discussion was held regarding the recent power outage. Thank you to the Electric Department staff and to Baucke Electric for the help in such miserable conditions.

The Community and Enrichment Center was opened as a Red Cross Shelter due to road closures during the recent storm. A total of 93 people stayed overnight in the center. The City purchased pizza for all the occupants and we will be reimbursed by the Red Cross.

Councilperson Smith-Dischner asked about providing feedback to CDOT regarding shutting down I-76 a long while before shutting down parallel highways. Discussion was held with Chief Thompson.

Councilman McClung asked if the new substation would help mitigate the outage potential during a storm. Discussion was held.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Karma Wells A copy of the official 2024 budget has been provided to council. Council and Mayor petitions are available, starting today, and due back by January 22.

Chief of Police, Jerry Thompson None. Working on year-end report.

City Council Reports

Baucke-None.

Frame-None.

McClung-None.

Bennish-None.

Smith-Dischner-None.

Shay Attended the Water Authority meeting. Looking for ideas to promote water conservation in the north end of the county. The water situation is getting pretty serious pretty quick.

Yuma County Landfill Rates increased January 1st. We do not have a new rate schedule yet.

Attended the NECALG Board meeting. Items discussed were a new bus costs \$170,000. They are looking at possibly refurbishing the existing buses. The buses in Yuma are too old to refurbish.

Swehla-There will be a workshop at the next meeting. The workshops are invaluable.

Councilman Shay expressed gratitude to the City staff for all the work they did over the holidays and how nice the City looked.

Adjournment Councilman Shay made a motion to adjourn. Second by Bennish. Question. 7 ayes. **Motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 PM

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer