

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR SWEHLA AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Benish, Frame, McClung, Shay, Smith-Dischner, Swehla. Baucke Absent.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Moore, Karma Wells, Jerry Thompson, Kathryn Sellers

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2023 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2023**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 20, 2023 and the special meeting minutes of July 3, 2023. Second by McClung. 5 ayes. 1 abstain (Smith-Dischner abstained because she was not able to attend one of the meetings.) Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Yuma County Sheriff Todd Combs stated he was present concerning the Yuma County Jail being closed due to low staffing. Sheriff Combs explained they had to drop more staff and the Yuma Police Department will have to transport arrestees to Sterling themselves. To get the jail back up and running, they would need to find 10 qualified people to hire. The commissioners will need to figure out where to get the money to cover payroll increases that are needed to find qualified people to hire. This would cost approximately \$175,000 - \$200,000 plus contract nurses to administer medications. To open back up, update things in the jail from lack of use, officers and nurses will be about \$250,000 - \$300,000. The jail budget right now is \$1.4 million. Yuma County Sheriff Combs has to pay the cost of prisoners held elsewhere for Yuma, Wray and Eckley due to not having a jail in Yuma County.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated the Knights of Columbus turned in all the appropriate paper work for the special event permit for the 2023 Yuma County Fair on August 3 – 7. Public hearing was opened. No comments were made. Public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the special event permit for Knights of Columbus. Second by Smith–Dischner. Discussion was held. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. PUBLIC HEARING ON SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #2, SERIES OF 2023 (APPROVE CONTRACT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE BETWEEN THE CITY AND FOUR SEASONS FENCING, LLC FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY PROPERTY) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated the City has an offer from Four Seasons Fencing to purchase 601 East 8<sup>th</sup> which was appraised for \$174,000 and the offer price is \$200,000. Public hearing was open. No comments were made. Public hearing was closed. Mayor

Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2, Series of 2023. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

- C. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #3, SERIES OF 2023 (EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO KENTEC COMMUNICATIONS, INC) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated a letter was received from KCI (Kentec) looking to extend their franchise with the City. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve Ordinance #3, Series of 2023. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. RESOLUTION #10, SERIES OF 2023 (APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH YUMA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER) – JERRY THOMPSON.** Chief of Police Jerry Thompson stated the school board has a contract which is the same as last year with minimal changes. Chief Thompson feels this has been a successful program and kids see police more approachable because of the rapport Officer Hass has made. Council Member McClung moved to approve Resolution #10, Series of 2023 (approving a memorandum of understanding with Yuma School District for a School Resource Officer). Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. RESOLUTION #11, SERIES OF 2023 (APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH JKEC FOR SANITATION COST OF SERVICE/RATE DESIGN STUDY) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated the Sanitation Department needs a cost-of-service study done to determine what future rates need to be. JKEC has done consulting for the city before and the cost is \$3,500. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve Resolution #11, Series of 2023. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE RENEWAL FOR FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF COLORADO, LLC) – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated Family Dollar has turned in all the appropriate paper work for renewal of their fermented malt beverage and wine license and there have been no issues with the Police Department. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the malt beverage and wine license for Family Dollar. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM DEAN MILLER MEMORIAL – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated there was a donation made for the recreation department on behalf of the Dean Miller Memorial. Upon talking with Recreation Department Supervisor, Ron Wills, he had suggested buying 112 reusable jerseys for basketball. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the acceptance of the donation from the Dean Miller Memorial to buy jerseys for the Rec Department. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- H. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated she handed out an additional list of bills and needs to disclose that there were rooms that were paid for Smith-Dischner, Shay, & McClung to go to the CML Conference. Mayor Swehla moved to approve to pay the bills including the bills associated with Smith-Dischner & Shay. Second by McClung. 4 ayes. 2 abstain (Shay & Smith-Dischner abstained due to a conflict of interest.)

Mayor Swehla moved to approve to pay the bill associated with McClung. Second by Smith-Dischner. 5 ayes. 1 abstain (McClung abstained due to a conflict of interest.) Motion carried.

- I. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – KARMA WELLS, SCOTT MOORE, JERRY THOMPSON.** City Manager Scott Moore stated the City needs 100LL fuel at the airport. Manager Moore would like to purchase 3,000 gallons of 100LL fuel due to only 800 gallons being in the tank right now. The price of fuel is \$5.36/gal delivered, not to exceed \$17,000. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the purchase of fuel not to exceed \$17,000. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

## **REPORTS**

### **CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE**

- Manager Moore stated we received a Thank You card from S.A.R.A. House for our contribution.
- Update on the Pool project – The Council has allocated \$300,000 ARPA money towards the project, \$200,000 OEDIT grant is available, if an environmental study is done, \$1,000,000 GOCO grant will be applied for in October, and a potential \$200,000 donation from a community member. Manager Moore asked if Council would like to use some of the Capital Project money, we could possibly start on the splash pad and playground equipment. Council's consensus was to use some Capital Project money towards this project.
- Mowers – The City purchased a mower last year that is currently broke down, but it is under warranty. The mower it replaced was fixed, and is now broken again.

### **CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS**

- Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with the Sales tax report.

### **CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON**

- Chief of Police Jerry Thompson stated the grant applied for in April was approved for the building at the gun range.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Frame**

- Council Member Frame attended the Airport Committee meeting. Fuel, the mower and a fly-in in September was discussed.
- Council Member Frame also attended the Electric, Water/Wastewater Committee meetings. Council Member Benish will report on these meetings.
- Council Member Frame attended the Clerks Committee meeting. Clerk/Treasurer Wells is working on policies and job descriptions.
- Council Member Frame also attended one day of the CML Conference which included some workshops.
- Yuma County Economic Development has a workshop scheduled for August 19, 2023 from 2-5pm at the NJC building.

### **McClung**

- Council Member McClung attended the CML Conference and stated it was very productive.
- Council Member McClung attended a workshop at the CML Conference on Working with Railroads.

### **Shay**

- Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended the Landfill Meeting. The Landfill has sold some cardboard and demand is down 7%. They purchased a new Packer, and were getting ready to sell the old one but decided to hold on to the old packer a little longer.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended the Yuma County Water Authority meeting – there is new information on farming ground.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay also attended the CML Conference
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay will be attending the NECALG, Landfill, and Water Authority meeting tomorrow.

- There is grant writing assistant available through NECALG.

Benish

- Council Member Benish attended the Water/Wastewater Committee meeting – The water from the Wastewater plant going to ethanol is good to go. The departments are fully staffed. Staff is having issues finding a contractor to do the Sewer lining. They are going to move ahead with the waterline replacement project on West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Smith-Dischner

- Council Member Smith-Dischner attended the Airport Committee meeting and Police Chief Jerry Thompson is the assistant manager.
- Council Member Smith-Dischner also attended the CML Conference. She was really glad to attend. As part of the CML Conference, Council Member Smith-Dischner toured the Aurora Water Treatment Plant.
- Also at the CML Conference Council Member Smith-Dischner attended a meeting on Center Colorado and they have gone big in a strategic way. They have gotten a lot done with grants they have received.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla thanked Manager Moore for working on the water to the Ethanol Plant project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to adjourn the council meeting. Second by Benish. Question 6 ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Ron Swehla  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer