

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 P.M.**

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

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

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

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023 AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the November 7, 2023 Agenda. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2023 MINUTES**

Council Member Baucke moved to approve the October 17, 2023 Minutes. Second by McClung. Question. 5 ayes. 1 abstain (Shay abstained because he was absent from the meeting). Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**YUMA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – SHELBY CLARK.**

Ms. Shelby Clark thanked Council for approving the annual funding request. YCED appreciates the support. Ms. Clark shared that at the end of August she went to Chile and Argentina to discuss Ag Tech. A tourism workshop was held recently and YCED has applied for a grant for technical support for a person to do research to make sure we are supporting our businesses. A new website for YCED is scheduled to go live tomorrow. Money was received for a grant writer. This grant writer is available to help the municipalities and entities in Yuma County for grant writing support. Ms. Clark provided information on Placer AI, a location tracking service, which gives stats with the touch of a button. You can use data driven results from this. For a one-year subscription - \$15,000 per year. For a two-year subscription - \$10,000 per year. The cost of this service can be split among the entities interested in the information.

**SANITATION RATE STUDY REVIEW – SCOTT MOORE**

City Manager Scott Moore stated a rate study was requested and Mr. John Krajewski is present to share the results. Mr. Krajewski stated a trash truck purchase and street sweeper purchase are figured into the Sanitation rate study. Those items include money for a new dump truck and a street sweeper. It is proposed to raise rates \$3.00 January 2024 and another \$3.00 January 2025. By raising these rates, it will help get the sanitation department where it needs to be to buy a new truck.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR YUMA COLORADO HOTEL LLC DBA COBBLESTONE INN & SUITES – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated after talking with Attorney Kathryn Sellars, it was decided to move forward with the license and have Cobblestone Inn & Suites update the owner information when the estate is finalized for the deceased member. Council Member Baucke moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Yuma Colorado Hotel LLC DBA Cobblestone Inn & Suites. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR LACABANA DEL AMIGO – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated the appropriate paperwork was turned in for the renewal of the liquor license for LaCabana Del Amigo. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the liquor license renewal for LaCabana Del Amigo. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. RESOLUTION #21, SERIES OF 2023 (INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR LEASE AND DISPATCH SERVICES WITH WASHINGTON-YUMA COUNTIES COMBINED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND 911 AUTHORITY) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated the Dispatch center currently pays no rent and the City does not pay for 911 services. This agreement covers maintenance to the building. Up to \$5,000 will be shared 50/50 and after \$5,000 the city will be responsible. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve Resolution #21, Series of 2023. Second by Baucke. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. RESOLUTION #22, SERIES OF 2023 (CHALLENGED MATERIALS POLICY) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated at the previous meeting this was brought up for the library. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve Resolution #22, Series of 2023. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated an additional list of bills was provided to Council, there are none to disclose. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the bills. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.**
1. South Platte Underground – This is for ratification to replace primary underground on East 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue which is approximately 30 years old. This is for \$10,560.00 for the Electrical Department. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the South Platte Underground Directional Drilling in the amount of \$10,560.00. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
  2. Vision Metering – This is to purchase 60 additional electric single phase meters for the Electric Department for \$8,000 with freight. Council Member McClung moved to approve the purchase from Vision Metering for \$8,000.00. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. 1 nay (Baucke). Motion carried.
  3. Manager Moore requested approval to pay for the Main Street Clock in the amount of \$8,413.00 to replace the clock which will be reimbursed by insurance. The clock is here. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the purchase of the clock in the amount of \$8,413.00. Second by Baucke. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

## REPORTS

### CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

- Manager Moore reviewed a memo from SEH regarding a Roadway Rehabilitation program(bump truck). This item has been included in the 2024 budget. Discussion was held on streets. SEH stated this is workable with the \$200, 000 we have budgeted yearly in the Capital Projects Fund.
- Manager Moore stated he filed a commitment on Proposition 123. The numbers were the same as the State listed at 12 houses per year. There is not much risk to the City.

- Mayor Swehla and Manager Moore attended a meeting with Ayers & Associates which was held in Wray about affordable housing. They then met in Yuma afterwards to have further discussions. They have a grant that allows them to digitize the zoning map. Talked about the property at the Golf Course. They think it is almost shovel ready.

**CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS**

- Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided a financial report for July.
- Clerk/Treasurer Wells, Manager Moore, and Chief Thompson shared information regarding a City Spotlight newsletter to allow for communication with the public.

**CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON**

- Chief Thompson provided Council with the October SRO log and Police Report.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Frame –

- Council Member Frame attended the Clerk’s Committee meeting. The new hours seem to be working really well for staff. Staff is continuing to work with ClearGov. The Clerk’s office will probably have part time help over Christmas break. Elections are coming up.

Swehla –

- Mayor Swehla also attended the Clerk’s Committee meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

**“To consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session, specifically for the City Manager, City Clerk/Treasurer and Chief of Police evaluations.”**

Mayor Swehla stated Council intends to meet in executive session to consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session, specifically for the City Manager, City Clerk/Treasurer and Chief of Police evaluations. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to go into executive session. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting was resumed at 8:37 pm. A statement was made for who was present in the executive session and there were no objections to the discussions in executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to adjourn the council meeting. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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Ron Swehla  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer