

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jerry Thompson, Scott Moore, Candy Gilliland, Karma Wells.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that Action Item C is removed from the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 4, 2022, AGENDA

Smith-Dischner moved to approve the January 4, 2022, Agenda as amended. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 21, 2021, MINUTES

Ebersole moved to approve the December 21, 2021, Minutes. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. **RESOLUTION #1, SERIES OF 2022 (DESIGNATING PUBLIC PLACES FOR POSTING OF NOTICE OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF LOCAL PUBLIC BODIES OF THE CITY OF YUMA) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that this Resolution is to designate the public places where the notices for regular and special meetings will be posted. This is unchanged from last year. Smith-Dischner moved to approve Resolution #1, Series of 2022. Second by Baucke. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. **RESOLUTION #2, SERIES OF 2022 (APPROVING A LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP) WATER VENDOR AGREEMENT) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated staff would like to table this item for further clarification from our legal counsel. Shay moved to table Resolution #2, Series of 2022 until the next regular Council Meeting. Second by Frame. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. **ITEM REMOVED.**
- D. **LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR LOG CABIN LIQUOR – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated all the paperwork has been turned in to renew the liquor license for Log Cabin Liquor and there are no issues with the Police Department. McClung moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Log Cabin Liquor. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- E. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER FRAME TO FILL VACANCY ON THE CML EXECUTIVE BOARD – MAYOR SWEHLA.** Mayor Swehla stated that there are vacancies on the CML Executive Board for small and medium cities. Council Member Frame would like to try to fill one of those vacancies. Council will submit a letter of support to CML. Smith-Dischner moved to approve the appointment of Council Member Frame to the CML Executive Board. Second by Ebersole. Question. 6 ayes. 1 abstain (Frame). Motion carried.
- F. **APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with additional lists of bills. She stated that with it being a new year, there are bills for both 2021 and 2022. Shay moved to approve the bills. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. **PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore had none, but Police Chief Thompson had one for Council to approve. Chief Thompson is seeking approval for the purchase of a new 2022 patrol vehicle. The purchase price is \$54,516.06. They would receive the vehicle at the end of May. Baucke moved to approve the purchase of a new patrol vehicle. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Wells also had an approval request to be able to schedule the 2021 audit with McMahan & Associates. Their quote for the audit is \$25,132.00. Shay moved to approve the audit expense. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

Manager Moore stated that the stoplights at 2nd Avenue and Main Street are flashing yellow and red. The relays in the equipment are old and we haven't been able to find replacement parts. There was a power outage to the stoplights.

Manager Moore also stated that an RFP has been issued for the refurbishment of the north water tower. The deadline for receiving bids is on January 12, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Manager Moore informed Council that both the Yuma and Wray ambulances went to the Lafayette Hospital to offer aide during the Marshall wildfire.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

None.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

Chief Thompson stated that he is working on the 2021 year-end report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Baucke

- Council Member Baucke asked if there is a yearly contract with the gas company and if it would be a possibility for the City to take on its own gas company to generate revenue. It was stated that if that happened, it would be an Enterprise Fund and would not be able to help the General Fund. Manager

Moore will try to set it up with the gas company to attend the first council meeting in February to explain why their rates have gone up so drastically.

Ebersole

- Council Member Ebersole stated that he will attend the Yuma County Economic Development meeting on January 17, so he will have more to report at the next meeting.

Shay

- Mayor Pro-Tem Shay commended the City crews for how nice the City looked during the holidays.

Smith-Dischner

- Council Member Smith-Dischner stated that she was grateful for the snow removal on New Year's Day.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla reiterated the nice job done by City crews during the holidays and also for the snow removal.

ADJOURNMENT

Shay moved to adjourn. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer