

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR SWEHLA.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Goeglein moved to approve the March 17, 2020, Minutes as presented. Second by McCall. Question. 5 ayes. 1 abstain (Chrismer). Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

A. **APPROVAL OF BILLS AND RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS - KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated Council was provided with a list of bills in their packet, an additional list of bills this afternoon and one list of bills to ratify payment of since the last meeting was canceled. Hoch moved to approve the bills. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

B. **RATIFY PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 - SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore requested ratification of payments to DBT Transportation for the AWOS at the airport for \$5,045 and payment for the electric transformer for the High School remodeling project for \$24,594.77. We will be reimbursed for the transformer at the school. Baucke moved to approve the purchases. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Swehla thanked Council Member McCall and Council Member Hoch for their service to the Council.

Council Member McCall thanked city staff and citizens of Yuma. Council Member McCall is proud of what has been accomplished while she has been on Council. We have finished phase one of the Main Street project, the airport runway project was completed, NJC's satellite campus is here, and a CLG was formed to get more access to funding for homeowners and businesses.

Council Member Hoch stated he is blessed and honored to have worked with the city staff. He has never seen a group of people so coherent and easy to get along with and that can get so much done. He stated Yuma is a wonderful town.

ADJOURNMENT

Goeglein moved to adjourn. Second by Hoch. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS CALLED TO ORDER.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Baucke, Chrismer, Ebersole, Goeglein, McClung, Swehla.

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

Mayor Swehla stated Action Item E can be removed from the Agenda at this time.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Swehla stated there was one item received. The first question was whether the city budget and audits were going to be put on the website. Mayor Swehla stated the budgets and audits will not be put on the website, these items can be received from City Hall. The second question was, what are the reserves in each fund. Mayor Swehla stated this information can be received by contacting City Hall.

ELECT MAYOR PRO TEM - COUNCIL. Baucke moved to nominate Luke Goeglein as the Mayor Pro Tem. Second by Chrismer. Question. 5 ayes. 1 abstain (Goeglein). Motion carried.

TIME, PLACE AND DAY OF MEETINGS - COUNCIL. Mayor Swehla stated he would like to see the Council meetings moved to 6:30 P.M. instead of 7:30 P.M. Swehla moved to set the time of meetings to 6:30 P.M., meeting to be held at City Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Second by Goeglein. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

A. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE YUMA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD - KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated Council Member McCall was the representative to the Yuma County Economic Development Board, since she is no longer on the Council, we need to appoint another representative. Swehla moved to nominate Daniel Ebersole to the Yuma County Economic Development Board. Second by Goeglein. Question. 5 ayes. 1 abstain (Ebersole). Motion carried.

B. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE YUMA COUNTY LANDFILL BOARD AND APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE YUMA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD - KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated our representatives to the Landfill and Yuma County Water Authority were Bethleen McCall, Claude Strait and Ron Swehla as the alternate. Goeglein moved to appoint Claude Strait and Tim McClung as the representatives and Ron Swehla as the alternate representative. Second by Ebersole. Question. 4 ayes. 2 abstain (McClung and Swehla). Motion carried.

C. **LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR PAPER MOON - LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated Paper Moon has turned in the paperwork to renew their liquor license. Ms. Wenger was available remotely for questions. Baucke moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Paper Moon. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

D. **LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FOR HIGH PLAINS RECREATION ASSOC - LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated all the paperwork has been received for the liquor license transfer for High Plains Recreation Association. Baucke moved to approve the liquor license transfer for the High Plains Recreation Association. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

E. **RESOLUTION #17, SERIES OF 2020 (MOU WITH YUMA COUNTY FOR BALLOT BOXES) - KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated this is an MOU with Yuma County to keep the ballot boxes for the statewide primary election in June. There is a provision in the agreement regarding COVID just in case it is needed. Baucke moved to approve Resolution #17, Series of 2020. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

F. **EXTENSION OF CREDIT CARD FEE WAIVER - KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated at the last meeting Council approved waiving the credit card fees for utility payments through April 21, 2020. If Council would like to continue to waive the fees they need to make a motion with a date. Baucke moved to extend the credit card fee waiver for one month. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

G. **COUNCIL VACANCY - KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated Council Member Saffer provided a letter at the last meeting for his resignation. Council in the past has asked for letters of interest to fill a vacancy. Council's consensus was to request letters of interest due by the next meeting for the vacancy on Council.

H. **PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 - SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore requested approval of liner installation in the sewer collection lines. We are planning to do 5 blocks in the alleys, between South Main and South Albany from East 1st to East 4th, and between South Main and South Ash from West 1st to West 2nd. This will be a 2019 and 2020 project. One bid was received from C & L Water Solutions for \$176,883. There is \$200,000 budgeted. The company can start in the next 2-3 weeks and can be done in a week or two. Chrismer moved to approve the purchase from C & L Water Solutions for \$176,883. Second by Baucke. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Moore also requested approval for two blocks of water line on North Main Street from Railroad Avenue to approximately Hoag Avenue. This project will replace a 4" line there now. Bids received were for material only. We are working on the bids for labor. There were two bids received. Bids were \$60,481 and \$59,394. Either vendor would be fine with staff. Goeglein moved to approve the bid for \$59,394.68. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

The City budgeted \$20,000 for a Water Vac Trailer. KCI has a used water vac trailer that they have brought down and let us use. KCI is asking \$12,000 for the piece of equipment. Manager Moore suggests we purchase this used trailer rather than purchase a new one. Baucke moved to approve the purchase from KCI. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

The Colorado Department of Public Health is requiring us to do some more testing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We have been in contact with a company called Garver, who has helped us with the process so far. We have a bid from Garver for \$16,500 and one bid from Innovative Process Engineering for \$9,600. Staff would like to stay with Garver since they have been helping us with the process so far. Goeglein moved to approve the bid from Garver for \$16,500. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

Manager Moore thanked all the city staff at the City for all they have done due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This has put a lot of extra work on city staff. The EMS has been working through this and needs some recognition. We will continue to do what we can.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

None.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

Chief Thompson stated we should have a couple of new employees by the end of next month.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Baucke

- Council Member Baucke asked about KCI and if they are under the railroad yet. Manager Moore stated they are under the railroad.

Goeglein

- Mayor Pro Tem Goeglein has been thinking about the COVID-19 situation and he is thinking some of our businesses could be opening a little sooner than the Denver area. Mayor Pro Tem Goeglein would like to hear from someone at the Health Department or the Hospital at the next meeting.

McClung

- Council Member McClung stated the COVID pandemic is a big deal to all economically and health wise. We do need to open up, but we also need to be safe. Council Member McClung applauds the City for stepping up and having employees wear masks. Manager Moore sent out a directive to employees to wear masks when doing city activities and when they are in city buildings and vehicles. Our departments are back working and being safe with masks and social distancing.

Ebersole

- Council Member Ebersole asked if the City has separate guidelines or proposals with the stay at home order ending May 1. Manager Moore stated we have not seen the Safer At Home Order from the Governor yet. This will be reviewed when it comes out and we will re-evaluate.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla welcomed the two new Council Members.
- Mayor Swehla stated he appreciates what everyone has done and the work that has been done to keep our City running. The Police also have to deal with a lot of people through this pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

Ebersole moved to adjourn. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer