

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR SWEHLA.

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

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated Action Items B and C can be taken off the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ebersole moved to approve the April 6, 2021, Agenda as amended. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shay moved to approve the March 16, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes and the March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. MUSEUM GRANT MATCH – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated the Museum is requesting a grant match for additional work at the Museum. Ms. Monica King, President of the Museum Board, stated they would like to apply for an AARP grant to make the bathrooms ADA. The project cost is estimated at \$30,000. The Grant would be for \$15,000, Yuma County has agreed to contribute \$7,500 and the Museum is requesting \$7,500 from the City. The grant is due April 15. The City has budgeted \$12,500 that the Museum has pledged to go with the El Pomar Grant for the roof repairs. Discussion was held. Swehla moved to deny the grant request for additional funding. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- D. S.A.R.A HOUSE CONTRIBUTION – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated we received an invitation from the S.A.R.A. House and a letter regarding the addition they are doing in 2021 for Polli's Place. Shay moved to contribute \$500 to S.A.R.A. House. Second by Ebersole. Discussion was held. 6 ayes. 1 nay (McClung). Motion carried.

- E. YUMA CHILDREN'S ACADEMY CONTRIBUTION – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated the Yuma Children's Academy has requested a contribution for a golf tournament. Discussion was held. The Council budget has a Council Contingency line where there is money if Council chooses to contribute to these kinds of events. Shay moved to approve a \$250 donation to the Yuma Children's Academy. Second by Ebersole. Question. 5 ayes. 1 nay (McClung). 1 abstain (Hoch). Motion carried.

- F. RESOLUTION #8, SERIES 2021 (FAA GRANT OFFER) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated the Yuma airport was awarded some CARES Act money last year and we now are being awarded another CARES Act grant for \$9,000. The money just has to be spent at the airport. Ebersole moved to approve Resolution #8, Series of 2021. Second by Hoch. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. RESOLUTION #9, SERIES OF 2021 (AMENDING THE CITY’S 125 FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated the next 3 resolutions have to do with the Flexible Benefits Plan. This resolution allows employees to carryover \$550 from the prior plan year to the new plan year. Shay moved to approve Resolution #9, Series of 2021. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- H. RESOLUTION #10, SERIES OF 2021 (AMENDING THE CITY’S 125 FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated this resolution amends the items that qualify to use flexible spending funds for. Hoch moved to approve Resolution #10, Series of 2021. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- I. RESOLUTION #11, SERIES OF 2021 (AMENDING THE CITY’S 125 FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated this resolution covers several other changes that the IRS is allowing now. Baucke moved to approve Resolution #11, Series of 2021. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- J. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells reviewed an additional list of bills for Council to approve. Ebersole moved to approve the bills. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- K. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore requested approval to restock 6 transformers. Two quotes were received.
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| Border States | \$1650.00/each |
| Western United | \$1336.50/each |

The total from Western United would be \$8,019.02. McClung moved to approve the transformer purchase from Western United for \$8,019.02. Second by Hoch. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

None.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

Council Member Smith-Dischner asked about the dates on the sales tax report. Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated the sales tax collected in this month is for sales from two months prior.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Ebersole

- Council Member Ebersole stated he has had several complaints about the flags with the bad speech on them. Chief Thompson stated the District Attorney says no charges can be filed for this. Also, Attorney Sellars stated this part of protected speech.

McClung

- Council Member McClung stated the Landfill is considering a possible mill levy. The Landfill staff is working on evaluating all their equipment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

“To determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and/or instruct negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(e), concerning the sale of City property.”

Attorney Sellars stated Council intends to meet in executive session to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and/or instruct negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(e), concerning the sale of City property. Smith-Dischner moved to go into executive session. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Council resumed regular session at 7:55 P.M. Attorney Sellars made a statement for who was present in executive session and there were no objections to the discussions in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer