

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Baucke, Goeglein, Hoch, McCall, Swehla. Chrismer and Saffer absent.

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated there were no corrections or additions to the agenda, but Council Member Chrimser will be absent and a letter of resignation was received from Council Member Saffer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Goeglein moved to approve the March 17, 2020, Agenda as presented. Second by McCall. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McCall moved to approve the March 3, 2020, Minutes as presented. Second by Baucke. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron, Sue and Jeremy Armstrong were present to provide Council with information on building a CARD Center in Yuma for kids with autism.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. **PROCLAMATION FOR RECOGNIZING AND PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR THE GOALS AND IDEALS FOR THE 2020 CENSUS – SCOTT MOORE.** Mayor Swehla read the proclamation for recognizing and proclaiming support for the goals and ideals for the 2020 census. Baucke moved to approve the proclamation for recognizing and proclaiming support for the goals and ideals for the 2020 census. Second by Goeglein. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. **PROCLAMATION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS FOR APRIL, 2020 – SCOTT MOORE.** Mayor Pro Tem Goeglein read the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness for April, 2020. Baucke moved to approve the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness for April, 2020. Second by Hoch. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. **RESOLUTION #15, SERIES OF 2020 (ADOPTING A REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND REMOTE MEETINGS POLICY) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore introduced Resolution #15 to adopt a remote participation and remote meetings policy due to the coronavirus pandemic. Council Member McCall requested a change to #3, making it read three Council Members would have to be present at a meeting. Hoch moved to approve Resolution #15, Series of 2020 as amended. Second by McCall. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- D. **ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN AND FOR THE CITY OF YUMA, COLORADO – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated this is due to COVID-19 and we are declaring an emergency now, before the emergency so that we don't have to have a meeting during the emergency for the declaration. Manager Moore will notify Council of issues. Hoch moved to approve the order declaring a local emergency in and for the City of Yuma, Colorado. Second by Goeglein. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- E. **RESOLUTION #16, SERIES OF 2020 (DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC PLACES AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF LOCAL PUBLIC BODIES OF THE CITY OF YUMA) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated this would change our posting place to only on the website due to COVID-19 in case we can't come into City Hall to post the notices on the window. Goeglein moved to approve Resolution #16, Series of 2020. Second by McCall. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- F. **COUNCIL CONSIDERATION TO WAIVE CREDIT CARD FEES FROM 3/18/20 TO 4/21/20 – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells asked if Council would like to consider having the City pay the fees associated with using a credit/debit card to pay utility bills for a period of time to make it easier for people to pay without having to come into the office. McCall moved to waive the credit cards fees from 3/18/20 to 4/21/20. Second by Goeglein. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- G. **CANCEL THE APRIL 7, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated the next meeting date is election day, so the meeting would either need to be moved or canceled. Hoch moved to cancel the next Council meeting. Second by McCall. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- H. **APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with an additional list of bills. Hoch moved to pay the bills. Second by Goeglein. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- I. **PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore requested approval of trenching and shoring equipment for the electric, water and wastewater departments. There were two bids received. The bids were \$18,945 and \$23,025. This item was budgeted. Goeglein moved to approve the purchase of the trenching and shoring equipment from Ultra Shore for \$18,945. Second by McCall. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Moore also requested approval to purchase the fireworks for \$9,500 for the 2020 fireworks. This is the same amount as last year. McCall moved to approve the fireworks purchase for \$9,500. Second by Hoch. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Moore stated he received a request from Baby Bear Hugs for a donation of \$100. Council's consensus was to make the \$100 donation for Baby Bear Hugs.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

Manager Moore stated we are broadcasting the meeting on the website. We are doing this to prepare for the COVID-19 pandemic. We are prepared for City Hall staff to work from home to keep City Hall functioning. We are following the Northeast Colorado Health Department's recommendations. We are also monitoring the CDC. Discussion was held.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

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

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

Chief Thompson stated the Police Department has not made any changes yet. They will make changes as needed due to COVID-19.

The 3 cadets' training has been suspended for now. Each academy is trying to get set up remotely.

The new patrol units have arrived. Hopefully they will hold up better than the cars.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

McCall

- Council Member McCall stated the Economic Development meeting for last night was cancelled and the Landfill and Yuma County Water Authority Meetings for tomorrow will also be cancelled.

Hoch

- Council Member Hoch stated is has been an honor to serve on the Council.
- Council Member Hoch also stated it is good to be prepared.

Baucke

- Council Member Baucke stated he would like to see the City not do disconnects for people affected by this COVID-19. The City should pay it forward and not charge the fee or disconnect the services. Council Member McCall asked what other municipalities have done. Discussion was held. Manager Moore stated he will try to get language to Council tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Baucke moved to adjourn. Second by Hoch. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer