

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR SWEHLA.

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

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections or additions to the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shay moved to approve the March 2, 2021, Agenda as presented. Second by Ebersole. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ebersole moved to approve the February 16, 2021, Minutes as presented. Second by Baucke. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION FROM JAY LEE AND MARYLU SMITH-DISCHNER REGARDING NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE YUMA CAMPUS

Mr. Jay Lee updated the Council on a piece of legislation that will allow the three colleges in Colorado with “Junior” in their name to remove the “Junior” from their name. Mr. Lee is hoping this will help with their recruiting. NJC can put together a letter for Council to submit in support of the legislation if they choose. Council’s consensus was to do a letter.

Ms. MaryLu Smith-Dischner, Coordinator with Northeastern Junior College, updated the Council on things happening at NJC. Student enrollment has dropped and there are more students staying in Yuma than going to college. Northeastern applied for a \$2 million grant to address gaps in equity. They are offering GED classes, ESL classes, and scholarship help at Northeastern. There is an interview event with the High School Seniors tomorrow. Northeastern also did Daniel’s Fund mock interviews. They are working on setting up a half day workshop for the 8th graders. A tax help program is available and the Autism Center is now a new tenant. Northeastern is attempting to get more High School students graduating with more college credits at graduation.

ACTION ITEMS

A. **LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR MAIN EVENT BAR AND GRILL LLC – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated Ms. Monica Hale turned in the paperwork to renew the liquor license for Main Event Bar and Grill LLC. Smith-Dischner moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Main Event Bar and Grill LLC. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

B. **APPROVAL OF CASFM DISASTER RELIEF DONATION – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated this is a Colorado Association of StormWater and Floodplain Managers grant. This is a grant to be used on the Lake Yuma Stormwater Project. The grant is \$5,000 and is a no match grant. Ebersole moved to approve the application process for the grant. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

C. **APPROVAL OF COLORADO EMTS GRANT – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated this is an Emergency Medical and Trauma Services grant. The grant is \$61,067.97 and the match is \$30,533.99. \$15,000 of the \$30,533.99 match will be provided by Yuma County. This grant will be paid in 2022. This grant will be used to replace unserviceable radios in the ambulance department. Shay moved to approve the Colorado EMTS Grant application. Second by Ebersole. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

D. **APPROVAL OF ANIMAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION GRANT – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated this is a State of Colorado grant for \$7,000. This grant is for the spay and neuter of animals. This grant helps with the TNR program. This is a no match grant. Shay moved to approve the Animal Assistance Foundation grant. Second by Ebersole. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

E. **APPROVAL OF STATE OF COLORADO LICENSE PLATE GRANT – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated this is also a State of Colorado grant. This grant is for \$6,500. This is a no match grant. This grant helps with the costs of the Animal Shelter. Ebersole moved to approve the State of Colorado License Plate grant. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

F. **APPROVAL OF COOKING MATTERS COLORADO GRANT – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated this grant is requested by the Community and Enrichment Center. This is a \$1,200 grant, with a zero match. Ebersole moved to approve the Cooking Matters Colorado Grant. Second by Baucke. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

G. **APPROVAL OF ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated this grant is going to be used for replacement of an old ambulance. This grant is for \$288,176. This is a 95% grant, with the City's 5% being \$13,722.67. This also is a 2022 grant. Ebersole moved to approve the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

H. **EXTENSION ON PREVIOUS YEAR VACATION USE DEADLINE – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated last year during the COVID pandemic we extended the deadline to use the previous year's vacation until June. We are asking for the same extension to June of 2021. Ebersole moved to approve the extension to June 2021 to use the previous year's vacation. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

I. **RESOLUTION #5, SERIES OF 2021 (AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF YUMA PERSONNEL MANUAL CONCERNING FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated this resolution defines a full time employee. With the EMS department it is advantageous to work different hours each week. They will be working an average of 40 hours per week. Shay moved to approve Resolution #5, Series of 2021. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

J. **APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with two additional lists of bills. Baucke moved to pay the bills. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

K. **PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated we will be waiting to request approval to purchase the sewer truck. There were some issues that needed to be addressed before we requested approval of the purchase. There is \$125,000 in the budget, with the cost after trade-in being \$105,000.

Manager Moore requested approval to purchase LED lights to finish the light project. This would purchase 120 LED street lights to complete the project. The purchase would be from Mountain States Lighting for \$27,005.60. McClung moved to approve the purchase from Mountain States Lighting for \$27,005.60. Second by Ebersole. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Moore also requested approval for the maintenance of the Automated Weather Observation System at the Airport. This is a budgeted item. The cost of the maintenance contract is \$5,245 for the year. This includes 3 onsite checks per year. McClung moved to approve the quote for the AWOS for \$5,245. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

Manager Moore stated we are receiving complaints on the alley behind the Catholic Church and the alley just north of that. City staff are working on these alleys, but it is taking some time to fix the issues. We are keeping track of hours and equipment used to fix the issues.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with the Sales Tax report.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

Chief Thompson apologized for not having a Police Report, but due to the change in staff at the 911 Center, the information is not available yet.

Council Member McClung stated he has seen the speed limit trailer around town and Council Member McClung feels it helps people stay aware of their speed.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

McClung

- Council Member McClung updated the Council on the Landfill Board Meeting. They will begin taking steel. The steel will have to be separated from other trash. Discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Ebersole moved to adjourn. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer