

**City of Yuma  
City Council Minutes**

**Hybrid Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 16, 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 was recited.**

**Members Present:** Benish, Frame, McClung, Shay, Smith-Dischner, & Swehla. Baucke was absent.

**Staff Present:** Jerry Thompson, Scott Moore, Stacie Gonzalez.

**Corrections or Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**Approval of January 16, 2024 Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the January 16, 2024 Agenda. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of January 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the January 2, 2024 minutes. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment**

None.

**Action Items**

- A. Ordinance #1, Series of 2024 (Increase Sanitation Rates) – Scott Moore.** City Manager Scott Moore stated this Ordinance is for a proposed rate increase in the Sanitation Department. A survey was done in November by JKEC, in which their recommendations were to implement two rate increases. The first increase would begin March 1, 2024 with a \$3.00 increase per month in the base fee per residential & commercial property. The next rate increase would begin in January of 2025, with another \$3.00 increase. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve Ordinance #1, 2024. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Approval of Animal Assistance Foundation Grant – Scott Moore.** City Manager Scott Moore stated that information has been given to the council explaining the Animal Assistance Foundation Grant application that was previously approved. The City has been successful applying for this grant since 2018 and has received approximately \$20,000 in grant funds, which are used to sustain the TNR program. This year's amount approved is \$8,222.00. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the Animal Assistance Foundation Grant. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Resolution #4, Series of 2024 (Cloudpermit Agreement) – Jerry Thompson.** Police Chief Jerry Thompson stated the Cloudpermit Agreement was reviewed by our attorney with changes made and the Cloudpermit has accepted the changes. This software will be for code enforcement tracking and help with repeat offenders. The setup fee is \$2,500.00 for the first year then \$2,000.00 each year after. Cloudpermit will be more beneficial and more trackable than E Force Software which for one license would be \$1,500. Discussion was held. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve Resolution #4, Series of 2024 Cloudpermit Agreement. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Resolution #5, Series of 2024 (Frontline Agreement) – Jerry Thompson.** Police Chief Jerry Thompson stated he provided the Frontline Solutions Software Agreement which will be used in an attempt to go paperless. By going paperless, the officers can use their laptops or phones and upload data to be stored in the

cloud. The final agreement was not provided yet, but the price would be \$500 per year for the FTO Program. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve Resolution #5 Series of 2024 Frontline Agreement. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**E. Approval of Homeland Security Grant Application – Jerry Thompson.** Police Chief Jerry Thompson stated he received an email informing him that the deadline for this grant application is January 19, 2024. He would like permission to apply. There are no quotes back yet but it will not exceed \$11,000.00. This will be used for a radio booster in the Police Department or tactical gear to compliment purchases from last year. Council Member Benish moved to approve the Homeland Security Grant Application. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**F. Approval of NJC Paramedic Training Agreement – Scott Moore.** City Manager Scott Moore stated that a Paramedic Training Reimbursement Agreement was handed out to council. This has been revised from previous agreements and will require the Paramedic to be employed at Yuma for 2 years to offset the cost of the class. If the employee were to leave before the end of the two years, they will be required to pay the city a prorated amount of the class cost, based on how much time they worked. Discussion was held. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the NJC Paramedic Training Agreement. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**G. Approval of Bills – Scott Moore.** City Manager Scott Moore stated there were two extra lists of bills provided and none to disclose. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the bills. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**H. Purchases in Excess of \$5,000 – Scott Moore and Jerry Thompson.**

1. Western United – A quote for six pole-mount transformers was received which replaces our inventory. This quote is in the amount of \$18,370.59. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the bid for 6 pole mount transformers in the amount of \$18,370.59. Second by Frame. Question. Motion carried.
2. Western United – One padmount transformer. The cost is \$13,220.00. This transformer will provide service to the Yuma Ethanol Plant Effluent Project. This will be a reimbursed cost by Yuma Ethanol to the City of Yuma. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the Western United padmount transformer in the amount of \$13,220.00. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
3. Waste Transfer Station Feasibility Study– This is a budgeted item that was estimated to be between \$20,000 to \$30,000. The City received a proposal from Miller & Associates with a cost of \$23,900.00 for the study. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the bid for the Waste Transfer Station Study. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
4. Radios for the Ambulance – This is for two radios from Motorola Solutions for \$7,592.00. The Ambulance Department has decided not to purchase batteries at this time as they have several in their inventory. The total would be \$7,792.48 for the radios and programming. Council Member Smith Dischner moved to approve Radios for the Ambulance from Motorola Solutions. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
5. Quote for Patrol Vehicle –Chief Thompson was quoted \$41,621.00 for a new Ford SUV patrol vehicle and was then informed that it may not be manufactured this year. Jerry asked for a quote on an F-150 pickup and received a quote of \$48,989.00 for a 2024 or 2025. Chief Thompson is asking for a not to exceed amount of \$50,000. This will be for the base unit with no extra equipment such as lights, siren, etc. included. These items would be an additional \$10,010.94 along with \$6,000.00 for computers, radar, radio, grill bar, etc. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve a patrol vehicle purchase not to exceed \$50,000.00. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**Additional Business**

**Reports**

**City Manager, Scott Moore**

- Asmus Quote for Replacement Lawn Equipment. The Parks Department received a quote for a new lawnmower too late to be placed on this agenda. We have provided the quote to council tonight and will place the purchase on next meeting's agenda.
- Magellan Strategies. Ballot Measure Survey Draft B is being provided to council for their review. Staff would like council to reply with any revisions, changes or ideas.

- Yuma Historic Preservation Division. CHFA provided the Yuma Library with a letter advising the City of their \$8,000.00 contribution to be used for the Historical Preservation Grant match. Council says to move forward.
- Council was provided with a weekly activities update from City departments.

**Chief of Police, Jerry Thompson**

- School Resource Officer Hass introduced police interns Anna & Chelsey. They will be helping with Code Enforcement and both will be participating in the mock trial at the High School. Officer Hass shared some information about both interns.
- An end of year report was provided to Council. W-Y Dispatch numbers do not match police numbers. McClung asked if there could be statistics for previous years to see if there were any trends.

**City Council Reports**

McClung – Council Member McClung attended the Library Board Meeting. It was a good meeting.

Shay – Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended the Library Board Meeting. The Spanish Language book collection is expanding. Donations that were received in the last couple months totaled \$250.00 for the Summer Reading Program.

Swehla – Mayor Swehla received a letter from a Homestead Trail resident and it was very nice to hear something positive.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to adjourn the council meeting. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:12 P.M.

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Ron Swehla, Mayor

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Stacie Gonzalez