

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jerry Thompson, Scott Moore, Karma Wells, Kathryn Sellars by Zoom.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15, 2023 AGENDA

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the August 15, 2023 Agenda as presented. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 1, 2023 MINUTES

City Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated there was a correction to wording on minutes that was not caught but will be fixed. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the August 1, 2023 Minutes as amended. Second by McClung. Question. 5 ayes. 2 abstain (Baucke and Frame abstained because they were not in attendance.) Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING ON SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #4, SERIES OF 2023 (AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 17 AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF YUMA) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Moore stated there are 3 pieces of property that are not zoned. The first piece is the Waste Water Treatment Plant to be zoned I1, the second piece is the Golf Course to be zoned as Agriculture, and the third is the 13 acres of land that is west of the Golf Course to be zoned with R-2. Public hearing was opened. No comments were made. Public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #4, Series of 2023. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR MEXSU – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated Mexsu has turned in all appropriate paperwork to renew their liquor license and there were no issues with the Police Department. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Mexsu. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR Y LIQUORS LLC – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/ Treasurer Wells stated Y Liquors LLC has turned in all appropriate paperwork to renew their liquor license and there were no issues with the Police Department. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Y Liquors LLC. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- D. FIRST READING ORDINANCE #5, SERIES OF 2023 (APPROVING A LEASE WITH 8000 COUNTY ROAD 39, LLC) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Moore stated there are four acres east of town that used to be the city dump. The property was put up for sale and we received an offer from Andrews for a long-term lease that is 50 years long for the sum of \$57,000. The lease would end in 2073. Mayor Pro Tem moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #5, Series of 2023. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF POLICE DEPARTMENT JAG GRANT APPLICATION – JERRY THOMPSON.** Police Chief Thompson stated he would like Council’s approval to apply for the Jag Grant. The deadline for this grant is August 24th. A quote was received for around \$25,000 to replace computers at the Police Department and in the squad cars with laptops. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the JAG Grant application. Second by Frame. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated there was an additional list of bills handed out. One discloser is the check to Dan Baucke. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the bills. Second by Benish. Discussion. Smith-Dischner asked about the bill for the floor at the dog pound. Question. 6 ayes. 1 abstain (Baucke). Motion Carried.
- G. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** None.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

- A letter was received from Sue Armstrong that she is retiring from being a paramedic. A gathering is being planned.
- Manager Moore summarized the work so far on street repair and alley pan repair. Not much has changed but we have four alley pans done to date. We are letting them set for 14 days to cure. The asphalt continues to be a struggle. There have been some communication issues with the supplier. The street department will continue with the alley pans. A contracted pavement analysis company will give us a price to analyze what issues and priority list we have.
- Staff had a preconstruction meeting with Yuma Ethanol at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Yuma Ethanol Plant contractor is planning to start construction of the effluent water line August 29th.
- There were some damages to some city vehicles during the last storm and the vehicle appraiser will come to view damages.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with the finance report and sales tax report.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

McClung –

- Council Member McClung attended the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Discussion was held about fees in the recreation programs & grass problems at Lake Yuma. The season is starting to slow down and staff is preparing for the winter season.

- Council Member McClung stated he has concerns with fire and winds and the problems there could be for some of the old buildings in town.

Benish –

- Council Member Benish attended the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.
- Council Member Benish also attended the Community Center Committee meeting.

Smith–Dischner –

- Council Member Smith-Dischner attended the Community Center Committee meeting. The popcorn consumption is up and the seniors are paying for half of the cost. Shanna is doing a good job helping where needed and making sure everyone is getting along. City staff is waiting for a contract from Silver Sneakers which is a great senior exercise program. Silver Sneakers is a federal program that bills through Medicare and possibly Medicaid.
- Council Member Smith-Dischner also attended the Animal Shelter Committee meeting. Laura is doing an amazing job with the public. The City is looking for a part time person to help Laura out with the shelter. Discussion was held about communication between Laura and the Officers and the floor at the shelter is being put on hold for the time being.

Shay –

- Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended the Animal Shelter Committee meeting. The floor at the shelter was put on hold because of the hot weather.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay also attended the Library Board meeting. There were 231 kids that attended the Summer Reading Program. The Fall programs are getting ready to start. The summer intern did lots of programs at the library.

Swehla –

- Mayor Swehla stated we are going to use the same staff evaluation forms this year. It has gotten more involved than was first thought. One new evaluation form is not completed yet and Council needs to start the evaluation process next month. We will keep going forward with the project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer