

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:36 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, Kathryn Sellars, Scott Moore, Karma Wells, Candy Gilliland, Stacie Gonzalez.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 3, 2023 AGENDA**

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the January 3, 2023 Agenda. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motions carried

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 20, 2022 MINUTES**

Council Member Baucke moved to approve the December 20, 2022 Minutes. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. RESOLUTION #1, SERIES OF 2023 (POSTING PLACES FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS) – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated this resolution has to be done every year and nothing has changed from last year. Posting places are still on the window at City Hall and posted onto the City's website. Council Member Smith – Dischner moved to approve Resolution #1, Series of 2023 (Posting places for public meetings). Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. FIRST READING, ORDINANCE #1, SERIES OF 2023 (AMENDING TITLE 3 OF THE YUMA MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 3.55 TITLE CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLAINTS) – KATHRYN SELLARS.** Attorney Sellars stated in 2019 the Colorado Legislature took away the campaign finance complaints by Secretary of State. The City needs to establish it's own process for Campaign Finance Complaints, which is what the ordinance does. Discussion was held. Council Member McClung moved to approve on first reading Ordinance #1, Series of 2023 (amending title 3 of the Yuma Municipal code by the addition of a new chapter 3.55 title campaign finance complaints.) Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. APPROVAL OF ANIMAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION GRANT FOR FERAL CATS – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated he is seeking approval to receive an Animal Assistance Foundation Grant. This is the third year the City has applied for this grant. The grant is for \$8,000 in 2023. This grant will help us to continue the TNR (Trap, Neuter, and Release) program. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the Animal Assistance Foundation Grant for feral cats. Second by Frame. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- D. APPROVAL OF COLORADO STATE OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION– SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated this is a grant to update playground equipment and repair the pool. The playground equipment would be ADA. We had applied once and didn't get it and would like permission to apply again this year. The amount we are asking for is \$200,000.00 and there is no match for it. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the Colorado State Outdoor Recreation grant application. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated she supplied one list of bills in packets and handed out two additional lists. One list is the 2022 bills and there was another one that was typed up due to computer issues that afternoon and is a list of 2023 bills. There are no bills to disclose. 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.** City Manager Scott Moore stated that approval was already done for a new ambulance with the 2023 budget. There was a proposal received by the company and it is a little less than what they thought it would be. We are not committed yet. By permission of council, we will accept the proposed amount. There is a 500 day wait. If it falls into the next year, they will give a 2024 ambulance.

The second request is part of the Main Street Revitalization Grant. There will be a series of lights on Main Street as part of the revitalization. There will be about 4,000 feet of light bulbs. These lights will be strung from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> avenue straight across at about 39 feet intervals. This is in the budget and we were hoping to do it in 2022, but it ended up in 2023. This will be from a company called 1,000 Bulbs for \$15,023.40. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the purchase of the lights. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Lastly is the cost for Clear Gov for the 2023 budget. We have received the bill for Clear Gov which was \$17,400.00 which is split between all the departments. McClung moved to approve the \$17,400.00 for Clear Gov. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

#### **REPORTS**

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

City Manager Scott Moore stated the main concern to report is we are down one large snow plow. Crews are working with what they have. There are some concerns with citizens about snow and we are handling these as they come in.

The building the library is in had a leak in the fire sprinklers. This caused the leak to move from the ground up instead of from the ceiling. Several employees helped moved books and furniture from the water. The Library will be closed this week and maybe next week. Discussion was held.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with two finance reports.

City Clerk/Treasurer Wells will be sending a letter out to businesses about the bag fees that started January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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

Chief Thompson stated he attended a meeting at Yuma County regarding the jail situation. It will be 6 months or more before they are back to normal at Yuma County. Discussion was held.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Shay

- Mayor Pro Tem Shay stated there will be a Loan Repayment Agreement for each municipality to pay back Yuma County for money they are loaning the Yuma County Landfill. The Agreement is set up to pay back 5% per year. The compactor is here. The Landfill is also discussing quitting bailing paper because they can't get rid of it.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended an Animal Shelter meeting this afternoon. Things seem to be going well.

Baucke

- Council Member Baucke asked about the clock at the south end of Main Street and if we are reordering it yet. Manager Moore explained we are still waiting on the insurance company.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla also attended the Animal Shelter Meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to adjourn. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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Ron Swehla  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer